



Legislation Text

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Res. No. 183-A

Resolution calling on the State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.7638.B/A.8091.B, providing that certain purchase contracts to purchase food can be awarded to a qualified bidder who complies with certain standards when such bid is not more than 10% higher than the lowest responsible bidder.

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Whereas, New York City agencies purchase nearly \$500 million food annually, serving nearly 200 million meals; and

Whereas, The Mayor's Office of Food Policy seeks to improve the quality and sustainability of food procured by city agencies under the Good Food Purchasing Program, which prioritizes local economies, environmental sustainability, worker well being, animal welfare, equity, nutrition, and supply chain transparency, accountability and enforcement; and

Whereas, Despite the efforts of the Mayor's Office of Food Policy to improve the quality, nutrition, sourcing and sustainability of meals purchased by city agencies, residents of city shelters and other recipients of city-purchased meals regularly complain about the quality of food they are served; and

Whereas, Procurement Policy Board rules often require agencies to select vendors based on the price of their bids, outweighing other concerns like food quality or environmental impact; and

Whereas, significant portions of the City's food contracts go to suppliers that provide unhealthy foods and repeatedly violate labor, environmental and animal rights standards; and

Whereas, S.7638.B/A.8091B would allow agencies procuring food to make purchasing decisions based on factors in addition to price; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the State Legislature to pass, and the

Governor to sign, S.7638.B/A.8091.B, providing that certain purchase contracts to purchase food can be awarded to a qualified bidder who complies with certain standards when such bid is not more than 10% higher than the lowest possible bidder.

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