

COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS, LIBRARIES AND  
INTERNATIONAL INTERGROUP RELATIONS 1  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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Of the

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December 20, 2023  
Start: 9:55 a.m.  
Recess: 10:00 a.m.

HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Chi A. Ossé, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Eric Dinowitz  
Amanda Farías  
Shahana Hanif  
Crystal Hudson  
Rita C. Joseph  
Farrah N. Louis  
Francisco P. Moya

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and  
3 welcome to today's New York City Council hearing for  
4 the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries and  
5 International Intergroup Relations.

6 Please silence all cell phones and  
7 electronic devices.

8 Chair, we are ready to begin.

9 CHAIRPERSON OSSÉ: [GAVEL] Good morning. I  
10 am New York City Council Member Chi Ossé, Chair of  
11 the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries and  
12 International Intergroup Relations.

13 Today, the Committee will vote on a  
14 Preconsidered Resolution sponsored by the Speaker  
15 condemning recent attacks on members of the Sikh  
16 community in the City of New York and seeking a swift  
17 end to any discrimination against Sikh New Yorkers.  
18 The Committee originally heard the Preconsidered  
19 Resolution on December 13, 2023.

20 There is no doubt that this is an  
21 important issue in the ongoing heated climate of  
22 bigotry and racial and ethnic attacks that we New  
23 Yorkers find ourselves in. Protecting and supporting  
24 this estimated 80,000 Sikhs living in metropolitan  
25 New York is something all of us should take

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2 seriously. I would like to thank my Staff as well as  
3 my Committee Staff and others who worked on preparing  
4 this legislation.

5 I think we are now ready for the vote,  
6 Billy.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
8 morning, William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
9 vote, Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries, and  
10 International Intergroup Relations. Chair Ossé.

11 CHAIRPERSON OSSÉ: I vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Moya.  
13 Louis.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Dinowitz.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farías.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanif.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hudson.  
21 Joseph.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ung.

24 Council Member Hudson. I'll come back, Council Member  
25 Hudson.

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Council Member Moya.

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Council Members Moya and Hudson, please

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hang on a moment. Thank you.

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Remote Members. Council Member Moya.

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Council Member Louis.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Can you hear me, Mr.

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Chair?

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CHAIRPERSON OSSÉ: Yes, I can hear you,

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Council Member.

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COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: I'll

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start again. Council Member Moya.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: The audio isn't

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coming through, but if you're looking for my vote, I

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vote aye. This is Council Member Moya.

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COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

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you. Council Member Louis. Council Member Hudson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Same situation. It

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seems like you've called me, Council Member Hudson. I

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vote aye, but we can't hear you so I'm not sure if

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you did.

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COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

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you, Council Member Hudson. We got you.

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Council Member Louis.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Good morning. I  
3 vote aye on all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
5 you. Council Member Louis.

6 One more time, Council Member Ung.

7 With a vote of eight in the affirmative,  
8 zero on the negative, and no abstentions, item is  
9 adopted by the Committee.

10 CHAIRPERSON OSSÉ: Without further ado,  
11 this vote is adjourned. [GAVEL]

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World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date December 20, 2023