

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2026**

No. 86

Introduced by Council Members Restler, Louis, Schulman, Brewer, Maloney, Feliz, Salaam, Brooks-Powers, Dinowitz, Abreu, Ung, Hanks and Lee.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a hotline to report discriminatory harassment and unlawful discriminatory practices

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 9 of title 8 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by renaming such chapter and adding new sections 8-901 and 8-902 to read as follows:

Chapter 9 [Actions by Victims of Gender-Motivated Violence] *Anti-Discrimination Hotline.*

§ 8-901 Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

Discriminatory harassment. The term “discriminatory harassment” has the same meaning as set forth in section 8-603.

Unlawful discriminatory practice. The term “unlawful discriminatory practice” has the same meaning as set forth in section 8-102.

§ 8-902 Anti-discrimination hotline. a. Hotline established. The commission shall establish a hotline for the public to report discriminatory harassment and unlawful discriminatory practices, in violation of this title. As appropriate, the commission shall provide hotline users with information, resources, and referrals to city agencies or programs that provide assistance for

individuals, organizations, or communities affected by such discriminatory harassment and unlawful discriminatory practices.

b. Reporting requirements. Beginning on September 30, 2027, the commission shall report the following information as part of its annual report pursuant to subdivision i of section 905 of the charter, and shall publish the data specified in paragraph 2 of this section annually on its website:

1. How the public is informed of the availability of and how to access the hotline, including any education and outreach activities aimed at eliminating discriminatory harassment and unlawful discriminatory practices, and an explanation of how the commission's outreach and education efforts are informed by hotline reports;

2. The number of reports to the hotline established pursuant to this section alleging discriminatory harassment and unlawful discriminatory practices in violation of any section of this title, regardless of whether the commission initiates a claim on the basis of such report, disaggregated by:

(a) Area of jurisdiction;

(b) The borough where each incident is alleged to have occurred, where such location can be reasonably determined;

(c) The alleged protected category as set forth by any section of this title, as well as the top five most prevalent bases for discrimination related to each of the protected categories of creed or religion, race, and national origin, that appear in claims filed at the commission; and

(d) With regard to inquiries that do not result in a claim being filed, the alleged protected category as set forth by any section of this title, where such information is shared by an individual making a report, as well as the top five most prevalent bases for discrimination related to each of the protected categories of creed or religion, race, and national origin.

c. The commission may collaborate with other city agencies and offices as appropriate to consider proposals or recommendations for combatting bias, prejudice, intolerance and bigotry and preventing hate and bias-related incidents in the city.

§ 2. This local law takes effect July 1, 2026.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on March 26, 2026 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on April 27, 2026.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 86 of 2026, Council Int. No. 388-A of 2026) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor, and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

BRENDA COOKE, Acting Corporation Counsel.