

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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June 11, 2025

Start: 11:38 a.m.

Recess: 12:01 p.m.

HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Yusef Salaam, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Joann Ariola
Diana Ayala
Tiffany Cabán
Carmen N. De La Rosa
Robert F. Holden
Rita C. Joseph
Christopher Marte
Chi A. Ossé
Carlina Rivera
Althea V. Stevens

CHAIRPERSON SALAAM: Good morning. I'm Council Member Yusef Salaam, Chair to the Committee on Public Safety.

Today, the Committee will be voting on Resolution No. 853, sponsored by myself. Resolution 853 calls on the New York State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign legislation amending the Vehicle and Traffic Law to allow a motor vehicle's VIN, or Vehicle Identification Number, to be listed in a Notice of Violation, when a license plate is missing, concealed, obscured, or distorted. Currently, State law requires that law enforcement include a valid license plate number when issuing a ticket for parking or traffic violations. This requirement can undermine traffic enforcement when a vehicle's plate is deliberately altered or removed, allowing some drivers to avoid accountability, evade tolls, and jeopardize public safety. Motor vehicles are manufactured with unique VINs, which are embedded into registration records and used by law enforcement to identify specific vehicles. Allowing traffic enforcement agents or police to issue violations using the VIN when a license plate number cannot be reliably recorded would close an enforcement loophole

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2 that enables toll cheating and regulatory evasion.

3 This Resolution seeks to support a common-sense

4 change in State law to strengthen enforcement, to

5 deter bad actors, and to preserve fairness for the

6 vast majority of New Yorkers who comply with vehicle

7 registration and traffic laws.

8 I urge my Colleagues to support this

9 Resolution, and I now ask the Clerk to conduct the

10 vote.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good

12 morning. William Martin. Roll call vote, Committee on

13 Public Safety. Resolution 853. Chair Salaam.

14 CHAIRPERSON SALAAM: I vote aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.

16 Holden.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Cabán.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: De La

23 Rosa.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Joseph.

3 Marte.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ossé.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Stevens.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ariola.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a

12 vote of nine in the affirmative, zero in the

13 negative, and no abstentions, the Resolution has been

14 adopted by the Committee.

15 Roll will be held open at request of the

16 Chair.

17 Continuation roll call, Public Safety.

18 Reso. 853. Council Member Ayala.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote is

21 currently at 10 in the affirmative.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Quiet,

23 please. Continuation roll call, Committee on Public

24 Safety, Resolution 853. Council Member Joseph.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: I vote aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
3 you. Final vote is now 11 in the affirmative, zero in
4 the negative, and no abstentions. Mr. Chair, that is
5 a full Committee.

6 CHAIRPERSON SALAAM: Thank you. That
7 concludes today's business. [GAVEL]

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Date July 30, 2025