

## New York City Council

### Memorandum in Support of Legislation

This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation referenced below, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.

Legislative Service Number:

- Reso 0966-2025

Prime Sponsor:

- Council Member Joann Ariola

Bill Title:

Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass and the governor to sign A.6955-A/S.7197, which would ensure that battery energy storage systems are sited at an appropriate distance from neighboring properties.

Submitted by:

- Council Member Joann Ariola
- Justification

The current distance allows BESS to be built extremely close to residential homes causing fear in communities regarding safety and health effects.

For this reason I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.