

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, STATE &  
FEDERAL LEGISLATION 1  
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OF THE

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL  
OPERATIONS, STATE &  
FEDERAL LEGISLATION  
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Thursday, April 10, 2025

Start: 11:49 a.m.

Recess: 11:52 a.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: Hon. Lincoln Restler, Chair

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Gale A. Brewer  
David M. Carr  
James F. Gennaro  
Jennifer Gutiérrez  
Shahana K. Hanif  
Vickie Paladino  
Lynn C. Schulman  
Inna Vernikov

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2 SERGEANT LEWIS: Mic check, this is a mic check,  
3 this is a mic check on the Committee on Governmental  
4 Operations, State & Federal Legislation. Today's date  
5 is April 10, 2025 - recorded by Walter Lewis in the  
6 Committee Room.

7 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Good morning, and welcome to  
8 the New York City Council Vote of the Committee on  
9 Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation.  
10 At this time, can everybody please silence your cell  
11 phones?

12 Chair, we are ready to begin.

13 CHAIRPERSON RESTLER: [GAVEL] Good afternoon; my  
14 name is Lincoln Restler, I chair the Committee on  
15 Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation.

16 I would like to start off by thanking my  
17 colleagues for joining us today, and everyone who is  
18 here - Council Member Schulman, Council Member Carr,  
19 Council Member Paladino, Council Member Gutiérrez,  
20 Council Member Brewer, and Council Member Gennaro. We  
21 greatly appreciate you all being here. Do we have  
22 anyone on Zoom? No, great.

23 We will be voting on Introduction 694-A,  
24 sponsored by Council Member Sandy Nurse, this bill  
25 will require the City to create a strategic plan for

1 a citywide bathroom network, including a  
2 comprehensive online map of all public bathrooms in  
3 the city.  
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5 Bathroom access, I think we would all agree, is  
6 critically important – as an accessibility issue; a  
7 disability justice issue; a quality of life issue for  
8 every single New Yorker; for folks with small  
9 bladders; for folks who need a changing table; and  
10 for everybody in between.

11 (LAUGHTER)

12 CHAIRPERSON RESTLER: Moms, everybody. All of us.  
13 Pregnant, weak bladders, whatever, you know, all of  
14 us. I think it's a unifying issue that we all gotta  
15 pee.

16 Bathroom access is something that when we don't  
17 have it, we see the ramifications and the quality of  
18 life around our neighborhood. We see people peeing  
19 and pooping on our streets. In response to that in  
20 Downtown Brooklyn, I helped create a map of all of  
21 the public bathrooms in the neighborhood, and we  
22 started putting them up in the LinkNYC kiosks as a  
23 way to try to get the word out about where the  
24 bathrooms are. But that's not enough, and we should  
25 be doing so much more. This legislation is very much

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3 a step in the right direction. So we do not have  
4 Council Member Nurse here with us today, unless  
5 anyone else wants to give, no? I think we are just  
6 going to vote - answering nature's call.

7 (LAUGHTER)

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Good morning, William Martin,  
9 Committee Clerk; roll call vote Committee on  
10 Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation,  
11 Proposed Introduction Number 694-A.

12 Chair Restler?

13 CHAIRPERSON RESTLER: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: (MEDICAL)

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Carr?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Vernikov

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COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (ABSENT)

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: With a vote of 7 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no abstentions, I item has been adopted by the Committee.

CHAIRPERSON RESTLER: Hope everyone has a nice day. We are now going to wrap it up. [GAVEL]

C E R T I F I C A T E

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 May 9, 2025