

COMMITTEE ON SANITATION AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT 1
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Of the

COMMITTEE ON SANITATION AND SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT

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April 18, 2024
Start: 11:17 a.m.
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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Shaun Abreu, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chris Banks
David M. Carr
James F. Gennaro
Julie Menin
Sandy Nurse
Vickie Paladino
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.
Sandra Ung
Inna Vernikov
Kalman Yeger
Susan Zhuang

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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 Sanitation and Solid Waste
5 Management.

6 At this time, please silence all cell
7 phones and electronic devices to minimize disruption
8 throughout the hearing.

9 Thank you for your cooperation.

10 Chair, we are ready to begin.

11 CHAIRPERSON ABREU: [GAVEL] Good morning,
12 everyone. Welcome to the Committee on Sanitation and
13 Solid Waste Management. Thank you, Members of the
14 Committee, for joining us today.

15 To minimize disruption, please place your
16 electronic devices on vibrate or silent mode.

17 I would also like to acknowledge the
18 Council Members present, Nurse, Zhuang, Ung, Julie
19 Menin, Banks, Paladino, and Salamanca online.

20 The purpose of today's hearing is to hold
21 the vote on Resolution number 172 sponsored by
22 Council Member and Committee Member Sandy Nurse which
23 calls on the New York State Legislature to pass and
24 the Governor to sign Assembly Bill 5322-B/Senate Bill
25 426-B, also known as the Packaging Reduction and

2 Recycling Infrastructure Act, which would establish
3 and extend the producer responsibility system for
4 packaging. Currently, New York City spends
5 approximately 166 million annually in direct costs to
6 collect and process recyclables. Costs paid by local
7 governments to manage recyclables are essentially
8 subsidies to producers that enable them to design
9 products and packaging materials without regard for
10 end-of-life management. The Packaging Reduction and
11 Recycling Infrastructure Act would require producers
12 of packaging materials to pay a fee to a third-party
13 packaging reduction organization or rather a PRO
14 commensurate with the cost to recycle those
15 materials. The PRO would then disperse these funds to
16 local governments for recycling programming. This
17 program could potentially provide New York City with
18 revenue totally 150 million dollars per year. The Act
19 would also establish standards requiring producers to
20 reduce packaging and use more post-consumer recycled
21 content as well as prohibit the use of certain toxic
22 substances in packaging material.

23 I would like to thank everyone on my team
24 and the Sanitation Task Force for their work on this
25 Resolution.

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2 I will now turn it over to the Clerk to
3 take the vote on Resolution number 172.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Good morning. This is
5 the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste
6 Management, a vote on Resolution 172. Chair Abreu.

7 CHAIRPERSON ABREU: I vote aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
9 Salamanca.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Yeger.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: No.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Gennaro.
14 Council Member Menin.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Yes.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Nurse.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ung.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Banks.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Zhuang.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Carr.

25 Council Member Vernikov. Council Member Paladino.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: I vote no.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mr. Chair, by a vote of
4 seven in the affirmative, two in the negative, and
5 zero abstentions, Resolution 172 passes.

6 CHAIRPERSON ABREU: Thank you. I'll leave
7 the vote open.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuing the roll call
9 vote on Resolution 172. Council Member Carr.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Nay.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Chair Abreu,
12 the revised vote is seven in the affirmative, three
13 in the negative, and zero abstentions. The item is
14 still passed.

15 CHAIRPERSON ABREU: We'll keep the vote
16 open.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuing the roll call
18 vote on Resolution 172. Council Member Vernikov.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: No.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Chair Abreu,
21 the revised vote is now seven in the affirmative,
22 four negative, and zero abstentions.

23 CHAIRPERSON ABREU: Thank you. We'll keep
24 the vote open.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuing the roll call
3 vote on Resolution 172. Council Member Gennaro.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Chair Abreu,
6 the final vote is eight in the affirmative, four in
7 the negative, and zero abstentions.

8 CHAIRPERSON ABREU: Thank you, everyone,
9 and I will see you at the Stated Hearing this
10 afternoon.

11 This hearing is hereby adjourned. [GAVEL]

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Date April 30, 2024