

## **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.*

#### **Introduction Number:**

Int. No. Int 0933-2026

#### **Prime Sponsors:**

Council Member Amanda Farías

#### **Bill Title:**

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to identifying all vacant and underutilized municipally-owned sites that would be suitable for the development of renewable energy and assessing the renewable-energy generation potential and feasibility of such sites

#### **Submitted by:**

Council Member Amanda Farías

#### **Justification:**

With the climate crisis affecting us all, the shift to a green economy in full effect, and the need to rely less upon fossil fuels and more upon renewable resources more critical than ever, the city must look to every iota and parcel of available space in order to generate renewable energy that will support our city and reduce both our emission and reliance upon nonrenewable fuels. This bill would do so, by requiring that the Department of Environmental Protection triennially study vacant and underutilized City-owned sites for the potential to be used for renewable energy generation. Such sites would include closed and capped landfills and brownfields. The Department would submit a proposed feasibility study to the Mayor and Speaker of the Council at least three months before submitting their final report.