

COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND RECREATION

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December 4, 2025

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HELD AT: 250 BROADWAY - 8TH FLOOR - HEARING
ROOM 2

B E F O R E: Shekar Krishnan, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

David M. Carr
Robert F. Holden
Linda Lee
Julie Menin
Mercedes Narcisse
Vickie Paladino
Sandra Ung

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. This is a
3 microphone check for the Committee on Parks and
4 Recreation. Today's date is December 4, 2025, located
5 in Hearing Room 2, recording done by Pedro Lugo.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, and
7 welcome to today's New York City Council vote on the
8 Committee on Parks and Recreation.

9 At this time, please silence all cell
10 phones.

11 Chair, you may begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON KRISHNAN: [GAVEL] Good
13 morning. I'm Shekar Krishnan, Chair of the Council's
14 Committee on Parks and Recreation.

15 Today, we will conduct a vote on four
16 bills and a resolution. Intros 988, 1058, 1059, and
17 Reso. 469 derived from multiple hearings this
18 Committee held last year relating to how we can
19 vastly improve water safety and prevent drownings at
20 the City's beaches and pools.

21 Proposed Intro. Number 988 would require
22 the Parks Department to create an online map that
23 provides up-to-date information for swimming pools
24 under its jurisdiction, including the location,
25 contact information, events, programs, and any

planned maintenance projects that could impact the pool's accessibility.

Proposed Intro. Number 1058 would require Parks to consult with the DOE to conduct a feasibility study on how high school students could be trained with the goals of preparing them to become lifeguards at City-managed beaches and pools.

Intro. 1059 would require the Parks Department to develop written education materials about water safety and drowning prevention and provide them to DOE for distribution to every student at the beginning and end of the academic year.

The last bill of the water safety package, Reso. 469, recognizes May 15th as International Water Safety Day, which brings awareness to the epidemic of drowning and educates children and adults about how they can become safer in, on, and around the water. One drowning death is too many. We must do everything we can to ensure that children in our communities have the education resources they need to stay safe. We have the responsibility to make swimming safer and more accessible for everybody.

The last bill we are conducting a vote on is Proposed Intro. Number 1425-A, sponsored by my Colleague, Council Member Susan Zhuang, and first heard last week on November 24th before this Committee. It would require the Parks Department to submit a quarterly report on the staffing levels of Parks Enforcement Patrol, or PEP, officers and park rangers, as well as the incidents responded to by PEP officers and rangers at City parks for the previous quarter.

As Chair of the Committee on Parks and Recreation, I take the safety of our neighbors and our parks very seriously, and I'm proud to support legislation that brings more transparency that's needed to keep our parks safe. We need clearer and more accurate information on where PEP officers are delayed to ensure that every New Yorker is safe and enjoying our beautiful City parks.

I thank everyone who worked on developing these pieces of legislation, and I urge all of my Colleagues on this Committee to vote in favor of them.

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2 Now we are joined by Council Members
3 Holden, Lee, Menin, Narcisse, Ung, Paladino, and Carr
4 virtually.

5 We are also voting on Intro. 1425 today.

6 And now I will turn it over to our Clerk
7 to take the roll call. Thank you.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
9 afternoon. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
10 vote, Committee on Parks and Recreation. All items
11 are coupled.

12 Chair Krishnan.

13 CHAIRPERSON KRISHNAN: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Holden.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Lee.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Menin.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Narcisse.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ung.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Carr.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
3 you.

4 Paladino.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a
7 vote of eight in the affirmative, zero in the
8 negative, and no abstentions, all items have been
9 adopted by the Committee.

10 Mr. Chair, that is a full Committee.

11 CHAIRPERSON KRISHNAN: Thank you so much.

12 This vote is now closed. [GAVEL]

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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 December 15, 2025