

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, RESILIENCY

AND WATERFRONTS

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL
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September 26, 2024

Start: 11:11 a.m.

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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Sandy Nurse, Acting Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Alexa Avilés

Justin L. Brannan

Robert F. Holden

Kristy Marmorato

Lincoln Restler

Rafael Salamanca, Jr.

Susan Zhuang

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone
3 check for the Committee on Environmental Protection,
4 Resiliency and Waterfronts. Today's date is September
5 26, 2024, located in the Chambers. Recording is done
6 by Rocco Mesiti.

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
8 welcome to the New York City Council vote of the
9 Committee on Environmental Protection, Resiliency,
10 and Waterfronts.

11 At this time and going forward, no one is
12 to approach the dais. I repeat, no one is to approach
13 the dais.

14 Chair, we are ready to begin.

15 ACTING CHAIRPERSON NURSE: [GAVEL] Good
16 morning. I am Council Member Nurse, sitting in today
17 for Council Member Gennaro as Chair of the Committee
18 on Environmental Protection, Resiliency and
19 Waterfronts because Chair Gennaro could not be here
20 today, he's not feeling well, we're keeping him in
21 our thoughts today.

22 We will be voting on Proposed Intro. 353-
23 A, sponsored by myself. The Committee first
24 considered this bill on March 1st of this year.
25 Intro. 353-A would require the Department of Citywide

1 Administrative Services in coordination with other
2 relevant agencies to install 150 megawatts of solar
3 panel systems on the roofs of City-owned buildings
4 and other City-owned property by the end of 2035. The
5 Department would be required to complete at least 100
6 megawatts worth of installations by September 1,
7 2030. Installations would be prioritized in
8 disadvantaged communities, and the Department would
9 be required to set criteria for increasing the number
10 of eligible roofs that can host solar panel systems.
11 Additionally, the Department would be required to
12 report on a number of items to illustrate progress
13 made toward reaching these benchmarks and to provide
14 transparency throughout the procurement.

16 I would like to thank the Committee
17 Staff, Legislative Council Austin Malone, Policy
18 Analyst Ricky Chawla and Andrew Bourne, Financial
19 Analyst Tanveer Singh, and Council Member Gennaro's
20 Legislative Director Josh Gachette and his Chief-of-
21 Staff Henry Yam for all their hard work. I also want
22 to thank my Legislative Director Ryan Hickey, my
23 Chief of Staff Samori Touré, my former Legislative
24 Director Annel Hernandez who worked on this, and
25 everyone else who supported.

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2 I will acknowledge the following Council
3 Members. Council Member Alexa Avilés, Council Member
4 Rafael Salamanca, Council Member Kristy Marmorato,
5 Council Member Bob Holden, it's a long 24 hours, and
6 I will now ask the Clerk to call the roll.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
8 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
9 vote Committee on Environmental Protection,
10 Resiliency and Waterfronts, Proposed Introduction
11 353-A. Chair Nurse.

12 ACTING CHAIRPERSON NURSE: I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
14 Salamanca.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brannan.
17 Holden.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Avilés.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: I vote aye and
21 would like to congratulate Council Member Nurse on
22 this pivotal legislation.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Restler.
24 Zhuang. Marmorato.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye on all.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a
3 vote of five in the affirmative, zero in the negative
4 and no abstentions, Proposed Introduction 353-A has
5 been adopted by the Committee.

6 The roll will be held open at request of
7 the Chair.

8 Continuation roll call, Committee on
9 Environmental Protection. Proposed Introduction 353-
10 A. Council Member Zhuang.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
13 you. Vote is currently at six in the affirmative, and
14 the roll is still open.

15 Continuation roll call, Committee on
16 Environmental Protection. Council Member Restler.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Enthusiastic aye.
18 Thanks for holding it open.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
20 you. Vote is currently at seven in the affirmative.

21 Continuation roll call, Committee on
22 Environmental Protection. Proposed Introduction 353-
23 A. Council Member Brannan. I vote aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Final
25 vote is now eight in the affirmative, zero in the

negative, and no abstentions, and Council Member
Brannan to close.

COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: With that, this
hearing is adjourned.

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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 October 6, 2024