

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL WELFARE

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

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November 21, 2024  
Start: 9:55 a.m.  
Recess: 10:00 a.m.

HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Diana Ayala, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chris Banks  
Tiffany Cabán  
Lincoln Restler  
Kevin C. Riley  
Sandra Ung

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Mic check, mic check,  
3 this is a mic check on today's vote on General  
4 Welfare. Today's date is November 21, 2024, recorded  
5 by Walter Lewis.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Silence all  
7 electronics.

8 Chair, you may begin.

9 CHAIRPERSON AYALA: Good morning. [GAVEL]  
10 Good morning, everyone, and welcome to today's  
11 hearing. My name is Diana Ayala, and I am the Deputy  
12 Speaker of the New York City Council and the Chair of  
13 the General Welfare Committee.

14 Today we are holding a vote on two pieces  
15 of legislation related to addressing the ongoing dual  
16 crises of homelessness and domestic violence. A  
17 recent report released by the New Destiny Housing  
18 showed that the link between domestic violence and  
19 homelessness continues to be a rampant issue in the  
20 city. The report found that more families with  
21 children enter Department of Homeless Services  
22 shelters due to domestic violence than due to  
23 evictions and called for several recommendations to  
24 address this ongoing issue. One such recommendation  
25 was to require more nuanced and frequent reporting to

2 better understand the ongoing crisis, and the two  
3 pieces of legislation that we are voting on today and  
4 that I am proud to have sponsored aim to speak to  
5 this recommendation.

6 Proposed Introduction 1070-A in relation  
7 to expanding reporting on domestic violence shelter  
8 exits would expand the current reporting requirements  
9 on exits from domestic violence shelters to include  
10 both domestic violence emergency shelter exits as  
11 well as domestic violence Tier 2 shelter exits.

12 Proposed Introduction 1071-A in relation  
13 to reporting on domestic violence emergency and Tier  
14 2 shelters would amend the existing reporting  
15 requirements regarding multi-agency emergency housing  
16 assistance to include reporting on referrals to HRA  
17 domestic violence shelters disaggregated by household  
18 type and source of referral. This bill would also  
19 require reporting on transfers between City  
20 Administration administered facility systems and  
21 exits from HRA administered domestic violence  
22 shelters including domestic violence emergency  
23 shelters and domestic violence Tier 2 shelters.

2 I would also like to thank the advocates,  
3 providers, and those with lived experience who  
4 informed and helped shape this legislation.

5 Also, I would like to thank the Committee  
6 Staff who worked hard to prepare this vote. Sahar  
7 Moazami, Legislative Counsel; Nina Rosenberg, Policy  
8 Analyst; Julia Haramis, Unit Head; Elisabeth  
9 Childers-Garcia, Finance Analyst; Phariha Rahman,  
10 Finance Analyst.

11 With that, I will call on the Clerk for a  
12 vote.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
14 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
15 vote, Committee on General Welfare. Items are  
16 coupled. Chair Ayala.

17 CHAIRPERSON AYALA: I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Riley.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Cabán.

21 Avilés. Ossé.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: I'm here. I'm  
23 sorry. This is Council Member Cabán, and I vote aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
25 you, Council Member Cabán. Restler.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Stevens.

4 Ung.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Banks.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a

9 vote of six in the affirmative, zero in the negative,

10 and no abstentions, both items have been adopted by

11 the Committee.

12 CHAIRPERSON AYALA: This hearing is

13 adjourned. [GAVEL]

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Date November 22, 2024