

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.

Legislative Service Number:

- INT 657-2024

Prime Sponsor:

- Council Member Joann Ariola

Bill Title:

- A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of a small business disaster recovery and resiliency advisory board

Submitted by:

- Council Member Joann Ariola

Justification

This bill would create a Small Business Disaster Recovery and Resiliency Advisory Board to study and make recommendations on potential legislation, regulation, policies, procedures and initiatives for helping small businesses engage in strategic planning to become more resilient to future natural and human-caused disasters and rebuild and reopen after suffering damage during a disaster. In addition to establishing basic procedures and requirements for the composition of the board, the bill would require that the board hold public meetings at least five times annually (once in each borough) and report its findings on May 1 of each year to the Mayor and the Council..

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.