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NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

December 31, 2025

Hon. Michael McSweeney  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
141 Worth Street  
New York, NY 10013

**Re: Disapproval of Introductory No. 479-A**

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

Pursuant to Section 37 of the New York City Charter, I hereby disapprove Introductory No. 479-A, which would amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York “in relation to requiring the establishment of standards and procedures to determine the existence of conflicts of interest and other misconduct concerning city contracts.”

Int. No. 479-A would place a significant burden on the City and its contractors. The legislation obligates contractors and subcontractors, irrespective of industry, to implement City-mandated conflict of interest standards and certify compliance to the Mayor’s Office of Contract Services (“MOCS”). These requirements add bureaucracy to achieve policy goals that are resolved more efficiently by initiatives outside the complex procurement process—a process which I am proud to have worked with the City Council to help streamline. For instance, MOCS’s Vendor Compliance Cabinet works to identify gaps in policies and procedures that complicate an agency’s ability to enforce compliance. Further, MOCS, along with the Mayor’s Office for Risk Management and Compliance and the Department of Investigation, continue to work closely together to develop policies and practices to ensure the integrity of the City’s procurement process.

Int. No. 479-A’s broad reach creates duplicative work and complexity without meaningfully addressing the issues it hopes to address. This legislation will necessarily make it more burdensome for vendors to do business with the City and more difficult for the next administration and City Council to further streamline the lengthy procurement process. That’s a bad outcome for New Yorkers.

Accordingly, I hereby disapprove Introductory No. 479-A.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Adams".

Eric Adams  
Mayor

Cc: Hon. Adrienne Adams, Speaker

Proposed Int. No. 479-A

By Council Members Won, Restler, Louis, Cabán and Schulman

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the establishment of standards and procedures to determine the existence of conflicts of interest and other misconduct concerning city contracts

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

1       Section 1. Title 6 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding  
2       a new section 6-150 to read as follows:

3       § 6-150 Conflicts of interest and misconduct concerning city contracts. a. As used in this  
4       section, the following terms have the following meanings:

5       City chief procurement officer. The term “city chief procurement officer” has the same  
6       meaning as set forth in section 6-129.

7       Contract. The term “contract” means any written agreement, purchase order, or instrument  
8       by which the city is committed to expend or does expend funds in return for goods, professional  
9       services, standard services, or construction, provided that such term does not include any such  
10       agreement, purchase order, or instrument awarded pursuant to an emergency procurement in  
11       accordance with section 315 of the charter, or an intergovernmental procurement in accordance  
12       with section 316 of the charter.

13       Contractor. The term “contractor” means a person who has been awarded a contract by an  
14       agency.

15       Covered contract. The term “covered contract” means a contract entered into on or after  
16       the effective date of the local law that added this section that, by itself or when aggregated with  
17       the value of all other contracts awarded to such contractor during the immediately preceding 12  
18       months, has a value in excess of \$100,000.

1       Subcontractor. The term “subcontractor” means a person who, pursuant to an agreement  
2       with a contractor, performs work or provides services for a contract.

3       b. 1. In consultation with the conflicts of interest board and the department of investigation,  
4       the city chief procurement officer shall establish standards and procedures that a contractor that is  
5       a party to a covered contract shall use to determine the existence of any conflict of interest relating  
6       to such covered contract for any officer or employee of such contractor or for any officer or  
7       employee of a subcontractor of such contractor.

8       2. In consultation with the department of investigation, the city chief procurement officer  
9       shall establish standards and procedures that a contractor that is a party to a covered contract shall  
10       use to determine the existence of any conduct by any owner, officer, or employee of such  
11       contractor, or by any owner, officer, or employee of a subcontractor of such contractor, relating to  
12       such covered contract that involves corruption, criminal activity, gross mismanagement, or abuse  
13       of authority.

14       3. The city chief procurement officer shall periodically review the standards and procedures  
15       established pursuant to this subdivision and update such standards and procedures as the city chief  
16       procurement officer determines to be necessary.

17       4. Within 7 days after the establishment of, or any update to, the standards and procedures  
18       established pursuant to this subdivision, the city chief procurement officer shall submit copies of  
19       such standards and procedures to the mayor and the speaker of the council.

20       c. A covered contract shall include a provision requiring a contractor to use the standards  
21       and procedures established pursuant to subdivision b of this section to determine the existence of:

22       1. Any conflict of interest relating to such covered contract for any officer or employee of  
23       such contractor, or for any officer or employee of a subcontractor of such contractor, provided that

1       nothing in this section shall be construed to excuse a contractor or subcontractor on a covered  
2       contract from compliance with any applicable provision of law, including any applicable provision  
3       of chapter 68 of the charter; and

4           2. Any conduct involving corruption, criminal activity, gross mismanagement, or abuse of  
5       authority by any owner, officer, or employee of such contractor, or by any owner, officer, or  
6       employee of a subcontractor of such contractor, relating to such covered contract.

7           d. A contractor who has been awarded a covered contract shall, upon execution of such  
8       covered contract, certify to the agency that awarded such contract that such contractor has used  
9       the standards and procedures established pursuant to subdivision b of this section to determine the  
10       existence of a conflict of interest or conduct involving corruption, criminal activity, gross  
11       mismanagement, or abuse of authority as required by subdivision c of this section.

12           e. If a contractor who has been awarded a covered contract becomes aware of the existence  
13       of any such conflict of interest or conduct involving corruption, criminal activity, gross  
14       mismanagement, or abuse of authority relating to such covered contract during the term of such  
15       covered contract, such contractor shall notify the agency that awarded such contract, the mayor's  
16       office of contract services, and the department of investigation. Such contractor shall provide such  
17       notice in writing within 10 business days of such contractor becoming aware of such conflict of  
18       interest or such conduct.

19           f. No later than July 1, 2027, and no later than July 1 of each year thereafter, the city chief  
20       procurement officer shall post on the city's website and submit to the mayor and the speaker of  
21       the council a report that summarizes the number and types of conflicts of interest or conduct  
22       involving corruption, criminal activity, gross mismanagement, or abuse of authority about which

1    a contractor has notified the mayor's office of contract services pursuant to subdivision e of this  
2    section.

3    § 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

Session 13

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LS #8699

12/10/2025

Session 12

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LS #8699

4/8/2022

I hereby certify that the above bill was passed by the Council of the City of

New York on Thursday, December 18, 2025

receiving the following votes:

Affirmative..... 47  
Negative..... 1  
Abstentions..... 0



Michael M. McSweeney, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

## DISAPPROVED

ON THE 31<sup>st</sup> DAY OF Dec 2025  
Am. H. MAYOR