

COMMITTEE ON FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Joann Ariola, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Carmen N. De La Rosa  
Oswald Feliz  
Kevin C. Riley  
Lynn C. Schulman  
Susan Zhuang

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Jennifer Gutiérrez  
Chi A. Ossé  
Crystal Hudson

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, good  
3 morning, welcome to the New York City Council vote on  
4 the Committee on Fire and Emergency Management.

5 At this time, please silence all  
6 electronics and do not approach the dais.

7 Chair, you may begin.

8 CHAIRPERSON ARIOLA: Thank you. [GAVEL]  
9 Good morning. I am Council Member Joann Ariola, Chair  
10 to the Committee on Fire and Emergency Management.

11 Today, the Committee will be voting on  
12 Introduction Number 751-B, sponsored by Council  
13 Member Jennifer Gutiérrez. This bill would require  
14 the Administration to create a Residential Fire  
15 Emergency Response Guide for individuals affected or  
16 displaced by a residential fire. This guide would  
17 include resources for individuals impacted by  
18 residential fires, including information on emergency  
19 housing and aid. This bill would further require the  
20 Fire Department to distribute the guide at the scene  
21 of residential fires using a quick response code  
22 posted on Department vehicles. I urge my Colleagues  
23 to support this legislation, which will help  
24 individuals access the services and resources

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available to assist those impacted by fires and other emergencies.

I'd like now to call upon my Colleague, Jennifer Gutiérrez, to speak about the bill.

COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Thank you so much, Chair. Thank you for the opportunity to say a few words. I'm really proud to have you all vote for another piece of the Back Home Act, a package of bills passed in July that addresses real operational failures, improves agency coordination, and centers the lived experiences of New Yorkers trying to return home after a disaster. I'm also honored to have Chair Ariola co-prime this legislation from the very beginning. I'm very grateful for your thoughtfulness and leadership. This bill requires that the FDNY provide displaced tenants with clear information on available resources and the home repair process immediately after an emergency. I also just want to shout out the FDNY. Their negotiations with us and conversations with us were always super thoughtful. And that resource information will now be available, accessible via a QR code on all fire engines. So at the scene of a fire or disaster, tenants have an instant connection to the help they need and the

steps that come next. Two years ago, my office developed a fire guide and have worked to get it out into the world. The response has been overwhelming, and we are so proud to have negotiated a way to have it front and center across every district. This is a direct response to what we hear from constituents, and it's incredible to be passing this bill today.

And I also just want to shout out my current Chief-of-Staff, Anya Lear, who worked tirelessly on this, and as well as my former Chief-of-Staff, Anna Bessendorf, who helped inspire the fire guide. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ARIOLA: Thank you, Council Member.

I would now like to yield the microphone to the Clerk for a vote.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call vote, Committee on Fire and Emergency Management. Proposed Introduction 751-B.

Chair Ariola.

CHAIRPERSON ARIOLA: I vote aye. Congratulations.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Riley.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I vote aye.  
3 Congratulations.  
4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Gennaro.  
5 Feliz.  
6 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.  
7 Congratulations.  
8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: De La  
9 Rosa.  
10 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye. Congrats.  
11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Schulman.  
12 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye. Yay, Jenn.  
13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Zhuang.  
14 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.  
15 Congratulations.  
16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a  
17 vote of six in the affirmative, zero in the negative,  
18 and no abstentions, the item has been adopted by the  
19 Committee.  
20 CHAIRPERSON ARIOLA: Thank you, everyone.  
21 [GAVEL]  
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