

COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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August 14, 2025  
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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Diana Ayala, Acting Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shaun Abreu  
Tiffany Cabán  
Christopher Marte  
Mercedes Narcisse  
Lincoln Restler  
Althea V. Stevens

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Testing one, two, one,  
3 two. Today's date is August 14, 2025. Today's vote is  
4 on Committee on Criminal Justice, being recorded in  
5 the Chambers by Keith Polite.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, and  
7 welcome to today's New York City Council vote for the  
8 Committee on Criminal Justice.

9 At this time, please silence all  
10 electronic devices. Please silence all electronic  
11 devices.

12 No one may approach the dais at this  
13 point moving forward.

14 Chair, we are ready to begin.

15 ACTING CHAIRPERSON AYALA: Thank you, and  
16 good morning. Welcome to today's Criminal Justice  
17 Committee vote on Proposed Introduction Number 1100-A  
18 in relation to supportive housing eligibility for  
19 persons who have been involuntarily confined. I also  
20 want to recognize my colleagues who are here, Council  
21 Members Marte, Stevens, Narcisse, Cabán, and Abreu,  
22 and Hanif, who's joining us virtually.

23 Supportive housing is a form of  
24 affordable housing that offers residents access to  
25 on-site social services and is considered the most

successful existing model for ending homelessness among vulnerable populations. Eligibility for supportive housing is restricted to those considered chronically homeless due to persistent obstacles like serious mental illness or substance use disorders. Currently, the definition for chronically homeless used to determine eligibility for supportive housing includes those who have been residing in an institutional facility, including jail or prison, but only if they were incarcerated for less than 90 days. The loss of chronic homeless status due to incarceration of 90 days or more is a serious issue for New York City residents in jail and prison. 33 percent of people entering City jails are unhoused at the time of admission, and over 20 percent of people in custody have a serious mental illness that causes serious functional impairment. The average length of stay in City jails was 105 days in 2023, and people with mental illness typically remain in jail more than twice as long as individuals who do not have a mental illness. Access to supportive housing could help many of these residents to gain stability and avoid future incarceration. Proposed Introduction Number 1100-A would require the Human Service

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2 Administration to count any period of involuntary  
3 confinement in a City jail, state, prison, or  
4 residential mental health facility in calculating the  
5 length of time an individual has been homeless for  
6 purposes of eligibility for supportive housing funded  
7 by New York City.

8 I would invite the bill sponsor, but  
9 she's not with us today, so we will just ask the  
10 Clerk to call the roll.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
12 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
13 vote, Committee on Criminal Justice. Proposed  
14 Introduction 1100-A. Chair Ayala.

15 ACTING CHAIRPERSON AYALA: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Cabán.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Abreu.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanif.

21 Okay, we'll come back to Council Member Hanif.

22 Council Member Marte.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Narcisse.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Restler.

3 Stevens.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Council

6 Member Hanif.

7 If Members could stay, please, for one

8 moment. Committee members, please.

9 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please, quiet,

10 please.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

12 Continuation roll call, Committee on Criminal

13 Justice.

14 Council Member Restler.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: An enthusiastic

16 aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Final

18 vote is now seven in the affirmative, zero... Quiet,

19 please.

20 Final vote is now seven in the

21 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no

22 abstentions. Council Member Ayala to close.

23 ACTING CHAIRPERSON AYALA: Guys, please.

24 All right. This vote is now closed. [GAVEL]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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 September 2, 2025