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COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND RECREATION

CITY COUNCIL
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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Shekar Krishan, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- David M. Carr
- Eric Dinowitz
- Robert F. Holden
- Linda Lee
- Christopher Marte
- Julie Menin
- Francisco P. Moya
- Mercedes Narcisse
- Lincoln Restler
- Sandra Ung
- Marjorie Velazquez

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Today's date is April
3 11, 2023. It's being recorded by Michael Leonardo in
4 the Council Chambers.

5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
6 welcome to today's New York City Council hearing for
7 the Committee on Parks and Recreation.

8 At this time, we ask that you silence
9 cell phones and electronic devices to minimize
10 disruptions throughout the hearing. We thank you for
11 your cooperation.

12 Chair, we are ready to begin.

13 CHAIRPERSON KRISHNAN: [GAVEL] Thank you
14 so much, Sergeant. Good morning, everyone. I am
15 Shekar Krishnan, Chair of the Committee on Parks and
16 Recreation, and I'd like to welcome all of you to
17 this hearing where the Committee will vote on
18 Proposed Intro number 128A.

19 This bill, sponsored by Council Member
20 Salamanca, would require that every park bathroom
21 have a safe, sanitary, and convenient diaper changing
22 table. Currently, diaper changing tables are required
23 by Local Law 34 of 2018, which mandated that new or
24 renovated buildings containing places of public
25 accommodation include diaper changing tables that are

2 accessible to everyone, regardless of gender, but it
3 did not apply to parks importantly. As any parent of
4 young children can attest, having access to changing
5 stations when visiting a park or playground is
6 something that is sorely lacking on a wide scale.
7 This bill is a straightforward solution to a problem
8 faced by so many parents who would like to spend even
9 more quality time with their children, benefitting
10 from our parks and open space.

11 The Committee first considered this piece
12 of legislation at a hearing on March 1, 2023, where
13 it received very favorable testimony. I congratulate
14 Council Member Salamanca for pursuing this important
15 and much needed legislation, and I urge all of my
16 fellow Committee Members to vote in favor of this
17 legislation.

18 Thank you and now I call on the Clerk to
19 take the roll call please and the vote.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
21 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
22 vote Committee on Parks and Recreation, Proposed
23 Introduction 128A. Chair Krishnan.

24 CHAIRPERSON KRISHNAN: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Holden.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I vote aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Moya.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
6 you. Dinowitz.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Lee.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Marte.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Menin.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Narcisse.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Restler.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ung.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote
21 of 10 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and
22 no abstentions, item has been adopted by the
23 Committee and the roll will be held open by request
24 of the Chair.

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2 CHAIRPERSON KRISHNAN: Thanks very much.
3 We'll hold the vote open.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Council
5 Member Velazquez.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Aye on all.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
8 you. Vote is now currently at 11 in the affirmative.

9 Council Member Carr.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Final
12 vote is 12 in the affirmative, zero in the negative,
13 and no abstentions. That is a full Committee, Mr.
14 Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON KRISHNAN: Thank you so much.

16 In record timing, this hearing is now closed. [GAVEL]

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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 April 14, 2023