

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY
SUPPORT LEGISLATION
MARCH 4, 2024

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Council Members Zamer introduced the following:

LOCAL LAW B OF 2024

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 42 (DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY BY ADDING A NEW PART 42 THERETO CREATING THE CITY OF ALBANY PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLING ADVISORY COMMISSION

Be it enacted, by the Common Council of the City of Albany, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 42 (Departments and Commissions) of the Code of the City of Albany is hereby amended to read as follows, by adding a new Part 42, to be entitled “Pedestrian and Cycling Advisory Commission” thereto:

PART 42 PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLING ADVISORY COMMISSION

§ 42-401 Establishment of Commission.

There is hereby established a commission of the City of Albany to be known as the “Pedestrian and Cycling Advisory Commission.”

§ 42-402 Definitions.

Cyclist

Any individual sitting atop and actively engaged in the operation of a bicycle, not including a person walking a bicycle.

Light electric vehicle

Any small and lightweight electric vehicles, not exceeding 100 pounds, such as electric bikes, electric scooters, and electric skateboards.

Pedestrian

Any individual traveling by foot or wheelchair.

§ 42-403 Membership; term; vacancies; meetings.

A. The Commission shall be composed of five members, three of whom shall be appointed by the Common Council and two of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor. The first act of the members of the Commission, once appointed, shall be to elect a Chairperson and such other officers as the Commission shall deem necessary.

B. Members shall serve for three year terms. In order to effectuate staggered terms of membership, one member initially appointed by the Mayor shall serve a term of three years, and one shall serve a term of two years; of those appointed by the Common Council, one shall serve a term of one year, one shall serve a term of two years, and one shall serve a term of three years. Members shall continue to serve beyond the expiration of their terms until a new member is appointed or such serving member is reappointed.

C. Each member must have been a permanent resident of the City of Albany for at least one year before the date of appointment, and must remain a permanent resident for the duration of their term.

D. At least one of the members of the Commission shall be the parent or guardian of a student in a primary or secondary school within the City of Albany.

E. The members of the Commission shall have demonstrated an active interest in public affairs and service, and shall have shown reasonably consistent and frequent use of non-automotive modes of transportation, and/or advocacy for pedestrian or cyclist safety and accessibility.

F. The appointing authorities shall endeavor, to the best of their abilities to appoint individuals that shall be representative of the overall population of the City of Albany with regard to socioeconomic class, race/ethnicity, age, physical ability, and geographical residence; who represent a broad array of interests and priorities regarding pedestrian activity and cycling including but not limited to intensity, duration, and purpose; and who represent different categories of pedestrians and cyclists, including but not limited to: commuting walkers, commercial walkers, recreational walkers, and wheelchair users; and commuting cyclists and recreational cyclists.

G. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.

H. The Commissioner of the Department of Recreation, the Commissioner of the Department of General Services, the Director of Planning, and the Chair of the Sustainability Advisory Committee, or their respective designees, shall serve on the Commission in an ex officio capacity. Such ex officio members shall serve in only an advisory capacity and shall neither have a vote nor count toward the Commission's quorum.

I. The Commission shall meet as often as necessary to discharge its duties in a timely fashion, but no fewer than five times between November 1st and March 1st of each year.

§ 42-404 Powers and Duties.

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The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- A. To determine areas within the City of Albany that pose a safety and/or accessibility risk to pedestrians, cyclists and/or light electric vehicle users;
- B. To perform research and conduct studies on the costs, benefits, and feasibility of changes that should be done to those locations determined to pose a safety and/or accessibility risk to pedestrians and/or cyclists and/or light electric vehicle users in the City of Albany;
- C. To recommend plans for any changes in the City of Albany that advance pedestrian and/or cyclist and/or light electric vehicle user safety and/or accessibility, including but not limited to: expanded or new sidewalks, bollards, protected bicycle lanes, stop signs, and pedestrian crossings;
- D. To review implementation of the City of Albany Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; and recommend changes of the document;
- E. To file an annual report with the Common Council and Mayor's Office by the 1st of March of the following year, and to publish it online. The report should include recommendations for legislative, administrative, and/or related changes based on the findings of such aforementioned determinations and/or research, and include any and all plans for recommended changes and their rationales thereof. The report should also specify the work done by the Commission over the prior year, as well as the work planned for the upcoming year;
- F. If the Commission determines that an unreasonably severe hazard to pedestrian and/or cyclist safety exists within the City of Albany, the Commission shall then submit an official recommendation to the Department of General Services, the Planning Board of the City of Albany, the Department of Recreation, the office of the Mayor, or the Common Council and/or any other related agency, department, or organization the Commission deems responsible, who should then respond within six weeks of submission what action, if any, the City shall take with regard to its recommendation and the reasoning behind such action;
- G. To work in coordination with the other relevant departments, commissions, or organizations to publish maps and create signage for self-guided walking tours, be they recreational, educational or for any other purpose, in the City of Albany, to be available online or inside City Hall; and
- H. To afford the public the ability to comment online, or by mail, on related issues and to serve as a forum for residents of the City to engage in civic dialogue regarding the safety and accessibility of walking and cycling in the City.

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Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, public hearing, and filing with the Secretary of State.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM THIS
22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024**

Corporation Counsel

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Jake Eisland, Esq., Research Counsel**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **February 8, 2024**

Sponsor: **Council Member Zamer**

LOCAL LAW B OF 2024

TITLE

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 42 (DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY BY ADDING A NEW PART 42 THERETO CREATING THE CITY OF ALBANY PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLING ADVISORY COMMISSION

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

The safety of residents is critical to the wellbeing of the residents of Albany. Our pedestrians and Cyclists often share the road with cars, which continues to result in accidents. This legislation would create a commission for pedestrians and cyclists to review the conditions around Albany for cyclists and pedestrians and make recommendations to ensure their safety.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

Generally, new permanent boards, committees, and commissions are created by adding the enabling legislation for such bodies to Chapter 42 of the City Code. Section 504 of the City Charter requires that new City commissions be created by local law.

This legislation does not change any existing law, because the ambit of the Commission's powers and duties are not generally within the current purview of any other City board, commission, or body.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Council Member Frederick, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, Assessment, and Taxation, introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 21.31.24R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL DESIGNATING NBT BANK AS A BANK WITH WHICH THE CITY OF ALBANY MAY DEPOSIT PUBLIC FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Office of the Treasurer of the City of Albany wishes to deposit a portion of the City's funds with NBT Bank, N.A.; and

WHEREAS, section 10 (2)(a)(i) of the General Municipal Law requires that the Common Council must approve, by resolution, banks and/or trust companies with which the City deposits public funds; and

WHEREAS, such resolutions authorizing deposits of public funds with particular banks and/or trust companies must also "specify the maximum amount which may be kept on deposit at any time in each such bank or trust company;" and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany authorizes the Office of the Treasurer of the City of Albany to deposit public funds with NBT Bank, N.A.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the maximum amount which the Treasurer's shall keep on deposit at the said NBT Bank, N.A. shall not exceed \$100,000,000.00.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Brett Williams, Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **February 22, 2024**

Sponsor: **Council Member Frederick o/b/o Finance Committee**

RESOLUTION 21.31.24R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL DESIGNATING NBT BANK AS A BANK
WITH WHICH THE CITY OF ALBANY MAY DEPOSIT PUBLIC FUNDS

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

The Treasurer's Office is interested in putting some public City funds into NBT Bank, N.A. with the intention of using the account(s) to be opened with the bank as the City's investment account(s).

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION

GML § 10 (2)(a)(i) requires the Council to approve, by resolution, banking institutions with which the City deposits public funds.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no cost to the actions approved by this resolution, but the City Treasurer's Office will deposit up \$100,000,000.00 with NBT Bank.

Council Member Flynn introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 22.31.24R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REVEREND KENNETH DOYLE AND RENAMING A PORTION OF HURST AVENUE AND HOPEWELL STREET IN HIS HONOR

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2022, the City of Albany lost a beloved community leader when Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle was born peacefully into Eternal Life at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, the proud son of W. Kenneth and Sallie Shea Doyle, Father Doyle graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1957 before beginning his seminary education at Mater Christi Seminary in Albany; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Doyle completed his seminary at the Theological College, Catholic University in Washington, D.C. and became ordained in 1966 by Bishop Edward Maginn; and

WHEREAS, a man of many talents and interests, Fr. Doyle earned his law degree at Albany Law School while serving as Editor of The Evangelist and Chaplain at Academy of the Sacred Heart; and

WHEREAS, he went on to travel with Pope Saint John Paul II, interviewing pontiffs in both English and Italian and acting as Rome's Bureau Chief of the National Catholic News Service; and

WHEREAS, in addition to a number of other roles, he was a NYS Catholic Conference lobbyist, Director of Media Relations for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Chancellor of Public Information for the Albany Diocese; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Doyle also played an important role in his alma mater's only intercollegiate athletic team – the Albany Law School Rugby Football Club – for which he served as player, spiritual advisor, and friend, performing marriages and baptisms for generations of rugby-playing lawyers and their families, while remaining a fixture on the sideline for many years after his 1978 graduation; and

WHEREAS, he also served on many boards and committees throughout his career including St. Peter's Hospital Board of Directors, Vice Chairman of the Whalen Foundation, Inc., and Chair of the Albany International Airport Authority; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Doyle was an award-winning pillar of his community; however, he will be most remembered for embracing his role as a humble parish priest; and

WHEREAS, as a pastor at the Parish of Mater Christi (formerly St. Catherine of Siena) in Albany and as a sacramental minister for St. Thomas the Apostle in Cherry Valley, St. John's/St. Joseph's in Rensselaer, and St. Mary's in Clinton Heights, Father Doyle celebrated baptisms,

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weddings, funerals and much more for several thousand families; and

WHEREAS, he advocated for the poor, donated to multiple organizations, and counseled many readers through the “Question Box” published in The Evangelist and other Catholic news publications; and

WHEREAS, perhaps above all of his varied roles, Fr. Doyle was a faithful friend – he loved his family and treasured his time with them; and

WHEREAS, aside from his intellect and experience, Fr. Doyle is remembered for his unmatched sense of humor, infectious laugh, and love of life; and

WHEREAS, whether cheering at a Notre Dame game, entertaining friends on the golf course or at the track, or enjoying his favorite meals across the Capital Region, none who knew him were left without an impression; and

WHEREAS, his family and countless friends are profoundly grateful to God for the gift of Fr. Ken Doyle; their lives were made better for having known and loved him and he has been missed by all immensely;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany honors the life, contributions, and legacy of service of Reverend Kenneth J. Doyle by renaming the portion of Hurst Avenue between Collins Place and Hopewell Street as well as the portion of Hopewell Street between Hurst Avenue and Marsdale Street – along the corridor where he faithfully served the Mater Christi Parish for so many years – in his honor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council directs that three signs shall be produced reading “Father Kenneth J. Doyle Way” which shall be placed in consultation with the Division of Traffic Engineering.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Juliette Geraghty, Junior Legislative Aide**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **February 16, 2024**

Sponsor: **Council Member Flynn**

RESOLUTION 22.31.24R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REVEREND KENNETH DOYLE AND RENAMING A PORTION OF HURST AVENUE AND HOPEWELL STREET IN HIS HONOR

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

This resolution officially recognizes the life, legacy, and contributions to the City of Albany made by Reverend Kenneth Doyle and directs the creation of honorary street signs at the proposed locations.

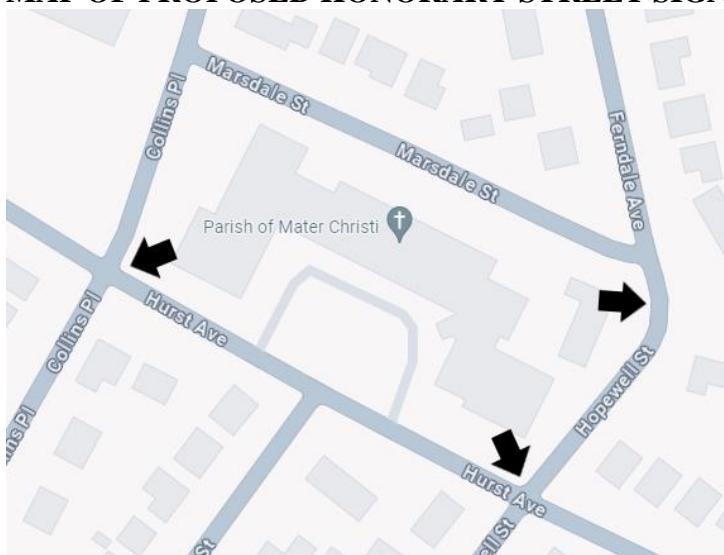
NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

Per Code § 323-63.2 (B), the Council shall effectuate honorary street renamings “through the adoption of a resolution of the Common Council.”

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

MAP OF PROPOSED HONORARY STREET SIGNS





City Clerk
City of Albany, New York
City Hall
24 Eagle Street
Albany, NY 12207
www.cityclerk@albanyny.gov

Date Received

Proposed Honorary Street Name Application Form

Instructions: This application must be completed in full and submitted for review. Please complete one (1) form for each proposed street name. Please complete the application in its entirety and print. Requests must be accompanied by the \$50.00 application fee

Applicant Information

Applicant's Name David A. Parente McVeigh Funeral Home
Street Address 208 North Allen St City/State Albany NY Zip 12206
Telephone (518)4890188 Fax (518)4896929 Email DParente@McveighFuneralHome.com

Honorary Street Information

Please note, proposed honorary names will be placed under existing street names for persons or groups being honored.

Requested Honorary Name Father Kenneth J. Doyle

Suggested Location Parish of Mater Christi

Existing Street Name Hurst Avenue

Cross Street Information: From Collins Place to Hopewell Street to Marsdale Street

Number of Intersections 3

Map of location for the proposed honorary street name attached Yes No

Honoree Information

Biography or reason for honoring the individual or group attached Yes No

Individual or group to be honored relevance to the proposed location (please explain): Beloved Priest, Theologian, Cannon Lawyer, Notre Dame fan, advocate for the poor, and longtime Pastor of Parish of Mater Christi (formerly St. Catherine of Siena) where his sense of humor, laugh, love of life, Priestly example and comforting ministry is deeply missed, and will be forever remembered in the City of Albany and faith community of both the Diocese of Albany and Parish of Mater Christi.

Applicant's Signature

David A. Parente Date 2/15/2024

Council Member Flynn introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 23.31.24R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A FFY 2023-2024 CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT GRANT THROUGH THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Albany, after due consideration, is applying for an implementation grant under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program to implement projects and programs that will reduce emissions known to increase global warming and increase equity in our disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2024, the City of Albany submitted a notice of intent (“NOI”) to the United States Environmental Protection Agency to apply for funding for the following potential projects:

- Energy efficiency and “pre-electrification” building upgrades in disadvantaged communities;
- A matching grant program for energy efficiency and pre-electrification of buildings outside disadvantaged communities;
- Funding to accelerate the electrification of the City’s fleet;
- Workforce development in the building electrification sector by subsidizing the cost of attendance at already-established training programs such as at Hudson Valley Community College, BOCES, etc.; and
- Energy efficiency and electrification upgrades to existing City-owned buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Albany has demonstrated its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing energy efficiency with the adoption for the 2012 Albany Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, this commitment is also demonstrated with the City’s intention to advance the development of a Climate Action Plan, which will provide strategies covering the whole City, as well as establish guidance for reducing greenhouse gas emissions within local government operations, thereby comprehensively advancing the essential need to mitigate climate change, long-term resiliency, and community sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the commitment of the City of Albany to mitigating the effects of climate change on its residents, especially those who are most vulnerable to it, is demonstrated with the adoption of the Albany Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan adopted in August 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council agrees that the opportunity to enhance the workforce under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program would provide opportunity for members of our disadvantaged communities to obtain training in a field where there is a shortage of workers and the need for improvement in energy efficiency and electrification upgrades is greatest; and

WHEREAS, tailpipe emissions account for approximately 36% of all emissions in Albany, and electrification of the City fleet would effectively reduce pollution, improve living conditions for the residents of the City, and lead by example as we transition to electric vehicles community-wide; and

WHEREAS, emissions from buildings account for approximately 54% of all greenhouse gas emissions City-wide and electrifying and improving the efficiency of City-owned buildings will also lead by example as we encourage an incentivize the electrification of Albany's overall building stock;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to apply to the U.S. EPA CPRG grant program for the "City of Albany Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Projects," and to proceed with formulating this program of work and to execute all documents necessary for the implementation of this work relating to the financial and/or administrative processes of the CPRG grant program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to the extent that all or any actions hereby authorized have been executed and/or performed by the Mayor, all are hereby ratified and confirmed, and this resolution shall take effect immediately.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Brett Williams, Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **February 23, 2024**

Sponsor: **Council Member Flynn**

RESOLUTION 23.21.24R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A FFY 2023-2024 CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT GRANT THROUGH THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

This resolution authorizes the Mayor to apply to the EPA for a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant" which, if awarded, will advance the City's goal of becoming carbon-neutral by 2050 while increasing the City's stock of energy-efficient homes and workplaces, reducing Albany's greenhouse gas emissions through municipal fleet and building upgrades, and helping to ensure that there are skilled workers able to transition our community away from fossil fuels in the decades to come.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

The EPA requires the Common Council to approve, by resolution, the Mayor's application for the CPR grant.

FISCAL IMPACT

None, as the resolution merely authorizes the Mayor to apply for a grant.

Council Member Keegan, Adams, Anane, Hoey, Farrell, Frederick, Kimbrough, Love, Romero, and Zamer introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 24.31.24R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CALLING ON THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS, AND THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN, A170A/S999A, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ACCESS TO REPRESENTATION ACT, WHICH ESTABLISHES THE RIGHT TO LEGAL COUNSEL IN IMMIGRATION COURT PROCEEDINGS AND PROVIDES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees defendants the right to counsel in criminal court regardless of whether they are unable to afford an attorney; and

WHEREAS, immigrants facing removal proceedings under federal immigration law are not protected by the Sixth Amendment and are not guaranteed counsel in immigration court if they are unable to afford an attorney; and

WHEREAS, immigrants and their families subject to deportation are responsible for the expense of counsel, securing pro bono legal support, or representing themselves against a trained government attorney; and

WHEREAS, Syracuse University's Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse reports that less than five percent of new immigration removal cases in Albany County have representation; and

WHEREAS, a study published by the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* revealed that detained immigrants in removal proceedings are over ten times more likely to win their case and to remain in the United States when represented by a lawyer; and

WHEREAS, a study published by the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* revealed that 60% of non-detained immigrants win their cases when represented by a lawyer compared to 17% of those without a lawyer; and

WHEREAS, A170A and companion bill S999A, co-sponsored by Albany representatives Assemblymember Patricia Fahy (Assembly District 109) and Senator Neil Breslin (NY Senate District 46), seek to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing a universal right to legal counsel in immigration court proceedings; and

WHEREAS, A170A/S999A establishes consistent funding streams for immigration legal services; and

WHEREAS, recent federal policies and immigration enforcement trends have greatly increased the risk of removal for immigrant New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, as of January 2023, there is a growing backlog of over 300,000 cases in New York Immigration Courts, and nearly 200,000 of these are unrepresented, increasing the demand for legal service providers; and

WHEREAS, the lack of access to legal services unnecessarily prolongs the time frame under which immigrants are able to obtain immigration status and relief, obtain work authorization, and become financially self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, A170A/S999A will make New York the first state in the nation to guarantee the right to counsel for immigrants subject to removal and contending with complex immigration law; and

WHEREAS, A170A/S999A will further establish New York as a defender of immigrant rights and dignity; and

WHEREAS, immigrants positively impact our city and state's economic growth, contribute to our tax base, and enrich our arts and culture; and

WHEREAS, Albany is a city of immigrants which embraces those who seek to build a new life in our great nation and has stood proudly as a Sanctuary City since 2017; and

WHEREAS, Albany has a vested interest in ensuring asylum seekers are able to obtain legal documentation in order to ensure they are able to transition into our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Albany Common Council calls on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, A170A/S999A, also known as the Access to Representation Act, which establishes the right to legal counsel in immigration court proceedings and provides for the administration thereof;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be submitted to Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblymember Patricia Fahy, State Senator Neil Breslin, Assembly Codes Committee Chair Jeffrey Dinowitz, and Senate Finance Committee Chair Liz Kruger.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Max Thierry, Junior Policy Analyst**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **February 22, 2024**

Sponsor: **Council Members Keegan, Adams, Anane, Hoey, Farrell, Frederick, Kimbrough, Love, Romero, and Zamer**

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CALLING ON THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS, AND THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN, A170A/S999A, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ACCESS TO REPRESENTATION ACT, WHICH ESTABLISHES THE RIGHT TO LEGAL COUNSEL IN IMMIGRATION COURT PROCEEDINGS AND PROVIDES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION THEREOF

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

This resolution urges New York State to pass A170A/ S999A, which establishes the right to legal counsel in immigration court proceedings and provides for the administration thereof.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

None.