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Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Start: 1:40 P.M.

Recess: 1:45 P.M.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - 8th Floor -
Hearing Room 2

B E F O R E: Hon. Virginia Maloney, Chair

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Alexa Avilés

Chris Banks

Amanda C. Farías

Jennifer Gutiérrez

Kevin C. Riley

Shanel Thomas-Henry

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: This is sound check for Committee on Economic Development. Today's date is May 13th, 2026. We are on HR-2, and it was recorded by Roman Petrov (phonetic).

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: Good afternoon and welcome to today's New York City Council vote on the Committee on Economic Development. At this time, during today's vote, no one may approach the dais.

Please silence any electronic devices that you may have.

Chair, you may begin.

CHAIRPERSON MALONEY: All right, good afternoon and welcome to this committee vote of the New York City Council Committee on Economic Development. My name is Virginia Maloney, and I chair this committee.

Before we begin, I'd like to note we've been joined by Council Member Riley, Council Member Banks, and Council Member Avilés, as well as Council Member Farías on Zoom.

Today we are voting on three bills that are all related to the FIFA World Cup. All three were heard at our April 28th hearing and received support

from the agencies who testified, as these are key pieces of legislation that we need to support the World Cup.

The first is Introduction number 807-A, sponsored by Majority Leader Shaun Abreu, that requires that organizers of permitted events with over 500 people on City land during the World Cup provide temporary bathroom access for attendees. If you're going to bring thousands of people to an outdoor event, we better make sure there are restrooms. So this makes sure the permits are available, and agencies are moving forward with that.

The second bill we're voting on today is Introduction Number 808-A, also sponsored by Majority Leader Abreu, which would require the City to publish a public events calendar and a digital map of small businesses connected to the 48 participating nations before the World Cup starts.

We heard from the business community and from the cultural sector that there's no centralized resource letting people know what's happening and where to go, and this bill addresses that gap. And it also includes an outreach provision to make sure that

small businesses and event organizers know how to get on the calendar and on the map.

And then finally, Intro 849-A, sponsored by Deputy Speaker Dr. Nantasha Williams, would require the City to create a cultural passport program with at least five participating sites in every borough.

This Intro is a bit different as it's not just specific to the World Cup. It's about getting people to cultural sites in every borough, not just Manhattan. The World Cup is the reason we're doing it now, but the program will outlast the tournament.

I want to thank Majority Leader Abreu and Deputy Speaker Williams for their work on these bills, and the Administration for working with us so quickly to get versions that we could move forward with, and for the Committee for being here to vote on them.

I'd also like to recognize the Economic Development Committee staff, Senior Counsel Alex R. Paulenoff, Senior Policy Analyst William Hongach, and Financial Analyst Spencer Kuhn.

And now, seeing that we don't have either sponsor of the bills here, we will move to the roll call.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Good afternoon. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call of the Committee on Economic Development. Items are coupled.

Chair Maloney?

CHAIRPERSON MALONEY: I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Riley?

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Avilés?

COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Farías?

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Council Member Gutiérrez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: I vote aye, thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Council Member Banks?

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye on all, and congratulations to the sponsors.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thomas-Henry?

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COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS-HENRY: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council
Member.

With a vote of 7 in the affirmative, 0 in
the negative, and no abstentions, all items have been
approved by the Committee. And, Madam Chair, that is
a full committee.

CHAIRPERSON MALONEY: Fantastic. And thank
you to Council Member Shanel Thomas-Henry and Council
Member Gutiérrez for joining us as well on Zoom.

And that is the end of our hearing.
Thank you. [GAVEL] All right.

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Date August 15, 2026