

MOTION

The Citywide Brownfield Program (Program), administered by the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), provides technical assistance and funding for the reuse and redevelopment properties that may have been contaminated by a hazardous material or contaminant, otherwise known as brownfields. The Program supports the remediation of any public health and safety risks allowing for the properties to be leveraged for community revitalization.

The Program must maintain site inventory, conduct environmental assessments, finance cleanups, and ensure alignment with the City's environmental justice and climate resiliency goals. The Program has been sustained by a combination of City funding, as well as federal and state grants. In the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget, two positions including one Management Assistant and one Environmental Specialist II in the Program were eliminated. The loss of these positions has negatively impacted the City's ability to provide the necessary technical support for a growing number of complex projects, including grant-funded projects.

In order to address the City's expanding portfolio of remediation projects, LASAN must have the appropriate staff and resources to manage and oversee brownfield and environmental investigations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) to report back in 30 days on staffing and resources needed to support the operations of the Citywide Brownfield Program.

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