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Memorandum in Support **Zero Waste Bill Package**

The New York League of Conservation Voters (NYLCV) supports the passage of Intros 244, 274, 275, 280, and 281 (the Zero Waste Bill package). These bills would establish a mandatory residential curbside composting program, codify a goal of zero waste for NYC by 2030, require zero waste reporting, establish community recycling centers, and establish organic waste drop off sites in each community district, respectively.

One of NYLCV's top policy priorities is getting us closer to zero waste by 2030. Codifying this goal and establishing programs that would require residential composting and facilitate recycling would not only help the City fight climate change, but improve public health. When sent to landfills—which are historically located in low income communities and communities of color—organic waste decomposes to create methane gas, a powerful greenhouse gas more than twenty times more potent than carbon dioxide. Due to these environmental injustices, the City needs to be doing everything in its power to reduce emissions and improve our quality of life.

The City has been behind schedule on meeting our zero waste goal of reducing the amount of waste we send to landfills 90% by 2030, so it is imperative that the City take bold action to drastically reduce waste over the next 7 years.

These bills are a top priority for NYLCV. We urge you to cosponsor and vote yes when the bills come up for a vote. **Intros 244, 274, and 280 are strong candidates for our 2023 New York City Council Scorecard.**

