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Highlights

1. City Council passed Carlina's bill to expand the [Open Streets](#) program. The bill addresses many of the challenges Open Streets operators face by requiring DOT to manage or provide resources or staffing to a minimum of 20 Open Streets in areas that would be otherwise underserved.
2. Carlina joined the Workers Justice Project to [announce a new bill](#) requiring all restaurants to provide access to bathrooms for delivery workers who are picking up a delivery, except where accessing the bathroom would create a health or safety risk. The bill is part of a package of legislation addressing the essential rights of delivery workers.
3. City Council passed Carlina's [bill](#) requiring City agencies that serve meals as part of their programming (such as schools or senior centers) to establish food waste prevention plans. This legislation is critical in the fight to expand composting and limit the 3.9 million tons of food New York City wastes each year, which turns into harmful methane in our landfills.
4. The increase in online shopping and deliveries brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic has only made it clearer that the way we handle freight and shipping in most American cities just isn't working for our 21st century economy. That's why Councilwoman Rivera was proud to join Speaker Johnson and several of her colleagues in introducing a new legislative package tackling freight and delivery issues. Included is her bill to require large commercial buildings to develop "[Delivery and Servicing Plans](#)" to limit impacts to our streetscape, our neighborhoods, and the environment.
5. On Earth Day, the Council passed [Int. 1524-A](#), sponsored by Carlina and Council Member Ben Kallos, which will ban the use of non-biological pesticides, such as glyphosates, on any playgrounds, parks, or other property owned or lease by the City.