



**THE LEAGUE  
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HUMANE VOTERS®  
OF NEW YORK**  
POLITICAL ACTION FOR ANIMALS

***MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT FOR LIVE ANIMAL MARKET BAN A.959/S.4311***

**TO: ASSMEMBLYMEMBER LUPARDO, CHAIR, AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS COMMITTEE  
SENATOR HINCHEY, CHAIR, SENATE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS COMMITTEE**

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**PHOTOS FROM URBAN NY LIVE MARKETS**

An Act to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to prohibiting the operation of establishments where animals and/or fowls are slaughtered or butchered for food.

These establishments are commonly referred to as “live animal markets”. The animals sold in live animal markets are kept in cramped, overcrowded and squalid conditions. The species sold include chickens, ducks, guinea fowl, turkeys, quails, rabbits, goats, sheep and cows. The large mammals are held in pens, and the rabbits and fowl are stored in cages, often piled on top of each other. Some are sick or already dead. The animals are stressed by their inhumane treatment. The suffering continues until they are sold and slaughtered.

There have been avian flu outbreaks in live animal markets in Queens and Brooklyn in 2022 and 2023.

Blood, urine, and feces are often left on the public sidewalks in front of these markets. The unsanitary conditions, disposal issues, and poor air quality that live animal markets generate present a health risk to the surrounding residential and retail communities and can contribute to asthma, allergy and other respiratory illness.

The zoonotic diseases that exist in animals can easily spread by mixing species together in cramped spaces and can ultimately spread to humans. As we have seen with SARS and Covid-19, live animal markets have been the source of such outbreaks.

**Restricting live animal markets would safeguard public health against deadly outbreaks, improve the quality of life for those living in the communities where these markets exist; and put an end to the suffering the animals endure in these markets.**

**The League of Humane Voters®/NY strongly supports the Live Animal Market Ban and urges the Agriculture and Markets Committees to report this bill favorably.**

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