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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E: JULISSA FERRERAS
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ydanis A. Rodriguez
James G. Van Bramer
Vanessa L. Gibson
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.
Laurie E. Cumbo
Corey D. Johnson
Mark Levine
I. Daneek Miller
Helen K. Rosenthal
Vincent M. Ignizio

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

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CHAIRPERSON FERRERAS: Good morning to my colleagues, today's Finance hearing. Welcome; my name is Julissa Ferreras and I chair this committee. Today we will vote on a transparency resolution for new members; I will briefly provide a little background about the item we will vote on today.

Schedule C is a document which lists all the discretionary funding designated to organizations by the Council when we adopt the budget. While some initiatives and organizations are funded in the adopted budget, many are made later in the year. The transparency resolution is the vehicle for making new designations, as well as any changes or corrections to previous designations. As designations are added and changed frequently throughout the fiscal year, the Council often votes on transparency resolutions reflecting such changes. These resolutions usually are done once per month and are first voted in the Finance Committee and then in the Full Council. All organizations receiving Council discretionary funding go through a vetting process to ensure the integrity of the organization and ensure the appropriate use of funds; the process is conducted by the Mayor's Office of Contract Services, also known as MOCS, the Council

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2 and other entities. Organizations in the resolution
3 that have not yet completed the vetting process are
4 identified in the charts with an asterisk.

5 As with all transparency resolutions,
6 Council Members will have to sign a disclosure form
7 indicating whether or not a conflict exists with any
8 of the groups on the attached list. Yesterday
9 afternoon you received this form along with charts
10 from Nicole Anderson in the Finance Division.
11 [background comment] If any Council Member has
12 potential conflict of interest with any of the
13 organizations listed, he or she has the opportunity
14 to disclose the conflict at the time of their vote.
15 Please also disclose any conflicts you may have with
16 proposed subcontractors used by organizations
17 sponsored by discretionary funding. These
18 disclosures must be made before the subcontractor can
19 be approved. The Council's ethics and employment
20 counsel, Nadir Joshua, is here today to answer any
21 questions you may have regarding conflicts and
22 disclosure forms. Scott Crowley is also here to
23 answer any questions you may have on organizations
24 that are reflected in the charts.

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This is the only item on our agenda today; before we take questions, I wanna remind Finance Committee members that tomorrow at 10 a.m., across the hall in Council Chambers, the Finance Committee and Cultural Affairs Committee, chaired by Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer, will conduct an oversight hearing on the operations of the Queens Public Library. Briefing papers detailing the scope of this hearing will be emailed to the Committee members later today. This is an oversight hearing, so there will be no vote on any legislative items, but your attendance is expected.

I'd like to also acknowledge the members that we have here, Council Cumbo, Council Member Levine, Council Member Rodriguez, Council Member Rosenthal, Council Member Miller, uh Council Member Johnson and Council Member Gibson.

Does anybody have any questions? If there are no further questions, I will ask Bill Martin; will you please call the roll?

WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call vote, Committee on Finance, Preconsidered resolution. Council Member Ferreras.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: I vote aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Gibson.

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Cumbo. Levine.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Johnson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Miller.

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Rosenthal.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

[background comment]

WILLIAM MARTIN: Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of 9 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions, item is adopted. Members, please sign the Committee Report. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON FERRERAS: And we will keep the roll open for 15 minutes. [background comment]
Thank you members for coming this morning very close

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to on time. [laughter] Thank you. [background
comments, laughter, background comments]

MALE VOICE: Quite please. Quiet.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member Cornegy.

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

[background comments]

WILLIAM MARTIN: Final vote Committee on
Finance is 11 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative
and no abstentions.

[background comments]

CHAIRPERSON FERRERAS: The meeting of the
Committee on Finance is hereby adjourned.

[gavel]

[background comments]

C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date February 5, 2014