

CITY COUNCIL  
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm.  
14<sup>th</sup> Fl.

B E F O R E: VANESSA GIBSON  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Vincent J. Gentile  
James Vacca  
Julissa Ferreras-Copeland  
Jumaane D. Williams  
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.  
Chaim M. Deutsch  
Rafael Espinal, Jr.  
Rory I. Lancman  
Ritchie J. Torres  
Steven Matteo

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

2 [sound check, pause] [background  
3 comments] [gavel]

4 CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: Good afternoon,  
5 ladies and gentlemen. Good afternoon colleagues.  
6 Welcome to the Public Safety Committee and our vote  
7 today. I'm Council Member Vanessa Gibson of the 16<sup>th</sup>  
8 District. I'm proud to serve as chair of the  
9 Committee on Public Safety and I'd like to thank all  
10 of my colleagues for being here this morning, this  
11 afternoon. We will be voting on Proposed Intro 1611-  
12 A, which is a bill that relates require the Police  
13 Department to submit reports on clearance rates of  
14 index crimes as well as Proposed Intro 1664-A, which  
15 relates to requiring the Police Department to report  
16 on the number of arrests and summons that are  
17 returnable to the Transit Adjudication Bureau for  
18 subway fare evasion. I would like to thank the  
19 sponsors of today's bills, Council Member Rory  
20 Lancman and Council Member Ritchie Torres, and  
21 certainly I'd like to thank the staff on the Public  
22 Safety Committee for all of our their work, our  
23 Senior Legislative Counsel Deepa Ambekar, our  
24 Legislative Policy Analyst Casey Addison, and our  
25 Financial Analyst Steve Riester. Propose Intro 1611-

2 A, which is sponsored by Council Member Torres  
3 relates to requiring the Police Department to submit  
4 reports on its clearance rates. The bill would  
5 require the NYPD to report on a quarterly basis the  
6 number of index crimes by borough where at least one  
7 person has been arrested and charged with the  
8 commission of the offense.

9 Proposed Intro 1664-A, sponsored by  
10 Council Member Lancman relates to reporting on fare  
11 evasion arrests or also known as jumping the  
12 turnstile offenses. The NYPD can enforce this by  
13 issuing a civil summons that's returnable to the  
14 Transit Adjudication Bureau or under the State's  
15 Penal Law. This bill will require the NYPD to report  
16 how many tab summons are issued, and how many people  
17 are arrested under the Penal Law. The information  
18 would then be disaggregated by transit bureau, subway  
19 station and the demographics of the offender. In  
20 addition, the bill would require the NYPD to public  
21 their policy with respect to determining whether an  
22 individual is issued a summons returning to the  
23 Transit Adjudication Bureau or a criminal summons.  
24 I'd like to thank both Council Members Torres and  
25 Council Member Lancman for sponsoring today's

2 legislation that's on our agenda and certainly for  
3 all of my colleagues for being here today. Truly  
4 through this legislation we will continue our efforts  
5 to providing the NYPD with the support that's needed,  
6 but truly making sure that the available tools to us  
7 can help us improve the overall public safety and  
8 create equity in the system. I encourage all of my  
9 colleagues today to vote in favor of these two items  
10 on the agenda, Intro 1611 and Intro 1664, and now I'd  
11 like to recognize the members of the committee who  
12 are here: Council Member Gentile, Council Member  
13 Cornegy, Council Member Deutsch, Council Member  
14 Lancman and Minority Leader Council Member Matteo.  
15 Do any of my colleagues have any questions or  
16 comments on the bills before we begin our vote?  
17 Hearing none, I will now ask our committee clerk  
18 William Martin to please call the roll. Thank you,  
19 colleagues.

20 CLERK: Roll call vote in Committee on  
21 Public Safety. Chair Gibson.

22 CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: I vote aye.

23 CLERK: Gentile.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I vote aye.

25 CLERK: Cornegy.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

3 CLERK: Deutsch.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

5 CLERK: Lancman.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

7 CLERK: Matteo.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

9 CLERK: By a vote of 6 in the  
10 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,  
11 all items have been adopted by the committee.

12 [background comments, pause]

13 CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: Thank you,  
14 colleagues for being here. You're now all free to  
15 go, and we will keep the roll open for the next ten  
16 minutes to allow members of the Committee to join us,  
17 and I certainly want to thank all of you. With the  
18 few weeks remaining in this month, as we close out  
19 this year, I thank you for the opportunity to work  
20 with you as your chair of the committee, and I also  
21 want to ask you to indulge me that I may be calling  
22 upon you once again as we may have another hearing  
23 before the year is over. So, I thank you again.  
24 Enjoy the afternoon, and happy holidays to each and  
25 every one of you. Thank you. [background comments]

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2 CLERK: Continuation of roll call, the  
3 Committee on Public Safety. Council Member Williams.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

5 CLERK: The vote currently stands at 7 in  
6 the affirmative. [pause] Continuation roll call the  
7 Committee on Public Safety. Council Member Espinal.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote aye and  
9 thank you. [background comments, pause]

10 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Despite my  
11 reservations. [laughter] I-I do--

12 CLERK: [interposing] Council Member  
13 Torres.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I do vote aye.

15 CLERK: Okay. [pause] The final vote in  
16 today's committee on Public Safety, Introduction  
17 1611-A, and 1664-A. Both items have been adopted by  
18 a vote of 9 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and  
19 no abstentions.

20 CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: Thank you so much to  
21 all of my colleagues. This was one of the fastest  
22 votes I've had on the committee in four years. Thank  
23 God. So, thank you to all of my colleagues who are  
24 hear. This committee vote of the Committee on Public  
25 Safety is hereby adjourned. Have a good day.

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Date December 22, 2017