

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH SERVICES

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March 6, 2018
Start: 1:01 p.m.
Recess: 1:35 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway
Committee Room, 16th Floor

B E F O R E:
DEBORAH ROSE
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Justin Brannan
Margaret S. Chin
Mathieu Eugene
Andy King

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

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2 RAFAEL: Testing 1 2, testing 1 2. This
3 is a test for the Committee on Youth Services. Today
4 is March 6, 2018. The meeting is being recorded by
5 Rafael Perez[phonetic].

6 CHAIRPERSON ROSE: The Youth Committee is
7 now called to order. Good afternoon, I am Council
8 Member Debbie Rose and I am the Chair of the
9 Committee on Youth Services. This morning, we are
10 also joined by Council Members Chin and King. Thank
11 you so much. Today will be the first vote for the
12 new session for the Committee on Youth Services. I
13 want to thank all my colleagues who have passed
14 legislation and participated in oversight hearings on
15 this committee in the past. Today we will be voting
16 on three pieces of legislation regarding runaway and
17 homeless youth or RHY. We will be voting on proposed
18 Intro 410A sponsored by Speaker Johnson which would
19 require DYCD to report annually on RHY while also
20 requiring DYCD to develop a plan to provide shelter
21 to all RHY who request shelter. Proposed Intro 490A
22 sponsored by Council Member Gibson would require that
23 RHY be permitted to remain in runaway homeless youth
24 shelters for extended time limits. Proposed Intro
25 556A sponsored by Council Member Torres would require

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2 DYCD to provide in its continual services, services
3 to youth ages 21 through 24, commonly referred to as
4 homeless young adults. Runaway and homeless youth
5 are a particularly vulnerable population which many
6 of these youth having a variety of needs. The
7 legislation we are passing today is integral to what
8 this committee has worked towards and will alleviate
9 the many stressors on runaway and homeless youth. I
10 look forward to continuing to work on this issue as
11 the new chair of this committee. None of the
12 sponsors are here and so I will now urge all my
13 colleagues to vote yes on all of these important
14 bills and before I ask the clerk to call the vote, I
15 want to thank my staff and I want to thank Paul
16 Scinogol[phonetic] who is the counsel for this
17 committee, Kevin Cotoski[phonetic], the policy
18 analyst and Jessica Ackerman, our senior financial
19 analyst, and with that I will now ask the clerk to
20 call the vote.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
22 Committee Clerk, roll call vote, Committee on Youth
23 Services, all items are coupled. Chair Rose?

24 CHAIRPERSON ROSE: I vote aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye and also
3 can I be added as a co-sponsor to all the
4 legislations. Thank you.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: King.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Permission to
7 explain my vote?

8 CHAIRPERSON ROSE: Permission granted.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: First I want to
10 thank Speaker Johnson, Council Member Torres and
11 Gibson for this piece of legislation that we're
12 voting on today. Understanding the challenges that
13 our young people are having in today's society, any
14 legislation that improves their quality of life also
15 serves as a commitment to a role path to a better
16 adulthood, I think is a good thing that we should
17 always focus on in the Council and in a day and age
18 where we know that some of our children still return
19 home back at the ages of 24, 23 and 21, it's really
20 unconscionable to think that a child that's been in
21 the system and when they turn 21 that they're ready
22 for adulthood when we know some of our own children
23 and our neighbors return back home who don't have,
24 are not living in a state of crisis so I think these

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2 are all good bills to help our next generations get
3 it right and with that being said, I vote aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON ROSE: Thank you.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: By vote of 3 in the
6 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
7 all items have been adopted by the Committee.

8 CHAIRPERSON ROSE: Thank you. We will
9 hold the vote open for about 40 minutes and with
10 that, thank you.

11 [Pause]

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,
13 the Committee on Youth Services, Introductions 410A,
14 490A and 556A, Council Member Eugene?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote now currently
17 stands at 4 in the affirmative.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,
19 the Committee on Youth Services, Introductions 410A,
20 490A and 556A, Council Member Brannan?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: I vote aye on
22 all.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote on today's
24 agenda on Youth Services, all items have been adopted

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2 by vote of 5 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative

3 and no abstentions. This meeting is adjourned.

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Date March 12, 2018