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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Rita C. Joseph, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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Sandra Ung

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Check one, two. Check  
3 one, two. Prerecorded sound test for the Committee on  
4 Education. Today's date is April 11, 2023. It's being  
5 recorded by Michael Leonardo in the Council Chambers.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and  
7 welcome to today's New York City Council hearing for  
8 the Committee on Education.

9 At this time, we ask that you silence  
10 cell phones and electronic devices to minimize  
11 disruptions throughout the hearing. We thank you for  
12 your cooperation.

13 Chair, we are ready to begin.

14 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: [GAVEL] Good morning  
15 and welcome, everyone, to today's Committee on  
16 Education vote on Resolution number 153 sponsored by  
17 Council Member Shaun Abreu which calls upon the New  
18 York City Department of Education to create a Jewish  
19 Heritage Day in New York City public schools.

20 I am proud to have signed onto this  
21 Resolution as a co-Sponsor along with the majority of  
22 my Colleagues. The Committee previously heard  
23 testimony on the Resolution as part of a March 29th  
24 hearing on several pieces of legislation. The goal of  
25 Resolution 153 is to raise awareness about the

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2 contribution and achievements of Jewish Americans as  
3 early as possible to help combat stereotypes and bias  
4 against Jewish people. This would affirm that New  
5 York is an inclusive city, especially in the light of  
6 increased incidents of anti-Semitism and hate crimes  
7 across both the country and New York. I encourage all  
8 of my Colleagues to vote yes on this important  
9 Resolution that acknowledges and celebrates New York  
10 City's diversity.

11 I would also like to thank my Staff and  
12 Committee Staff, and I will now turn to the Clerk to  
13 call the roll.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
15 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
16 vote Committee on Education, Resolution 153. Chair  
17 Joseph.

18 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Dinowitz.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Feliz.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Aviles.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: De La

4 Rosa.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

7 Gutierrez.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

10 you. Hanif.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanks.

13 Krishnan. Lee.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Menin.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Narcisse.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Restler.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.

22 Schulman.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Stevens.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
3 you, Council Member Stevens. Council Member Ung.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
6 you. By a vote of 15 in the affirmative, zero in the  
7 negative, and no abstentions, item has been adopted  
8 by the Committee, and we are going to leave the roll  
9 open at request of the Chair.

10 Continuation roll call, Committee on  
11 Education, Resolution 153. Council Member Gennaro.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
14 you. Vote is currently at 16 in the affirmative.

15 Continuation roll call, Committee on  
16 Education. Council Member Hanks.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
19 you, Council Member Hanks.

20 Members are free to go.

21 Continuation roll call, Committee on  
22 Education, Resolution 153. Council Member Krishnan.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Final  
3 vote is now 18 in the affirmative, zero in the  
4 negative, and no abstentions. Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Congratulations all  
6 and the meeting is adjourned. [GAVEL]

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Date April 15, 2023