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Of the

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Amanda Farías
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Alexa Avilés
Jennifer Gutiérrez
Ari Kagan
Kevin C. Riley
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.
Inna Vernikov

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

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2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Good morning and
3 welcome to today's New York City Council vote for the
4 Committee on Economic Development. At this time,
5 please silence all electronic devices. Chair Farías,
6 we are ready to begin.

7 CHAIRPERSON FARÍAS: Good morning. Today
8 is November 15th, 2023. My name is Amanda Farías and
9 I have the privilege of chairing the Council's
10 Committee on Economic Development. The purpose of
11 today's hearing is to vote on a critical piece of
12 legislation I sponsored regarding strategic planning
13 for industrial sector growth in our city. This bill
14 was first heard by this Committee in June of this
15 year, and since then, my office has worked closely
16 with the Council's Land Use Division, the
17 Administration, and industrial sector advocates to
18 refine the legislation into the updated version
19 before us today. Proposed Intro 1012A would require
20 the Departments of City Planning and Small Business
21 Services in coordination with the Economic
22 Development Corporation to develop a comprehensive
23 citywide industrial development strategic plan every
24 five years. The Department of City Planning has not
25 undertaken a comprehensive study of industrial sector

1 conditions and needs since 1993, meaning this
2 legislation will fill a three-decade gap. The
3 industrial sector is critical to New York City's
4 economy, infrastructure, and daily functioning.
5 Industrial jobs also offer pathways to the middle
6 class for hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers with a
7 workforce that is over 80 percent people of color.
8 However, from zoning and land use policy to economic
9 development programs, efforts to support industrial
10 businesses in New York City remain siloed and
11 uncoordinated. There is also a lack of recent
12 comprehensive data and analysis to inform policy-
13 making. This bill would mandate regular collection
14 of economic and land use data related to industrial
15 business zones across the five boroughs. Based on
16 this updated data and coordination across agencies,
17 the industrial development strategic plan would then
18 outline strategies and recommendations regarding
19 economic development goals, land use objects,
20 workforce development programs, and infrastructure
21 investments. By taken a coordinated data-driven
22 approach to sustaining and growing the City's
23 industrial businesses and jobs, this legislation will
24 offer long overdue support to a vital sector of our
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2 economy. It will also help ensure industrial policy
3 keeps pace with major transitions already underway,
4 like capital investments in sustainable
5 infrastructure and facilitating the City's shift to
6 renewable energy. Before we call the roll, I would
7 like to reiterate my thanks to Speaker Adams, Paris,
8 Brian, Julia, and William from the Council's Land
9 Use Division, and Alex Paulenoff from Economic
10 Development Committee Staff and the many advocates
11 who have pushed for the comprehensive industrial
12 planning to get us to today. This bill is also a
13 victory for the industrial sector. With that, I will
14 ask the clerk to call the roll.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Good morning, William
16 Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on
17 Economic Development, Proposed Introduction 1012A.
18 Chair Farías?

19 CHAIRPERSON FARÍAS: I proudly vote aye.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca? Riley?
21 Avilés?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: I want to thank
23 the Chair and everyone who worked on this bill, and
24 as a representative of one of the largest industrial
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2 manufacturing sectors in New York City, I proudly
3 vote aye. Thank you.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Gutiérrez?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: I proudly vote
6 aye. Congrats, Chair.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Vernikov? Kagan?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Aye.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: With a vote of 4 in the
10 affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no abstentions,
11 item has been adopted by the Committee. And the roll
12 will be held open at request of the Chair.

13 [break]

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Continuation roll call,
15 committee on Economic Development Proposed
16 Introduction 1012A. Council Member Salamanca?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all,
18 and I want to congratulate Council Member Fariás for
19 spearheading this bill on IBZs. You know, I share to
20 IBZs in the borough of the Bronx, and we need to
21 ensure that we are giving them more protections to
22 keep these jobs in place. Congratulations Madam
23 Chair. Aye on all.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Riley?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I would like to
3 vote aye on all and would like to congratulate our
4 Madam Chair on the wonderful bill, and looking
5 forward to being a part of this process. Thank you.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Vote is now
7 currently at 6 in the affirmative. Continuation roll
8 call, Committee on Economic Development, Proposed
9 Introduction 1012A. Council Member Vernikov?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: I vote aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Final vote now in this
12 committee is 7 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative,
13 and no abstentions. Madam Chair, that is a full
14 committee.

15 CHAIRPERSON FARIÁS: Thank you so much.

16 And with that, the vote is closed.

17 [gavel]

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