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February 16, 2023
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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Shaun Abreu
- Carmen N. De La Rosa
- Eric Dinowitz
- Oswald Feliz
- James F. Gennaro
- Jennifer Gutierrez
- Shahana K. Hanif
- Kamillah Hanks
- Shekar Krishnan
- Linda Lee
- Farah N. Louis
- Julie Menin
- Mercedes Narcisse
- Lincoln Restler
- Pierina Ana Sanchez
- Lynn C. Schulman
- Sandra Ung

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Can everyone settle
3 down, please? Settle down. We're about to begin.
4 Everybody, find a seat and settle down. Can the host
5 please start the webinar?

6 Good morning and welcome to the New York
7 City Council vote of the Committee on Education.

8 At this time, can everyone please settle
9 your cell phones? Thank you for your cooperation.

10 Chair, we are ready to begin.

11 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: [GAVEL] Good morning
12 and welcome everyone to today's Committee on
13 education vote, Resolution 164 sponsored by Council
14 Member Linda Lee, which calls upon the New York City
15 Department of Education to establish Diwali as an
16 official holiday for New York City.

17 I am proud to have signed on to this
18 resolution as a co-sponsor along with the majority of
19 my Colleagues. The Committee previously heard
20 testimony on the Resolution as part of yesterday's
21 oversight hearing. With potentially hundreds of
22 thousands of families in New York City observing
23 Diwali, this Resolution embraces the culture of many
24 public school students and their families. I
25 encourage all of my Colleagues to vote yes on this

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2 important Resolution that acknowledges and celebrates
3 New York City's diversity.

4 I'd like to thank my Committee Staff, and
5 now I'll turn to the Clerk to call the roll.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
7 you. Good morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk.
8 Roll call vote Committee on Education. Chair Joseph.

9 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.
11 Gennaro. Dinowitz.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Feliz.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: I vote aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Abreu.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
18 you. Aviles. De La Rosa.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
21 Gutierrez.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanif.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
3 you, Council Member. Hanks. Krishnan. Lee.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Menin.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
8 you. Narcisse.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Restler.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye. It's fitting
12 that we're doing this with the first South Asian
13 representatives in the history of the Council and
14 congrats to my Colleague, Linda Lee, on this great,
15 great, great resolution. Strongly support. Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Council
17 Member Sanchez.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
20 you. Schulman.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Stevens.
23 Ung.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote
3 of 15 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no
4 abstentions, items have been adopted by the
5 Committee.

6 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Can you keep it open
7 for us?

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: And the
9 roll will remain open at the request of the Chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Thank you.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
12 you. Continuation roll call Committee on Education.
13 Council Member Hanks.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Council
16 Member Krishnan.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: I proudly vote
18 aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
20 you. The vote is currently now 17 in the affirmative,
21 and the roll is still open.

22 Continuation roll call, Committee on
23 Education, Resolution 164. Council Member Gennaro.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Current
3 vote is now 18 in the affirmative.

4 The final vote on the Committee on
5 Education, Resolution 164, is 17 in the affirmative,
6 0 in the negative, and no abstentions.

7 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Now, this is
8 adjourned. [GAVEL]

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: William
10 Martin, Committee Clerk. Revision vote on the
11 Committee on Education, Resolution 164 is 18 in the
12 affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no abstentions.
13 Thank you.

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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 20, 2023