

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON RESILIENCY
AND WATERFRONTS

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Wednesday, December 7, 2022
Start: 10:40 a.m.
Recess: 11:04 a.m.

HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Ari Kagan, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Joann Ariola
James F. Gennaro
Christopher Marte
Sandy Nurse
Vickie Paladino

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

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

7 CHAIRPERSON KAGAN: Good morning.

8 [GAVEL]

9 Good morning. I'm councilmember Ari Kagan, Chair
10 of the Council's Committee on Resiliency and
11 Waterfronts. Today we will vote on a proposed Intro
12 number 76 A, sponsored by Councilmember Brannan.
13 During severe storms, the city's combined sewer
14 system becomes overloaded, which can cause wastewater
15 to back up into homes. As a Sandy survivor, I saw it
16 over and over again, especially in southern Brooklyn.
17 Backwater valves are devices installed on a
18 property's sewer line to prevent sewage from backing
19 up into the property. Proposed Intro 76 A would
20 require that a financial assistance program be
21 established to reduce the costs of purchasing and
22 installing backwater valves.

23 The Department of Environmental Protection, along
24 with other city agencies and offices would first
25 complete a study evaluating whether backwater valves

2 should be installed to mitigate damage caused by
3 backflow. The financial assistance program would be
4 informed by the findings of the study and subject to
5 appropriation. This bill would also require that
6 neighborhoods regularly affected by backflow events
7 be prioritized.

8 So if you have any comments, suggestions, we can
9 start the roll call.

10 COUNSEL: (inaudible)

11 CHAIRPERSON KAGAN: Also, I would like to say
12 that I was joined by my amazing Council colleagues,
13 Councilmember Marte, Councilmember Paladino,
14 Councilmember Ariola. And now I will ask the Clerk
15 to call the roll.

16 CLERK: Good morning. William Martin, Committee
17 Clerk. Roll call vote, Committee on Resiliency and
18 Waterfronts, proposed introduction 76 a. Chair
19 Kagan?

20 CHAIRPERSON KAGAN: I vote aye.

21 CLERK: Marte?

22 COUNCILMEMBER MARTE: I vote aye.

23 CLERK: Ariola?

24 COUNCILMEMBER ARIOLA: Aye.

25 CLERK: Paladino?

2 COUNCILMEMBER PALADINO: Aye.

3 CLERK: By a vote of 4 in the affirmative, 0 in
4 the negative, and no abstentions, the item is
5 adopted, and the roll will be held open at the
6 request of the Chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON KAGAN: Thank you.

8 CLERK: Continuation roll call, the Committee on
9 Resiliency and Waterfronts, proposed Introduction 76
10 A. Councilmember Gennaro?

11 COUNCILMEMBER GENNARO: I vote aye.

12 CLERK: Thank you. The vote is currently at 5 in
13 the affirmative and zero in the negative.

14 Continuation roll call, the Committee on
15 Resiliency and Waterfronts, proposed Introduction 76

16 A. Councilmember Nurse?

17 COUNCILMEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

18 CLERK: The final vote on the committee is now 6
19 in the affirmative and zero in the negative and no
20 abstentions. This hearing is adjourned. Thank you.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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Date December 13, 2022