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Of the

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Yusef Salaam, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Joann Ariola
Diana Ayala
Tiffany Cabán
Carmen N. De La Rosa
Robert F. Holden
Rita C. Joseph
Christopher Marte
Chi A. Ossé
Althea V. Stevens
Kalman Yeger

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Sound check for the
3 Committee on Public Safety. Today's date is December
4 19, 2024, being recorded by Danny Huang of the
5 Council Chambers.

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

9 At this time, we ask that you silence all
10 electronic devices, and at no time is anyone to
11 approach the dais.

12 Chair Salaam, we're ready to begin.

13 CHAIRPERSON SALAAM: [GAVEL] Good morning.
14 I'm Council Member Yusuf Salaam, Chair to the
15 Committee on Public Safety. Today, the Committee will
16 be voting on Intro. Number 532-A, sponsored by
17 Council Member Justin Brannan. This legislation
18 amends Local Law 2 of 2016, which establishes a City
19 program to provide reimbursement to non-public
20 schools for costs related to employing security
21 guards. Currently, only non-public schools with more
22 than 300 students are eligible to participate in the
23 program. Intro Number 532-A would expand the program
24 to cover more schools. Firstly, the threshold of
25 eligibility will be lowered to include schools with

2 150 or more students. The program will also be
3 expanded to include certain charter schools that are
4 not co-located in an existing public school building.

5 I would now like to yield the microphone
6 to the Clerk for the vote.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
8 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
9 vote Committee on Public Safety on Proposed
10 Introduction 532-A. Chair Salaam.

11 CHAIRPERSON SALAAM: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Holden.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera.
17 Yeger.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Mr. Chairman, may I
19 be excused to explain my vote? Thank you very much. I
20 just want to speak briefly on the bill that we're
21 passing today and look forward to voting in favor
22 later on on the floor. This is an expansion of a bill
23 that became law when my predecessor in office, former
24 Council Member David Greenfield, introduced a
25 landmark legislation that would provide for something

2 that really shouldn't have been thought of as
3 landmark, safety for children in schools, and it was
4 his thought, and today it's our thought as well, that
5 every child attending every school anywhere in New
6 York City ought to have safety, and it's something
7 that parents expect of their government to give, and
8 it's something that we're here today to do. We're
9 giving them the peace of mind that when they send
10 their kid to a school, that school's going to have
11 somebody in front of it keeping danger out and
12 keeping the child safe inside. I'm very, very proud
13 of my Colleagues who are sponsoring this bill. I'm
14 grateful to every single one of you. I'm grateful to
15 the sponsor of the bill, Council Member Brannan, and
16 of course, for having this forethought nearly 10
17 years ago with former Council Member David
18 Greenfield. I appreciate his leadership on this. I
19 vote aye. Thank you.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Cabán. De
21 La Rosa.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Joseph.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Marte.
3 Ossé.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote no.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Stevens.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I vote no.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ariola.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a
10 vote of seven in the affirmative, two in the
11 negative, and no abstentions, item has been adopted
12 by the Committee.

13 The roll will be held open at request of
14 the Chair.

15 Thank you. You can vote now, Council
16 Member Cabán.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: I vote no.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
19 you. Continuation roll call, Committee on Public
20 Safety, Introduction 532-A. Council Member Marte.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: I vote aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
23 you.

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2 Final vote is now eight in the
3 affirmative, three in the negative, and no
4 abstentions.

5 The roll call for this Committee is still
6 open.

7 Final vote, Committee on Public Safety,
8 is eight in the affirmative, three in the negative,
9 and no abstentions. Council Member Joseph to adjourn.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Adjourned. [GAVEL]

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