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COMMITTEE ON GENERAL WELFARE

CITY COUNCIL
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March 16, 2023
Start: 9:50 a.m.
Recess: 10:07 a.m.

HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Diana Ayala, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Tiffany Caban
- Crystal Hudson
- Linda Lee
- Chi A. Osse
- Lincoln Restler
- Kevin C. Riley
- Althea V. Stevens
- Sandra Ung
- Nantasha M. Williams

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone
3 check for the Committee on General Welfare. Today's
4 date is March 16, 2023. Located in Council Chambers.
5 Recorded by Steve Sadowsky.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
7 welcome to the Committee vote on General Welfare.

8 Chair, we are ready to begin.

9 CHAIRPERSON AYALA: [GAVEL] Good morning,
10 everyone, and welcome to today's hearing. My name is
11 Diana Ayala, and I am the Deputy Speaker of the New
12 York City Council and the Chair of the General
13 Welfare Committee.

14 Today, our Committee will be voting on
15 three bills. The first bill, Proposed Intro 124A is
16 sponsored by Council Member Rafael Salamanca.
17 Proposed Intro 124A will require reporting on and
18 training of housing specialists in the Human
19 Resources Administration and the Department of
20 Homeless Services.

21 The second bill we are voting on is also
22 sponsored by Council Member Salamanca and would
23 require customer service training for shelter
24 personnel of the Department of Homeless Services and
25 its contractors.

2 Finally, the third bill that we are
3 voting on, Proposed Intro 642A, sponsored by Council
4 Member Nantasha Williams would require quarterly
5 reporting on the amount of time children and youth
6 spend in children center and other temporary
7 placement facilities of the Administration for
8 Children Services.

9 I want to thank the advocates and
10 individuals with lived experience who have helped
11 shape this legislation.

12 At this time, I'd like to acknowledge my
13 Colleagues who are here, Council Member Riley,
14 Council Member Lee, Restler, Stevens, and Ung, and I
15 would also like to thank the Committee Staff who
16 worked to prepare this hearing, Aminta Kilawan,
17 Senior Legislative Counsel, David Romero, Legislative
18 Counsel, Julia Haramis, Principal Finance Analyst,
19 Rose Martinez, Finance Analyst, and finally my Staff,
20 Elsie Encarnacion, Chief-of-Staff, and Malek Al-
21 Shammery, Director of Communications.

22 The Sponsors of the bills are not here,
23 but we will take a vote and then leave this open.
24 We've also been joined by Council Member Hudson.
25 Thank you all, and I would like to now turn it over

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2 to the Clerk to do a roll call for this vote, and
3 Council Member Osse.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
5 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
6 vote Committee on General Welfare. Items are coupled.
7 Chair Ayala.

8 CHAIRPERSON AYALA: I vote aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Riley.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Caban.

12 Hudson.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Lee.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Osse.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Restler.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Stevens.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ung.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Williams.

25 By a vote of eight in the affirmative, zero in the

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2 negative, and no abstentions, all items have been
3 adopted by the Committee.

4 CHAIRPERSON AYALA: Okay, we're going to
5 keep it open for Council Members William and Caban
6 who are on their way.

7 Continuation roll call Committee on
8 General Welfare. Council Member Williams.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye on
10 all.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
12 you. Vote is currently at nine in the affirmative.

13 Continuation roll call Committee on
14 General Welfare. Items are coupled. Council Member
15 Caban.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: I vote aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Final
18 vote now Committee on General Welfare Proposed
19 Introductions 124A, 431A, and 642A are adopted by 10
20 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and no
21 abstentions.

22 Madam Chair, that is a full Committee.

23 CHAIRPERSON AYALA: Thank you. With that,
24 this vote is closed. Thank you.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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 March 28, 2023