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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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OCTOBER 13, 2016
Start: 10:16 a.m.
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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Jumaane D. Williams
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Rosie Mendez
Ydanis Rodriguez
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.
Rafael Espinal, Jr.
Mark Levine
Helen K. Rosenthal
Ritchie J. Torres
Barry S. Grodenchik
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.
Eric A. Ulrich

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

2 CHAIRPERSON WILLIAMS: Good morning, I'm
3 Councilman Jumaane Williams, Chair of the Council
4 Committee on Housing and Buildings. I'm joined today
5 by Council Members Mendez, Garodnick, Levine,
6 Salamanca, and Rosenthal. We're here today to vote
7 on three bills related to energy usage in New York
8 City, Intro number 1160, proposed Intro number 1163A
9 and Intro number 1165. Currently by January 1, 2025,
10 owners of buildings 50,000 gross square feet or
11 larger are required to have installed electrical sub-
12 meters in all tenant spaces which are 10,000 gross
13 square feet or larger other than dwelling units.
14 Intro number 1160, sponsored by Council Member
15 Costantinides, would expand the requirements to
16 owners of buildings 25,000 gross square feet or
17 larger and to tenant spaces other than dwelling's
18 units 5,000 gross square feet or larger. Current law
19 requires owners of buildings 50,000 gross square feet
20 or larger to benchmark annually, which means they
21 must report descriptive information about the
22 buildings as well as the total energy usage for such
23 buildings to the City for comparisons against other
24 buildings of a similar type, and Proposed Intro
25 number 1163A sponsored by Council Member Garodnick

2 would expand the City's benchmarking requirement to
3 buildings 25,000 gross square feet or larger and
4 require the Department of Buildings to establish a
5 system to assist such buildings in meeting their
6 benchmarking requirements. Currently by January 1,
7 2025, owners of buildings 20,000 gross square feet or
8 larger are required to upgrade their building's
9 lighting systems. Intro 1165 sponsored by Council
10 Member Richards would require owners of buildings
11 25,000 gross square feet or larger to also upgrade
12 the lightings in their system in their buildings so
13 they are in compliance with the standards for new
14 systems set forth in the New York City Energy
15 Preservation Code. I'd like to thank my staff for
16 the work they did to assemble this hearing including
17 Nick Smith, my Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative
18 Director, Jen Wilcox and Megan Chen, Counsel to the
19 Committee, Guiermo Patino [sp?] and Jose Conde,
20 policy analysts to the Committee, and Sala Gastelum
21 [sp?], the Committee's Finance Analyst. With that
22 said, I'd like to call the clerk, ask the clerk to
23 please call the roll.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin

25 Committee Clerk. Roll call vote on Committee Housing

and Buildings. Introductions are coupled. Chair Williams?

CHAIRPERSON WILLIAMS: Aye in all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Grodenchik?

COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 6 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions, all items have been adopted.

CHAIRPERSON WILLIAMS: Thank you. With that we'll leave the roll open for 20 minutes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call the Committee on Housing and Buildings. Council Member Cornegy?

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote now currently stands at seven. Continuation roll call, the

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2 Committee on Housing and Buildings. Council Member
3 Torres?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: In an anti-
5 climax, I vote aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote now currently
7 stands at 8 in the affirmative. Continuation roll
8 call, the Committee on Housing and Buildings.
9 Rodriguez?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote now currently
12 stands at 9 in the affirmative. Final vote now,
13 Committee on Housing and Buildings. All items have
14 been adopted by a vote of 9 in the affirmative, 0 in
15 the negative and no abstentions. 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 OCTOBER 24, 2016