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August 15, 2024
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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Christopher Marte, Co-Chairperson
Erik D. Bottcher, Co-Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Carlina Rivera
Keith Powers
Julie Menin
Gale A. Brewer
Shaun Abreu
Diana Ayala
Carmen N. De La Rosa

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone
3 check for the Manhattan Delegation vote. Today's date
4 is August 15, 2024, located in the Chambers.
5 Recording is done by Rocco Mesiti.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, and
7 welcome to the Manhattan Delegation of the New York
8 City Council.

9 At this time, please silence all cell
10 phones and electronic devices to minimize
11 disruptions.

12 Thank you for your cooperation.

13 We are ready to begin.

14 CO-CHAIRPERSON MARTE: [GAVEL] Good
15 morning and welcome to today's meeting of the
16 Manhattan Delegation. I'm Council Member Marte, and
17 I'm honored to co-chair the delegation with Council
18 Member Bottcher. I would like to acknowledge the
19 other Members of the Delegation who are present,
20 Council Member Brewer, Council Member Ayala, Council
21 Member Powers, Council Member Menin, and Council
22 Member De La Rosa, and on Zoom, we have Council
23 Member Rivera and Council Member Abreu.

24 This public meeting of Delegation is
25 convened pursuant to Section 103 of the Public

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2 Officer's Law to conduct the following business.

3 Pursuant to Section 2403 of the New York City

4 Charter, we will vote to recommend Mark Meridy for

5 appointment by the Mayor to the Department for the

6 Aging Advisory Council. If appointed by the Mayor,

7 Mr. Meridy serves the remainder of a three-year term

8 expiring on March 31, 2026.

9 Before the vote, I would like to invite
10 my Colleagues to offer statements on the nomination
11 before us. Council Member Brewer.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very
13 much. Mark Meridy heads DOROT. DOROT is an
14 organization that has many assets. One, of course, is
15 it does intergenerational so young people are often
16 delivering meals or supporting those who are
17 homebound or who need help. Number two, it is
18 probably the leader in the whole city of technology
19 and seniors. Way before we had the internet, they
20 were working with telephones, talking to social
21 workers and having literally classes, courses,
22 information via the phone, and now they have taught
23 everyone who's in their database how to use a Zoom,
24 and they are all communicating with classes and
25 information on Zoom. Again, technology being the

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2 focus. And third, they're very much of a
3 collaborator. They work with other non-profits. They
4 have innovative casework. Until recently, they had a
5 program building for homeless individuals. They are
6 the leader considered such by many in terms of how to
7 do innovative senior, older adult programming, and
8 the person we're nominating today is their CEO. Thank
9 you very much.

10 CO-CHAIRPERSON MARTE: Great. Anyone else?
11 No.

12 There being no more Members of the
13 Delegation who wish to speak, the Clerk will now call
14 for the roll.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
16 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
17 vote, Manhattan Delegation of the New York City
18 Council. Chair Marte.

19 CO-CHAIRPERSON MARTE: I vote aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Chair
21 Bottcher.

22 CO-CHAIRPERSON BOTTCHEER: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Powers.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
6 you. Abreu.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye. Thank you.
8 Brewer.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: De la
11 Rosa.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Menin.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Salaam.

16 With a vote of nine in the affirmative, zero in the
17 negative, and no abstentions, matters have been
18 approved by Delegation.

19 CO-CHAIRPERSON MARTE: That concludes
20 today's business. Thank you to my Colleagues, the
21 Staff, and the Sergeant of Arms. This meeting is now
22 adjourned. [GAVEL]

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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 August 21, 2024