

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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June 12, 3013

Start: 10:35 a.m.

Recess: 10:40 a.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room  
City Hall

B E F O R E:  
ERIC MARTIN DILAN  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Gale Brewer  
Council Member Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.  
Council Member Elizabeth Crowley  
Council Member Lewis A. Fidler  
Council Member Robert Jackson  
Council Member Letitia James  
Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito  
Council Member Rosie Mendez  
Council Member James S. Oddo  
Council Member Joel Rivera  
Council Member Jumaane D. Williams

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

William Martin  
Committee Clerk  
New York City Council

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2 CHAIRPERSON DILAN: Good morning  
3 and thank you all for coming. First, I want to  
4 just extend my apology to all the Members who have  
5 been waiting here for a long period of time. If  
6 she leaves the room we don't have a quorum. Gale,  
7 I need you to stay in the room, at least. Just  
8 [off mic] yeah. Just want to extend my apology  
9 for all those Members that have been waiting for  
10 this Committee to start for the purposes of a  
11 quorum. My name is Eric Martin Dilan. I'm the  
12 Chair of the Housing and Buildings Committee. And  
13 today the Committee will conduct a hearing for the  
14 purposes of a vote on three pieces of legislation.  
15 The first is a preconsidered item in relation to  
16 extending a waiver of certain permit and  
17 application permit and, excuse me, inspection fees  
18 for work related to the plumbing and electrical  
19 systems in buildings damaged by Hurricane Sandy.  
20 The second is proposed Intro 1010-A, in relation  
21 to the exemption from taxation for alterations and  
22 improvements to multiple dwellings or the  
23 extension of the J51 Program, which it's more  
24 commonly known as. The third is Intro 103-A.  
25 It's in relation to signs at construction site

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2 with fences or sheds and it also repeals section  
3 BC3301.9 of the New York City Building Code in  
4 this regard. In regards to the preconsidered item  
5 on December 18<sup>th</sup> of 2012, the Council passed  
6 proposed Intro 977-A which waived all the bills  
7 for the buildings that was substantial damaged by  
8 Hurricane Sandy until October 13<sup>th</sup> of 2014 and  
9 waived Sandy related electrical and plumbing fees  
10 until April 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. The Department as  
11 well as this Committee sees that the extension of  
12 this time period should continue. And since the  
13 end of the electrical and plumbing fee waiver  
14 period DOB has continued to receive a significant  
15 number of applications for permits and inspections  
16 and construction and document approval from  
17 property owners whose electrical and plumbing  
18 systems were damaged by Hurricane Sandy. The bill  
19 recognizes that the city is still in recovery from  
20 Hurricane Sandy and consequently this bill would  
21 extend the fee waiver period for such items until  
22 December 31<sup>st</sup> of this calendar year. Proposed  
23 Intro 1010-A would make certain that changes to  
24 the City's J51 program, which provides local real  
25 estate tax exemption for the abatement of benefits

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2 to owners of multi family residential buildings  
3 who undertake certain capital improvements on  
4 their properties would extend this program as well  
5 'til June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2013. And then on January 30<sup>th</sup> of  
6 2013 Governor Cuomo approved Chapter 4 of the laws  
7 of 2013 which has given authorization of the  
8 extension of the J51 program to cover work  
9 completed by June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2015. And as many of you  
10 who know the program know that the program has  
11 lapsed in 2011. In addition to extending the  
12 program, Chapter 4 of the laws of 2013 also made a  
13 number of significant changes to the program and  
14 this bill incorporates the extension and those  
15 changes. The bill has been amended since the  
16 first hearing on this item by removing the former  
17 bill, Section 3, which would have required that  
18 any property for which an owner is seeking a J51  
19 benefit be free of hazardous and immediately  
20 hazardous housing maintenance code violations.  
21 The bill is, this requirement is already set forth  
22 in HPD rules so it was taken out of the bill and  
23 is not deemed necessary. For the list of  
24 amendments on proposed 103-A I would ask you to  
25 please refer to the Committee Report and at this

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2 time I'd like to urge my colleagues to vote in  
3 support of these items and ask the clerk to couple  
4 all three items on today's agenda.

5 MR. WILLIAM MARTIN: William  
6 Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call vote, Committee  
7 on Housing and Buildings. Council Member Dilan?

8 CHAIRPERSON DILAN: I vote aye.

9 MR. MARTIN: Rivera?

10 MALE VOICE 1: He just walked out.

11 MR. MARTIN: Okay. Brewer?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye.

13 MR. MARTIN: Jackson?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.

15 MR. MARTIN: James?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye.

17 MR. MARTIN: Mark-Viverito?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.

19 MR. MARTIN: Mendez?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

21 MR. MARTIN: Crowley?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

23 MR. MARTIN: Williams?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

25 MR. MARTIN: Oddo?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: If Robert  
3 Jackson voted yes, I'm voting yes.

4 MR. MARTIN: Rivera?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

6 MR. MARTIN: By a vote of ten in  
7 the affirmative, zero in the negative, no  
8 abstentions, all items have been adopted. Members  
9 please sign the Committee Reports. Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON DILAN: [off mic] Okay,  
11 so, we'll leave the roll open for as long as the  
12 rules will allow or as practically permissible  
13 because I know there's some other Committee's that  
14 need to have hearings to vote items out and at  
15 that time the Committee will be adjourned.

16 [pause]

17 CHAIRPERSON DILAN: Comrie?  
18 Comrie?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

20 CHAIRPERSON DILAN: The vote stands  
21 at 11 in the affirmative. [pause] [off mic]  
22 Fidler?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

24 CHAIRPERSON DILAN: Final vote on  
25 the Committee on Housing and Buildings, 12 in the

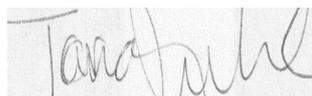
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affirmative, zero in the negative, no abstentions.  
[pause] The Committee on Housings and Buildings is  
adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Tara Juhl certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

Signature

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tara Juhl".

Date 6/25/13