

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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June 26, 2019
Start: 11:04 a.m.
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HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: RAFAEL SALAMANCA
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Adrienne E. Adams
Inez D. Barron
Chaim M. Deutsch
Ruben Diaz, Sr.
Vanessa L. Gibson
Barry S. Grodenchik
Peter A. Koo
Stephen T. Levin
Francisco P. Moya
Antonio Reynoso
Donovan J. Richards
Carlina Rivera

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

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3 hearing on Land Use being recorded by [Inaudible]
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5 CHAIR SALAMANCA: [gavel] All right,
6 good morning everyone and welcome to the Committee on
7 Land Use. I am Council Member Rafael Salamanca,
8 Chair of this Committee. I would like to welcome my
9 esteemed colleagues who are members of the Committee
10 and are present today. We have Council Members
11 Gibson, Deutsch, Diaz, Barron, Chair Moya, Reynoso,
12 Grodenchik, Richards, Levin, Rivera, and Chair Adams.
13 I want to thank Chair Moya and Chair Adams for their
14 work on our Land Use subcommittees. Today we will be
15 voting on a project referred out of our Zoning
16 Subcommittee. We will vote to approve LU 438 for the
17 American Brass Café in Queens. The applicant seeks
18 approval of a revocable consent to main, operate and
19 use an unenclosed sidewalk café at 201 50th Avenue.
20 Council Member Van Bramer is in support of this
21 application because the Café will be reduced to 12
22 tables and 48 chairs. Today we will also vote to
23 approve LU 419 for the Court Square Block 3 Text
24 Amendment in Queens. The applicant seeks approval of
25 a zoning text amendment to modify height and setback

2 regulations applicable to portions of the Court
3 Square subdistrict in a special Long Island City
4 district to facilitate the development of a new
5 approximately 45 story mixed use building in Council
6 Member Van Bramer's district and he is in support of
7 the application. We will also vote to approve LU 463
8 for an application by the Department of Housing,
9 Preservation and Development for the disposition of
10 city-owned property pursuant to the private housing
11 finance law in connection with the related actions
12 for the Brook 156 rezoning in my district the Bronx.
13 The related actions were approved earlier this month
14 by this Committee. Are there any questions or
15 remarks from members of the Committee? All right,
16 seeing none I will now call for a vote in accordance
17 with the recommendations of the local Council Members
18 and the subcommittees to approve LU's 419, 438 and
19 463. Counsel, will you please call the roll?

20 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,
21 roll call vote Committee on Land Use. Chair
22 Salamanca?

23 CHAIR SALAMANCA: Aye.

24 CLERK: Gibson?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Aye.

2 CLERK: Barron?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

4 CLERK: Deutsch?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

6 CLERK: Levin?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

8 CLERK: Reynoso?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

10 CLERK: Richards?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

12 CLERK: Grodenchik?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

14 CLERK: Adams?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

16 CLERK: Diaz?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Sí.

18 CLERK: Moya?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye.

20 CLERK: Rivera?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

22 CLERK: By a vote of 12 in the

23 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,

24 all items have been adopted by the Committee.

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2 CHAIR SALAMANCA: All right, I would like
3 to thank members of the public, my colleagues,
4 counsel and land use staff for attending today's
5 hearing. We will leave the roll open for five
6 minutes.

7 [pause]

8 CLERK: Continuation roll call, Committee
9 on Land Use, Council Member Koo?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye.

11 CLERK: The vote is now 13 in the
12 affirmative.

13 CHAIR SALAMANCA: Thank you all. This
14 meeting is hereby adjourned. [gavel]

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Date July 8, 2019