

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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January 5, 2011
Start: 12:39 pm
Recess: 1:14 pm

HELD AT: Committee Room
250 Broadway, 14th Floor

B E F O R E:
ERIK MARTIN DILAN
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Erik Martin Dilan
Gale Brewer
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Elizabeth Crowley
Lewis A. Fidler
James F. Gennaro
Letitia James
Brad S. Lander
Melissa Mark-Viverito
Rosie Mendez
Joel Rivera
Jumaane D. Williams
Eric A. Ulrich
James S. Oddo

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2 CHAIRPERSON DILAN: Good morning
3 everyone and happy New Year. I'd like to call
4 this committee hearing to order. My name is Erik
5 Dilan and I'm the Chair of the City Council's
6 Housing and Buildings Committee.

7 Today, the committee will conduct
8 the first hearing of the year, for the purposes of
9 a vote on Intro 436-A, which is a Local Law to
10 amend the Administrative Code of the City of New
11 York in relation to our Alternative Enforcement
12 Program.

13 This bill would amend the Safe
14 Housing Act, which is Local Law 29 of 2007. In
15 May of 2007, the Safe Housing Act was passed by
16 this Council, which was then Intro 561-A, and
17 became Local Law 29 of that year.

18 The Safe Housing Act was intended
19 to improve the Department of Housing Preservation
20 and Development's Code Enforcement Program. The
21 committee heard and received testimony, on the
22 original version of this legislation that we are
23 voting on today, on December 15th. We heard
24 testimony at that time from representatives of
25 HPD, as well as tenants, housing advocates and

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2 representatives of the real estate industry.

3 The bill proposed before us would
4 revise the AEP program in certain respects by
5 revising the program's building selection
6 criteria, which we expect will increase the total
7 number of dwelling units that the program
8 captures. It'll incorporate provisions
9 specifically related to addressing mold and vermin
10 conditions in multiple dwellings. The program,
11 additionally, will be amended to allow buildings
12 that are in the program to be more readily
13 discharged.

14 This bill will also allow owners
15 who have substantially complied with repair
16 requirements to enter into payment agreements for
17 outstanding fees and fines for emergency repair
18 charges, as opposed to requiring that all such
19 charges be paid in full before a building is
20 discharged from the program.

21 A summary of the amendments of the
22 legislation on Intro 436 can be found on pages 11
23 and 12 in the Committee Report. I urge my
24 colleagues to vote in favor of the legislation. I
25 would like to ask the clerk to call the roll.

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2 KEVIN PIN: Kevin Pin [phonetic],
3 Committee Clerk, roll calling the Committee on
4 Housing and Buildings. Councilman Dilan?

5 CHAIRPERSON DILAN: I vote aye.

6 KEVIN PIN: Brewer?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye.
8 I'm glad that this bill will preserve one more
9 effort to keep preserving affordable housing. I
10 vote aye.

11 KEVIN PIN: Comrie?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

13 KEVIN PIN: Fidler?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Mr.
15 Chairman, now that the vacancy provision in this
16 bill has been amended, I'd like to ask that my
17 name be added as a sponsor. I vote aye.

18 KEVIN PIN: Gennaro?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.

20 KEVIN PIN: James?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye.

22 KEVIN PIN: Mark-Viverito?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: I
24 vote aye.

25 KEVIN PIN: Crowley?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote
3 aye.

4 KEVIN PIN: Lander?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER:
6 Enthusiastically, aye.

7 KEVIN PIN: Ulrich?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

9 KEVIN PIN: Oddo?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

11 KEVIN PIN: The final vote in the
12 Committee on Housing and Buildings is 11 in the
13 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no
14 abstentions.

15 CHAIRPERSON DILAN: It's not the
16 final vote. We'll keep the roll open to allow for
17 some members who are in transition to come and
18 cast their votes. We'll leave the roll open for
19 as long as the rules allow. Then at that time,
20 this hearing will be adjourned.

21 [Pause]

22 KEVIN PIN: Williams?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye on
24 all.

25 KEVIN PIN: Williams?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye on
3 all.

4 KEVIN PIN: Rivera?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
6 very much. I vote aye.

7 [Pause]

8 KEVIN PIN: Mendez?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I vote aye.

10 KEVIN PIN: The final vote in the
11 Committee on Housing and Buildings is 14 in the
12 affirmative, zero in the negative and no
13 abstentions.

14 CHAIRPERSON DILAN: This committee
15 is now adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Donna Hintze 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 *Donna Hintze*

Date January 12, 2011