

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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August 26, 2021
Start: 9:16 a.m.
Recess: 9:18 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Keith Powers
CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Carlina Rivera
Kevin Riley
Jimmy Van Bramer
Robert F. Holden
Darma V. Diaz
Alicka Ampry-Samuel

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

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Check. Check. This is
3 a prerecorded sound test for the Committee on
4 Criminal Justice. Today's date is August 26th, 2021.
5 It is being recorded by Michael Leonardo in the
6 Chambers.

7 [background comments]

8 [gavel]

9 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: Good morning,
10 everyone, and welcome to City Hall. I am City
11 Council member Keith Powers, Chair of the Committee
12 on Criminal Justice. Today, we're here to vote on
13 Introduction 1209-A. This bill would permit pregnant
14 incarcerated women in New York City today utilized to
15 and midwife care or services in the delivery room and
16 require that the Department of Correction and to
17 retain an organization to provide tulip programming
18 twice a week, including labor and birth education and
19 breast-feeding techniques and infant care. The DOC
20 would be required to issue a report every six months
21 regarding delivery of prenatal services and this bill
22 would also create a working group to review relevant
23 reports and discuss ways to improve communication,
24 collaboration, and efficiency related to pregnant
25 individuals in custody. According to the city's

2 Department of Health and Mental Health Services, two
3 services are associated with lower rates of preterm
4 birth, low birth weight, and postpartum depression.
5 These services are important to the health of both
6 mothers and their babies and should be available to
7 those incarcerated just as they are to those on the
8 outside. With that said, I want to thank my staff
9 for helping to put together this hearing and working
10 on this bill. I want to thank Council member
11 Rosenthal for her work on this bill. She's prime
12 sponsor. And I want to welcome and thank all Council
13 members in attendance here, including Council member
14 Ampry-Samuel, Council member Diaz, Council member
15 Riley, and Council member Holden. We will now open
16 the vote.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
18 committee clerk. Roll call vote-- I'm sorry. Is
19 someone making the comment or just call the roll?

20 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: Call the roll.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Okay. Excuse me.
22 William Martin, Committee clerk. Roll call vote
23 Committee on Criminal Justice. Proposed Introduction
24 1209-A. Chair Powers?

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2 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: I'd like to make--

3 I vote aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampy-Samuel?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: I vote

6 aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I vote aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Darma Diaz?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Riley?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of five in the

14 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no

15 abstentions, item has been adopted by the committee.

16 CHAIRPERSON POWERS: Cool. Thank you

17 and that ends our hearing.

18 [gavel]

19 [background comments]

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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 September 1, 2021