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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: COREY JOHNSON  
CHAIR

COUNCIL MEMBERS: RAFAEL L. ESPINAL, JR  
MATHIEU EUGENE  
PETER A. KOO  
ROSIE MENDEZ  
JAMES VACCA

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

2 CHAIR JOHNSON: Good morning, I'm Council  
3 Member Corey Johnson, Chair of the Council's  
4 Committee on Health. Prior... prior to the budget  
5 hearing this morning we are voting on proposed  
6 introduction #1068A, by bill that would prohibit the  
7 use of smokeless tobacco at baseball and other sports  
8 stadiums, arenas and recreational areas. Smokeless  
9 tobacco such as chewing tobacco and snuff is not  
10 safe. These products are addictive and cause cancer  
11 as well as, as well as other serious health problems.  
12 When athletes who are role models to children are  
13 regularly shown on TV with a wad of chewing tobacco  
14 in their cheek that sends a harmful message that  
15 smokeless tobacco is fun and socially acceptable.  
16 The effect of the bad example set by this behavior is  
17 clear. Smokeless tobacco used by young people is  
18 disproportionately concentrated among athletes.  
19 Boston, San Francisco and Los Angeles have all banded  
20 smokeless tobacco at ball parks and we should do the  
21 same here in New York by passing this legislation.  
22 Once it is passed by the Council it is my hope that  
23 the Major moves quickly to sign it in time for it to  
24 go in affect by opening day which I believe is April

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2 3<sup>rd</sup> and with that I would ask the Clerk to call the  
3 roll.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,  
5 Committee Clerk, roll call vote, Committee on Health.  
6 Chair Johnson.

7 CHAIR JOHNSON: I vote aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Espinal.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 6 in the  
19 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,  
20 item has been adopted.

21 CHAIR JOHNSON: I thank you very much.  
22 We're going to take a five minute adjournment before  
23 we go into the budget hearing for New York City  
24 Health and Hospitals.

25 [gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

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Date April 6, 2016