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Of the

COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY

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B E F O R E: CHAIR DARMA DIAZ

COUNCIL MEMBERS: DARMA DIAZ
HELEN ROSENTHAL
BEN KALLOS
JAMES GENNARO
FARAH LOUIS

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

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3 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Check, check, one,
4 two, one, two. This is a prerecorded sound check for
5 the Committee on Women and Gender Equity. Today is
6 October 21, 2021, being recorded by Michael Leonard
7 and the committee.

8 CHAIR DARMA DIAZ: Good morning and
9 welcome to today's Committee on Women and Gender
10 Equity. (Inaudible) Council Member Helen Rosenthal.
11 This will require Health and Social Services to
12 review and report on services on individuals who
13 identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender,
14 queer, questioning, intersex, non-confirming, and
15 non-binary who are in domestic violence shelters
16 including (inaudible). Domestic violence and
17 intimate partner violence effects many people who
18 identify as LGBTQI plus, but little is known about
19 the services that city provides specifically for the
20 population of survivors. The Bill will require the
21 Administration to review and report on how it allows
22 individuals who are entering DV shelters who self-
23 identify. What services, supports, and resources
24 does it offer specifically to that population.
25 Outreach efforts and any complaints the department

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2 has received about DV shelter services provided to
3 the LGBTQI plus residents. The Bill would also
4 require DSS to ensure recommendations for enhancing
5 its outreach efforts and services. Finally, the Bill
6 will require DSS to work with a community-based
7 organization to develop and provide culturally
8 competitive training to DV shelter staff who directly
9 work with residents who identify as LGTBQI plus. I
10 would like to thank my staff, from the legislative
11 division, Chloe Rivera (SP?), Bianca Ratell (SP?) for
12 their work on this Bill. I will now turn it over to
13 Council Member Rosenthal for her remarks on her
14 legislation.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Thank you so
16 much, Chair Diaz, and I really want to thank the co-
17 sponsors of this Bill, Council Members Gibson, Ayala,
18 Kallos, and Louis, and of course, yourself, Chair
19 Diaz. You know the courage and the hard work of the
20 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer,
21 questioning, intersex, gender non-conforming, and
22 non-binary communities, and thanks to all the amazing
23 advocates and the allied elected officials like the
24 city council's women's caucus. Thank you, Council
25 Member Louis, and the city council's LGBT plus

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2 caucus. We are taking these important issues and the
3 steps necessary so that all New Yorkers have equal
4 access to critical services. When it comes to
5 domestic violence and the TGNCNB population, things
6 can get thorny and complex and it's so important that
7 the city workers have the tools necessary in order to
8 serve this community with dignity, and this Bill
9 tries to get at just that, requiring more training,
10 requiring data collection where possible and
11 requiring the city to think harder on how to serve
12 this population. So, I really want to thank the
13 committee staff, Chair Diaz's committee staff, Chloe
14 Rivera, and of course, in particular, the advocate
15 from the anti-violence project, (inaudible) so thank
16 you, and with that, I vote I and encourage my
17 colleagues to do so as well.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Good morning, this is
19 the Committee on Women and Gender Equity, roll call
20 vote on Proposed Intro 1712-A. Chair Diaz.

21 CHAIR DARMA DIAZ: I vote I, and
22 especially as someone who has come out of the shelter
23 system, knowing the true need, I thank my colleagues
24 for working on this Bill and moving it forward.
25 Thank you.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Kallos.

COUNCIL MEMBER BEN KALLOS: I, with
congratulations to the sponsor.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
Rosenthal.

COUNCIL MEMBER HELEN ROSENTHAL: I vote I
with gratitude.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Louis.

COUNCIL MEMBER FARAH LOUIS:
Congratulations to the Bill sponsor. I vote I.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Gennaro.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES GENNARO: I vote I.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES GENNARO: I
congratulate Helen and the Chair and all the
sponsors. I wish to have my name as a sponsor, and
with that, I proudly vote I.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Chair Diaz,
by a vote of five in affirmative, zero in the
negative, and zero abstentions, Proposed Intro 1712-A
is adopted.

CHAIR DARMA DIAZ: Thank you. Meeting is
not adjourned.

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 October 29, 2021