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COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES
AND ELECTIONS

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HELD AT: REMOTE HEARING (VIRTUAL ROOM 1)

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B E F O R E: Karen Koslowitz,
Chairperson

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COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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Adrienne E. Adams

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Margaret S. Chin

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Corey D. Johnson

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Steven Matteo

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Keith Powers

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Deborah L. Rose

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Mark Treyger

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1 COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS 2

2 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: Ignore me and welcome
3 to the Committee on -

4 SERGEANT AT PEREZ: Hold on one second. Hold on
5 one second Madam Chair. We still have to go through
6 a process. Back up is rolling.

7 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Sergeant Polite, you may begin
8 the opening.

9 SERGEANT POLITE: Thank you. Good morning and
10 welcome to the Remote hearing on Rules, Privileges
11 and Elections. Will Council Members and staff please
12 turn on their video at this time. Thank you. To
13 minimize disruptions, please all place all cellphone,
14 electronics to vibrate.

15 Chair, we are ready to begin.

16 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: Okay, thank you. Good
17 morning and welcome to the Committee on Rules,
18 Privileges and Elections. My name is Karen Koslowitz
19 and I am the Chair of this Committee.

20 Before we begin this hearing, I would like to
21 introduce the Council Members of this Committee who
22 have joined us today. Minority Leader Steven Matteo,
23 Council Member Adrienne Adams, Council Member
24 Margaret Chin, Council Member Keith Powers, Council
25 Member Deborah Rose and do we have Mark Treyger yet?

2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Not yet.

3 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: Council Member Paul
4 Vallone and the Speaker Corey Johnson will be joining
5 us shortly.

6 I would also like to acknowledge Rules Committee
7 Counsel Lance Polivy and the staff members of the
8 Counsel's Investigative Unit. Chuck Davis, Chief
9 Compliance Officer and Investigators Andre Johnson-
10 Brown, Alycia Vassell, Desiree Robinson and Ramsis
11 Booten[SP?].

12 Today, the Rules Committee will consider certain
13 changes to the membership of the standing committee
14 and subcommittees of the Council. Pursuant to Rule
15 10.20 of the Rules of the City Council, the Committee
16 on Rules, Privileges and Elections can recommend an
17 amendment to any rule of the Council with the later
18 vote of the majority of all Council Members.

19 Today, we are hearing a Preconsidered Resolution
20 that would amend Rule 7.00-A by changing the
21 membership of certain standing committees and
22 subcommittee's of the Council. This rule change
23 requires a majority vote of all Council Members of
24 the Committee of Rules, Privileges and Elections, a
25 majority vote of all Council Members.

2 The changes proposed to this Preconsidered
3 Resolution is going to give our new Council Member,
4 Council Member Brooks-Powers these Committees. She
5 will be on Aging, Finance, Health, Immigration, Land
6 Use, Parks and Recreation, Small Business and
7 Transportation and the Subcommittee on Capital
8 Budget.

9 Do any members have any questions or comments
10 about the proposed rule change? Seeing none, uhm, I
11 will now call upon the clerk to take the vote on all
12 items from today's hearing.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Good morning, William Martin
14 Committee Clerk roll call vote Committee on Rules,
15 Privileges and Elections on Preconsidered Resolution.
16 Chair Koslowitz?

17 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Rose?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: I vote aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Vallone?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: I vote aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I vote aye.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, one moment. By a
7 vote of 7 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and
8 no abstentions, item has been adopted by the
9 Committee. Excuse me, Council Member Treyger?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you sir. The vote is now
12 8 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no
13 abstentions. The items is adopted.

14 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: Okay, this meeting will
15 be held open for a little while. [MEETING HELP OPEN
16 4:55-9:27]

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Hi, Lance, how are
18 you?

19 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Good.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Can I trouble you to
21 give me a call or a text when you have a moment
22 before Stated? I just have a tiny issue; I am hoping
23 you can help me out with.

24 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Of course.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Okay, thank you.

3 [MEETING HELD OPEN 9:45-11:55]

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Hello?

5 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: Speaker Johnson?

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Final vote -

8 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: Thank you.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: On Rules, one moment please, is
10 now 9 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no
11 abstentions. Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: Okay. This meeting of
13 Rules, Privileges and Elections is now closed.

14 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Thank you Chair.

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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 March 29, 2021