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Of the

COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

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B E F O R E: KAREN KOSLOWITZ, CHAIR

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Corey D. Johnson
Steven Matteo
Deborah L. Rose
Ritchie J. Torres
Mark Treyger

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2 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: Good morning and
3 welcome to

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Wait.

5 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: You ready?

6 TECHNICIAN: No, not yet. Thank you.

7 TECHNICIAN: The cut is rolling.

8 TECHNICIAN: Thank you and Sergeant
9 Polite...

10 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: ...and Congress Member.

11 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Sorry, Sergeant Polite
12 if you would be able to start with your opening
13 statement. Thank you.

14 SERGEANT POLITE: Yes, you're welcome.
15 Good morning and welcome to the remote hearing on
16 Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections. Will
17 Council Members and staff please turn on their video
18 at this time. Thank you. To minimize disruptions
19 please place all cell phones and electronics to
20 vibrate. Chair, we are ready to begin.

21 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: Okay, thank you. Good
22 morning and welcome to the Committee on Rules,
23 Privileges and Elections. My name is Karen
24 Koslowitz, and I am Chair of the Committee on Rules,
25 Privileges and Elections. Before we begin this

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2 hearing I would like to introduce the Council Members
3 of this committee who have joined us today. Minority
4 Leader Steven Matteo, Council Member Adrienne Adams,
5 Council Member Deborah Rose, Council Member Ritchie
6 Torres and Council Member Mark Treyger and the
7 Speaker Corey Johnson will be joining us shortly. I
8 would also like to acknowledge Rules Committee
9 Counsel Lance Polivy, and the staff members of the
10 Council's Investigative Unit Chuck Davis, Chief
11 Compliance Officer and investigators Andre Johnson
12 Brown, Alicia Vessel, and Rams Booten (sp?) Today
13 the Rules Committee will consider Certain changes to
14 the membership of the Standing Committees of the
15 Council and the Land Use Committee. The First tactic
16 is pursuant to Rule 10.20 of the Rules of the City
17 Council, the Committee on Rules, Privileges and
18 Elections can recommend and amendment to any rule of
19 the Council with the later vote of the majority of
20 all Council Members. Today, we are hearing
21 preconsidered resolution that would amend Rule 7.00-A
22 by changing the membership of certain standing
23 committees of the Council and the Land Use
24 Subcommittees. This rule change requires the majority
25 rule of all members of the Committee of Rule,

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2 Privileges and Elections pursuant to Rule 7.0-A and a
3 majority vote of all Council Members pursuant to Rule
4 10.20. Do any members have any questions or comments
5 about the proposed rule changes? I think seeing none
6 okay it's time to take a vote.

7 WILLIAM MARTIN: Good morning. William
8 Martin Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on
9 Rules, Privileges and Elections, Resolution 1497.
10 Chair Koslowitz.

11 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: I vote aye.

12 WILLIAM MARTIN: Rose.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: I vote aye.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN: Torres.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: (chime) I vote
16 and I want to wish a happy birthday to Adrienne.

17 (chime)

18 WILLIAM MARTIN: Treyger.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: I vote aye and
20 stand extend a very happy and blessed birthday to my
21 colleague Council Member Adrienne Adams.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN: Adams.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you for
24 the birthday wishes, thank you Congressman Torres. I
25 vote aye.

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN: Matteo.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: I vote aye.

4 WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of 6 in the
5 affirmative, zero in the negative and no
6 abstentions, Resolution 1497 has been adopted by
7 the Committee.

8 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: Okay. I'm going to
9 hold the meeting open until the Speaker joins, and
10 I want to say I'm sorry for such a long meeting.
11 (laughter)

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: The Speaker
13 should be joining.

14 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: Yours are the best.
15 (laughter)

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Just a reminder to
17 everyone we have Rules Committee meeting next week on
18 the 17th, three Board of Commission reappointments,
19 the Democrat from Staten Island Ms. Patricia Ann
20 Taylor whose very, very, very, very great.

21 (laughter) Council Member also, Ross Miguelina Camilo
22 who is being reappointed, and in Manhattan Tiffany
23 Townsend. So, you'll be receiving notices, their
24 resumes and their answers pre-going questions at the
25 beginning of next new. We'll that Monday.

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2 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: Okay. Yes. We've been
3 joined by Speaker Johnson.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Aye.

5 WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank you. The vote on
6 Resolution 1497 is now at 7 in the affirmative, zero
7 in the negative and no abstentions.

8 CHAIR KOSLOWITZ: And the Speaker has
9 joined us. Oh, he said aye. Okay. Alright, this
10 meeting is adjourned. [gavel]

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