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- Speaker Christine C. Quinn
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A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

Betty Chen
Candidate for Reappointment
New York City Planning Commission

Nancy Chavitz
Candidate for Appointment
Civil Service Commission

Dr. Robert Cohen
Candidate for Appointment
Board of Corrections

2 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Ready.

3 [background noise]

4 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: [gavel] Good
5 morning.

6 SIMCHA FELDER: Good Morning.

7 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Simcha's such a
8 good student. My name is Diana Reyna, and I am
9 Chair of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and
10 Elections. Before we begin, I would like to
11 introduce the other members of this Committee. To
12 my left, Council Member Daniel Garodnick, Council
13 Member Vinnie, Vincent Gentile, Council Member
14 Simcha Felder, Council Member Rosie Mendez; to my
15 right, Council Member Helen Sears, Council Member
16 Leroy Comrie, Council Member Melinda Katz. I'd
17 like to take this opportunity to thank the staff
18 to this Committee, who have diligently
19 investigated our candidates and made sure that
20 everything is in order. Today we have before us
21 three candidates for our review. They are Betty
22 Chen, a resident of Manhattan, a candidate for
23 reappointment by the mayor to the New York City
24 Planning Commission. If the Council gives its
25 advice and consent, Ms. Chen will serve the

2 remainder of a five year term that expires on June
3 30th 2013. Nancy Chavitz [phonetic], a resident of
4 Manhattan, and a registered member of the
5 Republican Party is a candidate for, for
6 appointment by the Mayor to the Civil Service
7 Commission. If the Council gives its advice and
8 consent, Ms. Chavitz will succeed David Lande, a
9 registered Republican, and will serve for the
10 remainder of a six year term that will expire in
11 March 21st 2011. And Robert Cohen, Dr. Robert
12 Cohen, a resident of Manhattan, is a candidate for
13 appointment by the Council to the Board of
14 Correction, filling the existing six year term
15 that will expire on October 12th 2011. Dr. Cohen
16 will fill the vacancy left by Paul Vallone. We
17 will begin with the City Planning Commission. The
18 City Planning Commission has 13 members, seven
19 appointed by the Mayor, one by the Public
20 Advocate, and one by each of the borough
21 presidents. The Planning Commission is
22 responsible for the long range planning to ensure
23 orderly growth and development assists in
24 developing the ten year capital plan, prepares and
25 modifies the zoning resolution, among a number of

2 other critical functions. Commission members
3 serve five year terms, there is no limitation on
4 the number of terms that a CPC member may serve.
5 CPC members are prohibited from holding any other
6 City office while they serve on the Planning
7 Commission. The Chair receives an annual salary
8 of \$181,719. The member who is designated as vice
9 chair receives an annual salary of \$57,573. The
10 other members receive an annual salary of \$50,064.
11 Welcome, Ms. Chen. Will you please raise your
12 right hand and be sworn in by Counsel.

13 COUNSEL: Do you solemnly affirm to
14 tell the truth?

15 BETTY CHEN: Yes. Oh, I solemnly
16 affirm to tell the truth.

17 COUNSEL: Thank you.

18 BETTY CHEN: Oh, thank you.

19 [off mic comment, laughter]

20 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: You can just
21 say, "Yes, I do."

22 BETTY CHEN: Yes.

23 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: [laughter]

24 Thank you, Ms. Chen. And you, if you have a
25 statement, Ms. Chen, this is the time to do so.

2 BETTY CHEN: Okay, thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: To share with
4 us.

5 BETTY CHEN: Good morning,
6 Chairwoman Reyna and members of the Committee.
7 Thank you so much for the opportunity to testify
8 in front of you today. As you know, the City
9 Planning Commission plays an important role in the
10 Land Use and Planning Process, helping to shape
11 the City and its neighborhoods. I am really
12 honored to be nominated for reappointment to this
13 Commission, who's work affects all New Yorkers.
14 I'd like to tell you a little about myself, and
15 why I hope to be able to continue to serve on the
16 Commission. I'm a first generation Chinese
17 American, born in Illinois to immigrant parents.
18 I grew up in Pittsburgh, and went to public high
19 school there. I moved to New York City to pursue
20 a career. I'm a registered architect in the State
21 of New York, and currently I'm the Vice President
22 for Planning and Design at the Governor's Island
23 Preservation and Education Corporation, and
24 responsible for the planning of Governor's Island.
25 During my professional career, I've worked as a

2 planner and architect on a wide range of projects,
3 including educational and housing, cultural,
4 commercial, master planning, retail and parks.

5 And I've represented the public or the private
6 clients side of projects, as well as been on the
7 consultant side of a project as an architect. And
8 from being on these different sides, I think I
9 understand some of the various issues that come
10 along with public and private projects. From
11 serving on the Planning Commission since 2007,
12 I've come to understand a wide range of issues
13 specific to city planning in New York, to the
14 different types of stakeholders and to the
15 different neighborhoods. And as a city planning
16 commissioner, I know that the shaping of the
17 physical environment and its character and its
18 uses, affects people's lives in very profound
19 ways. It influences their health and prosperity
20 and happiness, and the work undertaken by the City
21 Planning Commission is important for these very
22 reasons. Working in New York City has given me so
23 much in personal and professional terms, and I
24 would be very grateful to be able to continue to
25 serve on a body that not only keeps the City

2 healthy and thriving, but also helps to make it a
3 better and better place for New Yorkers to live
4 and work. If reappointed, I will try my best to
5 be fair and open. I appreciate the role of the
6 public and their elected officials in the planning
7 and ULURP processes, and like you I'm committed to
8 a fair and independent planning process that
9 always serves the best interests of the City.
10 Thank you again for considering my reappointment,
11 and inviting me to testify.

12 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you so
13 much, Ms. Chen. I don't know if there's any
14 questions for Ms. Chen, for the City Planning
15 Commission. We have been joined by our Council
16 Member majority whip, Inez Dickens. And seeing
17 no--Council Member Gentile.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I, I just
19 had a quick question, Ms. Chen. Have you dealt
20 with the issue, or, or at least appreciate the
21 issue of outer-borough concerns about contextual
22 zoning and, and maintaining, maintaining a
23 contextual nature in, in rezoning efforts that are
24 going on in the outer boroughs.

25 BETTY CHEN: Yes, the Department's

2 undertaken a great number of rezonings, and, and a
3 number of these have been contextual rezoning. So
4 we've heard a lot of testimony from homeowners,
5 from civic associations, about sort of balancing,
6 sort of the, the desires of their neighbors and
7 protecting the character of, of their homes,
8 relative to the scale of development, the type of
9 development. And I think that has sort of
10 occurred in, in all the various boroughs, but we,
11 we've heard a lot of that and I'm aware of that
12 issue. Thank you.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: And not
14 only being aware, but you're generally in support
15 of, of those types of contextual down--the mostly
16 down zonings.

17 BETTY CHEN: Down zonings, yes.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: And, and
19 you've been in support of those.

20 BETTY CHEN: Yes, I have.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Okay,
22 thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you,
24 Council Member Gentile. We have been joined by
25 Council Member Lewis Fidler. I would like to

2 comment to Ms. Chen, we appreciate the service you
3 have provided to the City of New York, your
4 experience and your technique of considering so
5 many aspects of City Planning, and the character
6 of different neighborhoods. And we hope to
7 continue to work with you, as we develop the City
8 of New York for years to come. I'd like to move
9 to the next individual, Ms. Chavitz, the
10 Commission, who will be considered for the Civil
11 Service Commission. The Commission consists of
12 five members, with not more than three being from
13 the same political party. The Mayor, from a list
14 of pro--from a list provided by the screening
15 committee makes the appointment. Members have a
16 six year term and are reimbursed on a per diem
17 basis of \$387.17 for the Chair, and \$355.50 for
18 the other members, for attendance at scheduled
19 meetings. The Commission's duties include hearing
20 and determining appeals from any aggrieved person
21 from a decision by the Commissioner of the
22 Department of Citywide Services, other known as
23 DCAS, who is responsible for the citywide
24 personnel matters. The Commission may affirm,
25 modify or reserve such a decision. The Commission

2 also has all the powers and duties set forth in
3 the State's civil service law. The Commission
4 either on its own or at the request of the Mayor,
5 Council or DCAS Commissioner, may conduct reviews
6 or studies of the administration of personnel in
7 the City, including the classification of titles.
8 Welcome, Ms. Chavitz. Will you please raise your
9 right hand and be sworn in?

10 COUNSEL: Do you solemnly affirm to
11 tell the truth?

12 NANCY CHAVITZ: Yes, I do.

13 COUNSEL: Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you, Ms.
15 Chavitz. If you have a statement that you'd like
16 to share, now is the time to do so.

17 NANCY CHAVITZ: Sure. Well, I'd
18 like to join my fellow appointee in thanking
19 Chairwoman Reyna and the other members of the
20 Rules Committee for considering my appointment, in
21 my case to the Civil Service Commission. In a
22 nutshell, I'm, I'm actually an Army brat, I was
23 born in Europe on an Army base and I grew up all
24 over the place, following my father. And but New
25 York is my adopted home. And I'm an attorney, I

2 went to the University of Chicago. I, it's been
3 an honor the last few years, last three years, to
4 serve the people of New York, in a couple of
5 different capacities. One hand, I am a board
6 member and vice president for development of the
7 Broadway Malls Association. And we take care of
8 the green spaces in Broadway from 70th Street to
9 168th Street, and I'm particularly proud of our
10 uptown initiative the last three years, which I've
11 been sort of the spearheading person for, where we
12 are really making an impact in the 140s and 150s.
13 We are bringing design and maintenance and art and
14 all kinds of things, even in this economy, to, to
15 an area that really can use it. We're sort of the
16 park in the area. So that's been an ongoing
17 passion of mine, and I will continue to do that.

18 In addition, I've been a pers--a member of the
19 Personnel Review Board of the New York Health and
20 Hospitals Corporation, which, as I'm sure you're
21 aware of, it's, essentially serves the same role,
22 vis-à-vis the New York City's Municipal Healthcare
23 Workers, as does the Civil Service Commission, for
24 the, you know, for the greater civil service. And
25 again, I feel very good about this last three

2 years. We have, I think, done a good job, the
3 three of us, there's three members, in
4 establishing procedures that I think are user
5 friendly. I think people who come to us as
6 appellants are understanding the process, I think
7 they, they understand that we are there to serve
8 them, and that the process has integrity,
9 regardless of whether or not it goes their way.
10 And so I am very honored and hope to take, sort of
11 expand this kind of service, as a member of the
12 Civil Service Commission. So I thank you for
13 considering me. Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you, Ms.
15 Chavitz. I wanted to just point out how one
16 particular service, civil service workers who have
17 been very vocal about the detriment of losing many
18 positions in the City of New York, is the area of
19 social services. And those are the most critical
20 civil service personnel whom, perhaps doing God's
21 work are on the first of the chopping block to be
22 considered. And those are the positions that once
23 lost I believe never return, or most difficult to
24 reinstate.

25 NANCY CHAVITZ: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: And so I hope
3 that, moving forward, your position as a member of
4 the Commission, will be sensitive to those issues,
5 and how that in turn will cost the City much more
6 when we start noticing how families are struggling
7 with this, these economic times, where social
8 services at its highest of demands, that we can
9 certainly try our best to go further than just
10 protecting, and reevaluating where the City is
11 going, in the area of social service practices.

12 NANCY CHAVITZ: Yes, I agree with
13 you.

14 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you very
15 much. Are there any questions, comments? Thank
16 you very much. We have been joined by Council
17 Member David Weprin, our Chair of Finance, and I
18 apologize to the candidates for moving back and
19 forth, as you can see, between hearings. The last
20 and most notable, only due to the many phone calls
21 in support of Dr. Cohen, welcome. [laughs] Your
22 name has been floated, your ears have been
23 ringing. Without further ado, I'd like to move
24 forward to the Board of Corrections. The New York
25 City Department of Correction provides for the

2 care, custody and control of persons accused or
3 convicted of crimes, and sentenced to one year or
4 less of jail time. The Department manages 15
5 inmate facilities, ten of which hare on Riker's
6 Island, handles more than 100,000 admissions each
7 year, and manages an average daily inmate
8 population of approximately 14,000 individuals.

9 The New York City Board of Correction oversees the
10 Department's operations and evaluates agency
11 performance. By law, the Board or its members
12 shall have the power and duty to inspect and visit
13 all institutions and facilities under the
14 jurisdiction of the Department at any time;
15 evaluate the Department's performance, establish
16 minimum standards for the care, custody,
17 correction, treatment, supervision and discipline
18 of all persons held or confined under the
19 jurisdiction of the Department; and to establish
20 procedures for the hearing of grievances and
21 complaints. The Board is composed of nine
22 members: three members are appointed by the
23 Mayor, thereby the Council and three by the Mayor
24 on the nomination jointly by the presiding
25 justices of the appellate division of the Supreme

2 Court for the first and second judicial
3 departments. Members are appointed to a term of
4 six years, and vacancies are filled for the
5 remainder of an unexpired term. The Mayor
6 designates the Chair of the Board and among its
7 members. Although the Board members receive no
8 compensation, they may, however, be reimbursed for
9 expenses incurred in the performance of their
10 duties. Welcome Dr. Cohen.

11 ROBERT COHEN: Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Will you please
13 raise your right hand and be sworn in?

14 COUNSEL: Do you solemnly affirm to
15 tell the truth?

16 ROBERT COHEN: I do.

17 COUNSEL: Yes.

18 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: And if you can
19 just share your statement with this Committee.

20 ROBERT COHEN: Just, just briefly,
21 thank you so much, City Councilwoman for, for your
22 kind introduction to me. I'm very honored to be
23 considered to become the City Council's
24 representative on the Board of Correction. I was
25 born in The Bronx, I attended public schools in

2 Queens, I've worked on Riker's Island in the '80s,
3 as the director of the Montefiore-Riker's Island
4 Health Services for five years. I was there every
5 day, and at which point, which, during which
6 period, I worked closely with the Board of
7 Correction in the development of the, of initially
8 of the mental health standards and lots of other
9 activities. I subsequently worked for the New
10 York City Health and Hospitals Corporation as the
11 vice president for medical operations. And miss
12 the work, working with the City, as closely as I
13 did for those seven years, I'm very excited to be
14 able to, to return. I have national experience in
15 helping Departments of Correction deal with issues
16 of medical and mental health services, and I hope
17 that my, that my experience will be helpful to
18 the, to the board in this very, very critical
19 function that, that the City is, has, has given to
20 it. Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: I appreciate
22 that. I know that I had Council Member Erik
23 Martin Dilan who needed to excuse himself and
24 vote, so if you can do that right now-- - - as
25 well.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Thank you,
3 Madam Chair, I vote aye on all items on today's
4 agenda.

5 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Fantastic,
6 thank you very much.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Thank you,
8 and congratulations.

9 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Council Member
10 Lewis Fidler.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Thank you,
12 and I also need to be excused and would like to
13 vote aye on all.

14 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you very
15 much.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: And Council
18 Member Melinda Katz.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KATZ: I apologize,
20 we have Land Use Committee next door, I vote aye.

21 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you. I
22 just wanted to, for housekeeping purposes, first I
23 will revert back to Ms. Chavitz. I forgot to just
24 mention, for the record, is it your intention to
25 resign as an administrative law judge upon

2 appointment to the Commission?

3 NANCY CHAVITZ: Yes, it is.

4 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you. And
5 is it your intention to resign as a member of the
6 Health and Hospitals Corporation's Personnel
7 Review Board upon appointment to the Commission?

8 NANCY CHAVITZ: Yes, it is.

9 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you very
10 much. And to Doctor Cohen, for the record, is it
11 your intention to resign as a board member with
12 the Fortune Society, upon appointment to the Board
13 of Correction?

14 ROBERT COHEN: Yes, it is.

15 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you very
16 much. And are there any questions or comments
17 from our colleagues? Council Member Garodnick.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank
19 you very much, Madam Chair. I just wanted to
20 congratulate all three of the appointees, which
21 are clearly of very high caliber and, and I'm very
22 impressed in that Dr. Cohen, I was looking at
23 your, your accomplishment, specifically in the
24 field of health for prisoners, 'cause I, I didn't
25 really have a particular familiarity with

2 background, and I was looking here and realizing
3 that it is rather extensive and extremely
4 impressive from an endless number of lists, number
5 of situations where you were appointed to monitor
6 healthcare in prisons and jails, to presentation
7 on the subjects of immigration, healthcare for
8 immigration detainees and medical consequences of
9 mass incarceration; and then dozens of
10 publications here about health and public health
11 advocacy for prisoners and other things. So I
12 think that your voice is certainly welcome and
13 needed, and to all of the appointees whose
14 background I had a little more familiarity with, I
15 say congratulations to them as well. And thank
16 you, Madam Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you so
18 much, Council Member Garodnick. Council Member
19 Gale Brewer.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I just came
21 to congratulate Nancy Chavitz because not only I'm
22 sure she'll be a good member of the Commission,
23 but what always is impressive to me when somebody
24 can hang in, in a nonprofit board through hell and
25 high water, and figure out day-in and day-out how

2 to make the Broadway malls work. They employ
3 young people from the neighborhood, Brandeis High
4 School in particular; they also work with
5 mentally, people who have mental challenges become
6 horticulturalists; and they also of course provide
7 opportunities for people to sit and enjoy the
8 traffic on Broadway. [laughter] So, I want to
9 thank her very much for her many, many years of
10 work. I know it will continue, it's not a
11 conflict, and we cherish her work in the Broadway
12 malls arena, but also I'm sure she'll be a great
13 Commission member. Thank you, Madam Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you so
15 much, Council Member Brewer. We have been joined
16 by Council Member Maria del Carmen Arroyo, and I
17 wanted to just comment that we have been joined by
18 the Board of Director's Deputy Executive Director,
19 Kathy Potler. Kathy, are you here? Fantastic.
20 Thank you for being here. I know that we have a
21 public statement on behalf of Michael Mushlin, who
22 would like to, in favor, speak concerning Dr.
23 Robert Cohen's appointment. If you can just step
24 right up.

25 MICHAEL MUSHLIN: Thank you very

2 much.

3 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: And speak into
4 the mic.

5 FEMALE VOICE: Here, why don't I
6 move aside here.

7 MICHAEL MUSHLIN: Thank you very
8 much for allowing me to testify. I'm a professor
9 of law at Pace Law School. And I've been involved
10 with, with issues involving prison law for over 30
11 years. I was the chair of the Committee on
12 Corrections of the New York City Bar Association.
13 I currently serve on the American Bar
14 Association's Taskforce on Minimum Standards for
15 Prisoners, and I'm the author, if you want to buy
16 a copy, of a three volume book [laughter] on, on
17 the rights of prisoners. I, I also convened two
18 national conferences on prison reform, one at Pace
19 Law School, called "Prison Reform Revisited," and
20 the other in conjunction with a colleague of mine
21 at the University of Texas, on, entitled "Opening
22 Closed Doors," which was about prison oversight.
23 That conference was attended by 20 percent of the
24 people who run America's prisons, for, and also
25 prison reformers, people from abroad, from the

1
2 United Kingdom, from all over the, the world; and
3 in addition, a number of academics. And the focus
4 of that conference was prison oversight. And the
5 reason I mention it, is that I wanted to tell the
6 Council that at that conference, at the LBJ
7 school, the, the New York City Board of
8 Corrections was held up as a model to the country
9 of effective, of what could happen with effective
10 prison oversight. This country has now two
11 million people that are incarcerated, and almost
12 no oversight. However, the City of New York has
13 in place a system of effective oversight that we
14 pointed to as a model. Unfortunately, in the last
15 few years, the City Board of Corrections, I think,
16 has gone a little bit astray, and has not acted in
17 the way that is commensurate with its role of
18 providing effective oversight and opening these
19 closed doors. So I'm really just delighted that
20 this Council is considering the appointment of Dr.
21 Cohen. There is no one in this country who is as
22 knowledgeable, who is as compassionate, who's been
23 more involved in the cause of medical care for
24 this country's prisoners than has Dr. Cohen. He's
25 been recognized nationally and internationally, he

2 has the ability to reach across to people who have
3 various points of view, and to reconcile them in a
4 way to find common ground that advances the cause
5 of prisoners' rights, which advances the cause of
6 us all. So I am, I wanted to come here today to
7 express my appreciation to you for considering the
8 appointment of a person of this caliber. And I
9 think it's important, not just for the, for the
10 citizens of New York, which I care about the most,
11 but it also is important to this country--

12 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you.

13 MICHAEL MUSHLIN: This--So thank
14 you very much.

15 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you,
16 Professor Mushlin. I want to just comment to all
17 three individuals, thank you for your service, to
18 the City of New York and it's imperative that we
19 continue to hold ourselves to higher ground, what
20 you're contributing to the City of New York will
21 be an investment for decades to come. Dr. Cohen,
22 again, you know, your service as a medical doctor
23 on the Commission will be renowned throughout the
24 nation as has been already mentioned by the
25 professor. And we are lucky to know that you want

2 to serve. You're a unique individual and very
3 humble. So with that, I'd like to call the vote.

4 [background noise]

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
6 Committee Clerk, roll call on the Committee on
7 Rules, Privileges and Elections. Council Member
8 Reyna.

9 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: I vote aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Katz.

11 MALE VOICE: She voted.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Oh, - - ?

13 Weprin.

14 COUNSEL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.

16 COUNSEL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye on
17 all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

19 COUNSEL MEMBER DICKENS:

20 Congratulations to all of the appointees, but I
21 want to give a special thank you to Ms. Nancy
22 Chavitz for the work that she has done. I'm very
23 familiar with Broadway Malls, and your work is cut
24 out because you will be the only woman serving on
25 the Commission. So, you've got a lot of work

2 ahead of you. [laughter] And, and Dr. Cohen,
3 thank you, because of the work that you've done
4 for healthcare for those of, of our population
5 that are incarcerated, thank you so much. And
6 your service, your continuing service in this
7 role, will I think help us as we formulate rules
8 and oversight for, for the continuation of, of a
9 good health reform for our prisoners. Thank you.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye on
12 all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
14 Garodnick.

15 COUNSEL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank
16 you, I vote aye with congratulations.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.

18 COUNSEL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye, aye on
19 all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of nine
21 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and no
22 abstentions, items are adopted. Council Members
23 please sign the Committee report, and the roll
24 will be held open at request of the chair.

25 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Okay. Let me--

2 This vote will remain open. We're expecting other
3 members who are on their way. I'd like to thank,
4 again, the Mayor's office, Andrea, who has been
5 diligent in providing us with the résumés of these
6 three individuals. We have been joined by Speaker
7 Quinn.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

9 SPEAKER QUINN: Well, first, for
10 the record, I haven't been here since the flying
11 buttresses or whatever were put into the room, but
12 having the room not fallen down on any of our
13 potential appointees, I vote aye on all. Thank
14 you.

15 [background noise, laughter]

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Roll call on
17 Rules. Council Member Oddo.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

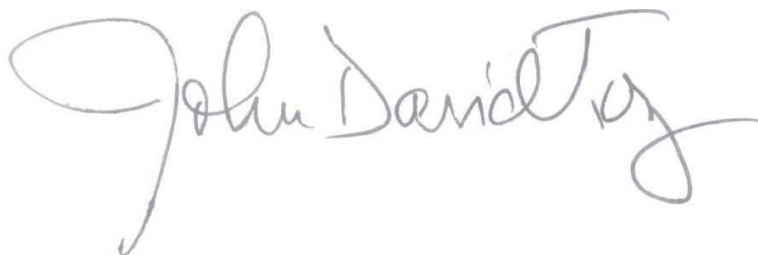
19 [pause]

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: The Committee on
21 rules is now [pause] Final vote on the Committee
22 on Rules is now eleven in the affirmative, zero in
23 the negative, and no abstentions. [pause]

24 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Committee on
25 Rules is adjourned. Thank you. [gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, JOHN DAVID TONG certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John David Tong". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the printed word "Signature".

Signature

Date April 28, 2009