

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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November 25, 2019

Start: 10:23 AM

Recess: 10:41 AM

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Room  
16<sup>th</sup> Fl.

B E F O R E: ROBERT E. CORNEGY, JR.  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Fernando Cabrera  
Margaret S. Chin  
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.  
Mark Gjonaj  
Barry Grodenchik  
Farah N. Louis  
Bill Perkins  
Carlina Rivera  
Helen K. Rosenthal  
Ritchie J. Torres

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

2 (sound check) (pause) (gavel)

3 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Good morning,  
4 everyone and thank you for coming. I'm Council Member  
5 Robert Cornegy, Chair of the Council's Committee on  
6 Housing and Buildings. We're here to hold a vote on  
7 Proposed Intro No. 1661-A, a bill related to  
8 construction safety. Local Law 196 of 2017 requires  
9 certain workers and supervisors on construction sites  
10 to receive site safety training. However, there are  
11 ongoing-sorry-ongoing concerns that a diverse  
12 workforce is not adequately informed of the site  
13 safety training requirements. Proposed Intro No.  
14 1661-A, which I have sponsored, would require permit  
15 holders to make information about site safety  
16 training requirements available to each worker during  
17 the safety orientations and periodic site safety  
18 refreshers. This information would need to be  
19 available in each of the designs, citywide languages  
20 and any other languages required by the Department of  
21 Buildings. This bill would also amend the effective  
22 date of Intro No. 720-C, a bill clarifying the  
23 requirement for site safety training providers and  
24 persons required to obtain site safety training. To  
25 ensure that clarified requirements are retroactive to

2 the effective date of Local Law 196 of 2017. I'm  
3 joined today by Council Members Grodenchik and  
4 Council Member Ferrera, I mean Rivera, Council Member  
5 Cabrera, Council Member Louis, Council Member  
6 Rosenthal and Council Member Torres. I will now ask  
7 Committee Clerk Billy Martin to call the roll.

8 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,  
9 roll call vote Committee on Housing and Buildings,  
10 Introduction 1661-A, Chair Cornegy.

11 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: I vote aye.

12 CLERK: Cabrera.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

14 CLERK: Rosenthal.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

16 CLERK: Torres.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye.

18 CLERK: Grodenchik.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

20 CLERK: Rivera.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

22 CLERK: Louis.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

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2 CLERK: By a vote of 7 in the  
3 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,  
4 the item has been adopted by the committee.

5 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: We'll be holding  
6 the roll open for the next 10 minutes waiting for  
7 Council Member Chin. [background comments/laughter]

8 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Don't play around,  
9 Bro. [laughter]

10 CLERK: Continuation roll call Committee  
11 on Housing and Buildings, Council Member Espinal.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote aye

13 CLERK: The vote is now currently at 8 in  
14 the affirmative. [background comments/pause]  
15 Continue—continuation roll call, Committee on Housing  
16 and Buildings. Council Member Chin.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye.

18 CLERK: the final vote in Committee on  
19 Housing and Buildings, Introduction 1661-A has been  
20 adopted by the committee 9 in the affirmative, 0 in  
21 the negative and no abstentions.

22 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Committee on  
23 Housing and Buildings is concluded. [gavel]

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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 December 17, 2019