

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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February 24, 2009

Start: 10:30am

Recess: 10:35am

HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

B E F O R E:  
MELINDA R. KATZ  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Maria del Carmen Arroyo  
Tony Avella  
Maria Baez  
Charles Barron  
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.  
Inez E. Dickens  
Simcha Felder  
Daniel R. Garodnick  
Eric N. Gioia  
Vincent Ignizio  
Robert Jackson  
Jessica S. Lappin  
John C. Liu

## A P P E A R A N C E S

## COUNCIL MEMBERS:

James S. Oddo  
Annabel Palma  
Larry Seabrook  
Helen Sears  
Albert Vann

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Good morning, everyone. We have a very short agenda today and yes, you guessed it that is because we need to come back on Thursday. Just so you know, on Thursday we have Zoning at 9:30, Landmarks at 9:45 and Land Use at 10:00. Zoning at 9:30, Landmarks at 9:45 and 10:00 is Land Use. Just so you know, for technical reasons we need to close this meeting and open a new meeting for Thursday. So if there is anybody you know that was going to vote maybe on Thursday knowing the meeting was going to be extended, you might want to give them a text message. But that will be a new meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Good morning, Madam Chair. I just wanted to make a note that we did not start on Colored People time, they all were here today on time. WE were here, present, for the record, to dispel the myth. All of the Black members were here on time and we were waiting for others to come. [Laughter]

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: And we appreciate that. By the way, we will expect that every time now. Now you set the bar.

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Just for

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2 the record, because Council Member Seabrook was  
3 staring at me, I was here a quarter to 10:00.

4 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Okay.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Simcha not  
6 included. We nominated him as a cousin now.

7 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Since this can  
8 only go from bad to worse, I'm going to call the  
9 agenda. Thank you. LU 851, these are all tax  
10 exemptions for previously approved projects to  
11 assure the continued affordability of the  
12 projects. LU 851 is 295 Jefferson. It is in  
13 Diana Reyna's district. LU 987 is 101 through 105  
14 South 8th, it is in Council Member Reyna's  
15 district also. LU 988, 176 South 8th is also in  
16 Council Member Reyna's district. LU 989 is New  
17 Chance, it is in Council Member Yassky's district.  
18 And LU 997 also in Council Member Reyna's district  
19 is Union Court. Those were all tax exemptions for  
20 previously approved projects to keep them all  
21 affordable.

22 There are two motions to file, one  
23 is LU 995 and LU 9--sorry, one motion to file  
24 pursuant to a withdrawal, LU 995 in Council Member  
25 Crowley's district.

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2 To move is LU 996 in Council Member  
3 Gennaro's district. For Council Member Gennaro's  
4 district have we received the letter that we're  
5 going to get. Council Member Gennaro's district,  
6 LU 996, PS/IS 277 in Queens.

7 UDAPs, LU 983 which is in Council  
8 Member Ignizio's district and 985 in Council  
9 Member Stewart's district. Any discussion? Call  
10 the roll please.

11 CLERK: William Martin Committee  
12 Clerk, roll call Committee on Land Use. Council  
13 Member Katz.

14 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Aye on all.

15 CLERK: Avella.

16 [No response]

17 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Can you call  
18 Council Member Palma?

19 CLERK: Palma.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

21 CLERK: Avella.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Aye.

23 CLERK: Baez.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BAEZ: Aye.

25 CLERK: Barron.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

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CLERK: Comrie.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

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CLERK: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on

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CLERK: Lui.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LUI: Yes.

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CLERK: Seabrook.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on

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CLERK: Sears.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Aye.

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CLERK: Vann.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

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CLERK: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

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CLERK: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARDONICK: Aye.

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CLERK: Lappin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

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CLERK: Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

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CLERK: Oddo.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: I vote aye  
3 and because I'm Sicilian I'm always a little bit  
4 late.

5 CLERK: Felder.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Aye.

7 CLERK: By a vote of 17 in the  
8 affirmative, zero in the negative and no  
9 abstentions all items have been adopted. Members  
10 sign all committee reports. Thank you.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Chairperson,  
12 point of information, you indicated that we would  
13 adjourn.

14 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Let's get some  
15 order in the room Council Member.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: You indicated  
17 that we would adjourn and then reopen.

18 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Yes, sir.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: I'm here for  
20 the adjournment and I'm here for the re-opening.  
21 What happens if I'm not here Thursday?

22 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: It's a new  
23 meeting so you would be absent for that meeting.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: It's a new  
25 meeting but I'm here when we started that meeting.

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2 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: NO, it's a new  
3 meeting. We're closing this meeting today so  
4 we're re-opening another meeting on Thursday.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Oh, I thought  
6 you said we were re-opening today.

7 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: No, no. We have  
8 to close this meeting because, I don't even know.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: I got it.

10 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: WE need to close  
11 this meeting today for some technical issues.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Okay, got it.

13 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Okay. Did  
14 Council Member Vann vote? Thank you. I'm going  
15 to adjourn the meeting and leave the roll open for  
16 15 minutes. Thank you.

17 CLERK: Council Member Gioia.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GIOIA: Thank you.  
19 I vote yes.

20 CLERK: Vote on the Committee on  
21 Land Use now stands at 18 in the affirmative, zero  
22 in the negative and no abstentions. Council  
23 Member Arroyo.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

25 CLERK: Final vote on the Committee



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on Land Use now stands at 19 in the affirmative,

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zero in the negative and no abstentions.

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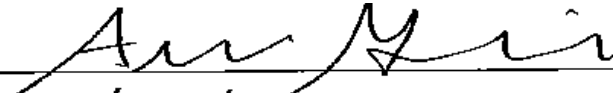
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Amber Gibson, 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.

Signature

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amber Gibson", written over a horizontal line.

Date March 6, 2009