

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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May 31, 2012  
Start: 10:30 a.m.  
Recess: 10:37 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

B E F O R E:  
ERIC MARTIN DILAN  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Gale Brewer  
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.  
Elizabeth Crowley  
Lewis A. Fidler  
James F. Gennaro  
Robert Jackson  
Letitia James  
Brad S. Lander  
Melissa Mark-Viverito  
Rosie Mendez  
Joel Rivera  
Jumaane D. Williams  
Eric A. Ulrich  
James S. Oddo

CHAIRPERSON DILAN: Good morning.

My name is Erik Dilan, and I am the chairperson.

I'd like to ask the Committee to come to order,

please. If the Committee could come to order... My

name is Erik Dilan. I'm the chairperson of the

City Council's Committee on Housing and Buildings

and before the Committee today for its

consideration is proposed Reso 1329-A, which is a

resolution in relation to the Rent Guidelines

Board. The proposed reso calls upon the New York

State Legislature to pass and the governor to sign

Senate Bill S. 741-B and its Assembly companion

bill A. 6394-B in relation to the Rent Guidelines

Board. The State bill supported by this

resolution would give the City Council power of

advice and consent over appointments to the Rent

Guidelines Board and currently only the mayor

appoints members to the Rent Guidelines Board;

therefore, giving the board no balance. The bill

would also expand the criteria for serving on the

board from finance, economics or housing to also

include experience in public service,

philanthropy, social service, urban planning and

social sciences. We've also been joined by the

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2 sponsor of the resolution, Council Member Steve  
3 Levin. If Council Member Levin would like to make  
4 a brief statement, he can do so at this time.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I just want  
6 to thank you, Mr. Chairman, thank Council Member  
7 Letitia James, co-sponsor, and Speaker Quinn and  
8 her staff for moving this very important  
9 resolution quickly. This is a strong statement on  
10 the part of this Council that the Rent Guidelines  
11 Board needs to have balance and needs to take into  
12 account the needs of tenants throughout New York  
13 City. So I want to thank you very much for the  
14 opportunity, Mr. Chairman.

15 CHAIRPERSON DILAN: Thank you,  
16 Council Member Levin. Council Member James? No  
17 statement? If not, I'd like to ask my colleagues  
18 to vote in favor of the resolution and would like  
19 to ask the clerk to call the roll.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kevin Pin,  
21 Committee Clerk. Roll call in the Committee on  
22 Housing and Buildings Reso 1329-A. Council Member  
23 Dilan?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I vote aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie?

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: James?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Hopefully

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this is a step in the direction of repealing - - .

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I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: I

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vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I agree

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with my colleague, repeal of - - would be best.

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Until then laws like this would help a lot. I

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vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of nine

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abstentions, the item has been adopted. Members,

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please sign the Committee Report.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: No.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote stands  
at ten in the affirmative, one in the negative and  
no abstentions.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote stands  
at 11 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative and no  
abstentions.

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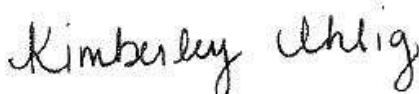
COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote in the  
Committee on Housing and Buildings, 11 in the  
affirmative, 1 in the negative and no abstentions.

[gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kimberley Uhlig 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 \_\_\_\_\_



Date \_\_\_\_\_

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