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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

CITY COUNCIL
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February 16, 2023
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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Justin L. Brannan, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Charles Barron
- Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
- David M. Carr
- Amanda Farias
- Kamillah Hanks
- Crystal Hudson
- Ari Kagan
- Farah N. Louis
- Francisco P. Moya
- Chi A. Osse
- Keith Powers
- Pierina Ana Sanchez
- Marjorie Velazquez
- Julie Won

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a test for the
3 Committee on Finance. This is a prerecorded test.
4 Today's date is February 16, 2023. Recorded by
5 Michael Leonardo.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
7 welcome to today's Finance Committee hearing.

8 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
9 welcome to the New York City hybrid hearing on the
10 Committee on Finance. Today's date is February 16,
11 2023.

12 At this time, please silence all
13 electronic devices to vibrate.

14 Chair, we are ready to begin.

15 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Thank you. [GAVEL]
16 Okay, good morning. Welcome to today's Finance
17 Committee meeting. I'm Council Member Justin Brannan.
18 I have the privilege of Chairing the Council's
19 Committee on Finance.

20 We have been joined today by Council
21 Members Louis, Won, Barron, Brooks-Powers, Carr,
22 Powers, Sanchez, Osse, Hudson, Farias, Kagan, and
23 Hanks, and Council Member Moya on Zoom.

24 The Transparency Resolution today, we'll
25 be voting on, I think that's all we have today. This

2 Transparency Resolution sets forth a new designation
3 and changes in the designation of certain
4 organizations receiving local youth, aging, and
5 borough-wide discretionary funding and funding
6 pursuant to certain initiatives in the budget.

7 As with all Transparency Resolutions,
8 Council Members will have to sign a disclosure form
9 indicating whether or not a conflict exists with any
10 of the groups on the attached list. If any Council
11 Member has a potential conflict of interest with any
12 of the organizations listed, he or she has the
13 opportunity to disclose the conflict at the time of
14 their vote.

15 As a reminder, please disclose any
16 conflicts you have with the proposed subcontractors
17 used by organizations sponsored by this discretionary
18 funding. These disclosures must be made before the
19 subcontractor can be approved the funds.

20 Disclosure forms must be completed and
21 submitted prior to the vote on the Transparency
22 Resolution, and today may be emailed to Everton Smith
23 who is also present today in Chambers to answer your
24 questions.

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2 Are there any comments or questions from
3 my Colleagues on these items?

4 Okay. Seeing none, I'm going to ask Billy
5 Martin, Committee Clerk, to call the roll.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank you
7 and good morning. Preconsidered Resolution. Chair
8 Brannan.

9 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: I vote aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.
11 Moya.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
14 you. Powers.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brooks-
19 Powers.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Barron.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

24 Farias.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: I vote aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanks.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hudson.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Osse.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: I vote aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

11 Velazquez. Won.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Carr.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I'd like to disclose

15 on the record that my spouse is a student at CUNY and

16 we are funding CUNY in this Transparency Resolution.

17 With that, I vote no.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Council

19 Member Hudson.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Sorry about that.

21 I need to disclose on the record that my partner

22 works for Planned Parenthood which is in the

23 Transparency Resolution.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

25 you. Kagan.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: I need to disclose
3 that my daughter is a student at CUNY College, and I
4 vote no.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote
6 of 12 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative, and no
7 abstentions, item has been adopted by the Committee.

8 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: (INAUDIBLE) let me
9 just see where these guys are. Everyone else can go,
10 right?

11 Okay, thanks, guys.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
13 Continuation roll call. Committee on Finance,
14 Preconsidered Resolution. Council Member Velazquez.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: I vote aye on
16 all, and I'd like to disclose my husband is a Deputy
17 Commissioner at DEP and my brother is a board member
18 of Samaritans of New York. Aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Final
20 vote on Resolution is now 13 in the affirmative, 2 in
21 the negative, and no abstentions. Council Member
22 Velazquez.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Aye on all.

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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 February 20, 2023