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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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February 26, 2020

Start: 10:20 AM

Recess: 10:58 AM

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

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Fernando Cabrera  
Margaret S. Chin  
Mark Gjonaj  
Barry S. 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 (Microphone Check) (pause) (gavel)

3 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Good morning,  
4 everyone, and thank you for coming. I'm Council  
5 Member Robert Cornegy, Chair of the Council's  
6 Committee on Housing and Buildings. We're here to  
7 hold a vote on Proposed Intro 1816-A, which would  
8 adopt the latest version of the New York City Energy  
9 Conservation Code, NYC ECC. Proposed Intro No. 1816-A  
10 of which I'm a sponsor brings the NYCECC in line with  
11 the 2020 Energy Conservation Code of New York State.  
12 The ECCNY is based on the 2018 addition of the  
13 International Energy Conservation Code. Proposed  
14 Intro 1816-A also brings the New York City ECC in  
15 line with the 2020 New York Stretch Energy Code as  
16 required by Local Law 43 of 2018. The New York State  
17 Energy Law requires that New York City ECC be more  
18 stringent than the ECC New York. The New York City  
19 ECC must also take in effect on the same day as the  
20 ECC NY. The development of the 2020 ECC was a long  
21 and comprehensive process involving the input of two  
22 hand selected committees, a residential committee and  
23 a commercial committee consisting of knowledgeable  
24 design professionals and environmental advocates.  
25 Feedback provided by these communities as

2 incorporated into the bill before you today. Due to  
3 the length of Proposed 1816-A, which is over 180  
4 pages and the Council's commitment to helping the  
5 environment, I'm excited to announce that today we  
6 are piloting the second paperless housing and  
7 buildings vote of this session, and the first of  
8 2020. In lieu of receiving a hard copy each committee  
9 member in attendance has received an iPad with the  
10 committee report. The committee report is also  
11 available on Legislar-Legistar. I'm joined today by  
12 Council Member Perkins, Cabrera, Ritchie Torres,  
13 Barry Grodenchik, Margaret Chin, and Farah Louis. I'm  
14 sorry. I always say Louis. I always want to be  
15 friends with Farah Louis. (laughter) We'll ask the  
16 Committee Clerk to call the roll.

17 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,  
18 roll call vote Committee on Housing and Buildings,  
19 Introduction 1816-A. Chair Cornegy.

20 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: I proudly vote aye.

21 CLERK: Cabrera.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye

23 CLERK: Chin.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

25 CLERK: Torres.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye.

3 CLERK: Grodenchik.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Yes, yes.

5 CLERK: Perkins.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Yes.

7 CLERK: Louis.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

9 CLERK: By a vote of 7 in the  
10 affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions,  
11 the item has been adopted by the committee.

12 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Thank you. We're  
13 going to hold the roll open for 15 minutes. (pause)  
14 We have been joined by Council Member Carlina Rivera.  
15 (laughter) (applause) (pause)

16 CLERK: Continuation roll call,  
17 Introduction 1816-A, Council Member Rivera.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

19 CLERK: The vote is now at 8 in the  
20 affirmative. (pause) Continuation roll call,  
21 Committee on Housing and Buildings, Introduction  
22 1816-A, Council Member Gjonaj.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Yes, aye.

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2 CLERK: The final vote on this item is  
3 now 9 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no  
4 abstentions, Council Member Torres.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: (pause) This  
6 meeting is adjourned. (gavel)

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Date March 27, 2020