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COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY

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B E F O R E: ROBERT F. HOLDEN, CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS: COSTA G. CONSTANTINIDES
PETER A. KOO
BRAD S. LANDER
ERIC A. ULRICH
PAUL A. VALLONE
KALMAN YEGER
KAREN KOSLOWITZ

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

2 CLERK: Sargant doing recordings, please
3 start your recordings at this time.

4 SARGEANT POLITE: The EC recording has
5 started.

6 CLERK: Thank you.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SARGEANT: All recording
8 good.

9 CLERK: Thank you Sargeant Polite.

10 SARGEANT POLITE: Good morning. Welcome
11 to the Committee on Technology. Would Council
12 Members and staff please turn on the videos at this
13 time. Please place all cellphones and electronics on
14 vibrate. We are ready to begin.

15 CHAIRPERSON ROBERT HOLDEN: Good morning
16 everyone and thank you for joining us. I am Council
17 Member Robert Holden, Chair of the Committee on
18 Technology. We are here to hold a vote on a Bill
19 related to encrypting website exchanges or transfer.
20 In 2020, New York City must continue to be a leader
21 in how cities operate and securing or City's websites
22 is no exception. It is incredibly vital that we take
23 the necessary steps to make sure that our City's
24 websites are protected through encryption as a
25 baseline standard securing online content through

2 encryption helps ensure that the data traveling
3 through our City's online infrastructure is protected
4 from bad actors looking to steal our information. As
5 many as New York City Agency maintain websites
6 through the handle information like credit card
7 payments, licensing and permitting and other
8 sensitive items securing these websites and exchanges
9 with encryption is essential. To help protect New
10 York City residents crucial to ensure trust with
11 entities that do business with the City. The
12 proposed Intro 1154A sponsor by Council Member
13 Koslowitz would amend the administrative code of the
14 City of New York in relation to websites maintained
15 by or on behalf of the City. This Bill would require
16 the encryption of exchanges or transfers of web
17 content from websites maintained by or on behalf of
18 the City of New York. I am joined by Council Members
19 Peter Koo, Paul Vallone and Council Member Brad
20 Lander. Do we have anybody to testify? Is anyone on
21 to sign up for testimony?

22 KAREN KOSLOWITZ: We do not council
23 member.

24 CHAIRPERSON ROBERT HOLDEN: Okay, so uhm
25 I will now ask the Clerk to call the role.

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3 CLERK: Good morning this is the
4 Committee on Technology vote on Intro 1154A. There
5 are five members of the Committee present starting
6 with Chair Holden.

7 CHAIRPERSON ROBERT HOLDEN: Aye.

8 CLERK: Council Member Koo?

9 PETER KOO: Aye.

10 CLERK: Council Member Lander? We will
11 come back to Council Member Lander.

12 BRAD LANDER: I vote aye, sorry, I am
13 here.

14 CLERK: Thank you Councilman. Council
15 Member Vallone?

16 PAUL VALLONE: I vote aye.

17 CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

18 KALMAN YEGER: Aye.

19 CLERK: Chair Holden at the moment, we
20 have 5 votes in the affirmative, 0 in the negative,
21 and 0 abstentions, the item has been adopted.

22 CHAIRPERSON ROBERT HOLDEN: Thank you so
23 much. This hearing is now closed.

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Date August 7, 2020