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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON RULES,
PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

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B E F O R E: KAREN KOSLOWITZ, CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS: ADRIENNE E. ADAMS
MARGARET S. CHIN
COREY D. JOHNSON
STEVEN MATTEO
DEBORAH L. ROSE
MARK TREYGER

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

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2 JOHANNA CASTRO: We're live.

3 SGT. MARTINEZ: Okay Sargeant begin your
4 recordings. Uhm, the PC recording is underway.

5 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: You let me
6 know when I can start.

7 SGT. MARTINEZ: We will.

8 SGT. PEREZ: Backup is rolling.

9 SGT. MARTINEZ: Ms. Jones are we good
10 with the cloud?

11 SGT. JONES: The cloud is good.

12 SGT. MARTINEZ: Alright Mr. Polite if
13 you would take this away. Thank you very much.

14 SGT. POLITE: You are welcome. Good
15 morning and welcome to the remote hearing on Rules,
16 Privileges and Elections. Will Council Members and
17 staff please turn on their video at this time. Thank
18 you. To minimize disruptions, please place all
19 cellphones and electronics to vibrate. Chair, we
20 are ready to begin.

21 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Thank you.

22 Good morning and welcome to the Committee on Rules,

23 Privileges and Elections. My name is Karen Koslowitz

24 and I am Chair of the Committee. Before we begin

25 this hearing, I would like to introduce the Council

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2 Members of this Committee who have joined us today.

3 Minority Leader Steven Matteo, Council Member

4 Adrienne Adams, Council Member Margaret Chin, Council

5 Member Debbie Rose and Council Member Mark Treyger

6 and the speaker will be joining us also. I would

7 also like to acknowledge Rules Committee Council

8 Lance Kalevi and the staff members of the Counsel's

9 Investigative Unit, Chuck Davis, Chief Compliance

10 Officer and Investigators Andre Johnson-Brown, Alicia

11 Vassel and Ramsis Butin. Today, the Rules Committee

12 will consider certain changes to the membership and

13 chairmanships of the Standing Committees and

14 Subcommittees of the Council. Pursuant to Rule 10.20

15 of the Rules of the City Council, the Committee on

16 Rules, Privileges and Elections can recommend an

17 amendment to any rule of the Council with the latter

18 vote of the majority of all Council Members. Today,

19 we are hearing a Pre-considered Resolution that would

20 amend Rule 7.00A by changing the membership and

21 chairs of certain standing committees of the Council

22 and the finance and land use subcommittees. This

23 rule change requires the majority vote of all members

24 of the Committee of Rules, Privileges and Elections.

25 Resolution amending Rule 7.00 of the Rules of the

2 Council in relation to changes in membership and
3 chairmanships of the standing committees and
4 subcommittees of the Council, resolved pursuant to
5 Rule 7.00 A of the Rules of the Council, the Council
6 does CFI consent to the following changes in
7 membership to certain standing committees and the
8 land use subcommittees.

9 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chair Koslowitz.

10 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Yes?

11 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: I think you switched
12 to perhaps the wrong page. You were on page.

13 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Did I?

14 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Three pursuant to
15 Rule 7.00A.

16 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: I don't see
17 that in here. Okay. Pursuant to Rule 7.00A, 7.07A
18 and the majority vote of all Council Members pursuant
19 to Rules 7.00 and 10.20. Do any, I will read the
20 changes, Resolution amending Rule 7.00, the rules of
21 the Council in relation to changes in membership and
22 chairmanships of the standing committees and
23 subcommittees of the Council, resolved pursuant to
24 7.00A of the Rules of the Council, the Council does
25 hereby consent to the following changes in membership

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2 to certain standing committees and the Land Use

3 Subcommittees. Standing Committees, Consumer Affairs

4 and Business Licensing, Diana Ayala is the new chair,

5 Menchaca and Kallos will be joining that Committee.

6 Contracts, Council Member Gjonaj is joining that

7 Committee and Council Member Powers is leaving that

8 Committee. Criminal Justice Council Member Riley and

9 Van Brammer are joining that Committee. Economic

10 Development, Menchaca is leaving that Committee.

11 Education, Council Member Riley is joining Education.

12 Environmental Protection, Council Member Yeger is

13 coming off. Finance, Council Member Gjonaj is coming

14 off. General Welfare, Council Member Holden is

15 coming off and Governmental Operations is adding

16 Council Member Levin. Land Use Council Member Riley

17 is joining Land Use. Mental Health, Disabilities and

18 Addiction Chair is Council Member Louis and Riley

19 will be joining that Committee and coming off will be

20 Council Member Ayala and Council Member Van Bramer.

21 Oversight and Investigations, Council Member Gibson

22 is the new Chair. Parks and Recreation, Council

23 Member Riley will be on that Committee. Public

24 Housing Council Member Riley will join that

25 Committee. Public Safety, Council Member Holden and

2 Council Member Riley will be joining Public Safety
3 and Council Member Vallone will be coming off of
4 that. Rules, Privilege and Election, Powers and
5 Vallone will be joining us. Sanitation and Solid
6 Waste Management, Council Member Riley will be
7 joining that Committee. Women and Gender Equity,
8 Council Member Diaz will chair that Committee.
9 That's, Dorma Diaz and Council Member Rosenthal will
10 come off of that Committee. Youth Services, Council
11 Member Riley will joint that Committee and
12 Subcommittee Changes, Landmarks, Public Siting and
13 Dispositions, the Chair will be Council Member Riley.
14 Boy, he's a busy man. Capital Budget Council Member,
15 Gibson is coming off and Council Member Rosenthal is
16 the Chair. Does anybody have any questions?

17 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: I would just say that
18 for the full and accurate listing of all changes,
19 please see the full text of the Preconsidered
20 Resolution number 1528.

21 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Thank you.
22 No questions? No hands raised. I guess none.

23 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Absolutely, it is no
24 hands raised.

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2 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Okay, uhm,
3 now we will call upon the clerk to take the vote on
4 all items from today's hearing. Mr. Martin.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: William
6 Martin. Yes, thank you. Good morning and Happy New
7 Year everyone. William Martin, Committee Clerk, roll
8 call vote Committee on Rules, Privileges and
9 Elections. Presconsidered Resolution. Chair
10 Koslowitz?

11 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: I vote aye
12 and congratulations to all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Chin?

14 MARGARET CHIN: I vote aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
16 you. Rose?

17 DEBORAH ROSE: I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Treyger?

19 MARK TREYGER: I vote aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Uh-huh.
21 Adams?

22 ADRIENNE ADAMS: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Matteo?

24 STEVEN MATTEO: I vote aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
3 you.

4 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Okay, we
5 are.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote
7 of six in the affirmative, zero in the negative and
8 no abstentions, the item has been adopted by the
9 Committee. Chair Koslowitz?

10 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Okay, thank
11 you and we will now hold this Committee Hearing open.

12 CHARLES DAVIS: The speaker is about to
13 join.

14 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Okay, good.

15 SGT. PEREZ: The speaker is on the floor.

16 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Okay.

17 Council Member, Speaker Corey Johnson.

18 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Uhm, thank you
19 Chair Koslowitz, I vote aye on all.

20 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Okay, with
21 that today's meeting of the Committee on Rules,
22 Privileges and Elections.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: One
24 second, Madam Chair, Madam Chair, one second please.
25 I'm sorry to interrupt.

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2 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Okay.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Uhm,
4 final vote now, Committee on Rules, Preconsidered
5 Resolution is now adopted by the Committee, seven in
6 the affirmative, zero in the negative and no
7 abstentions. Thank you Chair Koslowitz.

8 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Okay, this
9 meeting is now adjourned. Thank you.

10 ADRIENNE ADAMS: Is this the link we will
11 use for Stated?

12 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: No, I
13 think.

14 SARGEANT AT ARMS: You have gotten, you
15 should have gotten a link for stated, I will resend
16 them shortly.

17 ADRIENNE ADAMS: Thank you.

18 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Alright, we're done
19 thank you guys, see you at Stated.

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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.



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