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

2 CLERK: All good. Copy that. Sargeant
3 Polite your opening statement please. Sargeant polite
4 we can't hear you I will take it over for you. Good
5 morning everyone and welcome to today's remote New
6 York City Council Hearing vote on the Committee on
7 Housing and Buildings. At this time would all
8 panelists please turn on their video and to minimize
9 disruption please place all electronic devices on
10 vibrate or silent mode. Chair Cornegy, we are ready
11 to begin. Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON ROBERT CORNEGY: Uhm good
13 morning. Due to technical difficulties we will
14 beginning this hearing without the use of either my
15 desktop or my uhm IPAD so I am actually on my phone
16 which is the first time that I have had to do this so
17 I cannot read my remarks while I am on the phone or
18 video so I am going to ask the indulgence of not only
19 the Committee but the members too. I've been handed a
20 piece of paper hear and I will read from this. Good
21 morning everyone and thank you for coming. I am
22 Council Member Cornegy Chair of the Councils
23 Committee on Housing and Buildings. We are here to a
24 hold a vote on a Bill related to excluding affordable
25 cooperatives from the requirements of the housing

2 portal. Both Intro 1783A sponsored by Council Member
3 Levine would make amendments to Local Law 64 for the
4 year of 2018 by redefining the term Affordable Unit.
5 The term Affordable Unit would be amended to exclude
6 affordable cooperatives incorporated into Article II,
7 IV, V or XI of the New York State Private Housing
8 Finance Law including ACFCs under the Bill. Certain
9 affordable cooperative for sale would be exempt from
10 the reporting and marketing requirements of the
11 housing portal. I am joined today by a Quorum of
12 members of the Housing and Buildings Committee which
13 I can't see but I am sure that our clerk will take
14 the role at the appropriate time.

15 CLERK: Good morning, Mr. Chair are you
16 ready to conduct the vote?

17 CHAIRPERSON ROBERT CORNEGY: Good
18 morning.

19 CLERK: Okay this is the Committee on
20 Housing and Buildings conducting its vote on Intro
21 1783A. The entire Committee is present, we will
22 begin Chair Cornegy.

23 CHAIRPERSON ROBERT CORNEGY: I vote aye.

24 CLERK: Council Member Cabrera?

25 FERNANDO CABRERA: Aye.

2 CLERK: Council Member Chin?

3 MARGARET S. CHIN: Aye.

4 CLERK: Council Member Rosenthal?

5 HELEN ROSENTHAL: Aye.

6 CLERK: Council Member Torres?

7 RITCHIE TORRES: Aye.

8 CLERK: Council Member Grodenchik?

9 BARRY GRODENCHIK: Aye.

10 CLERK: Council Member Perkins?

11 BILL PERKINS: Aye.

12 CLERK: Council Member Gjonaj?

13 MARK GJONAJ: I vote aye.

14 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

15 CARLINA RIVERA: Aye.

16 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

17 FARAH LOUIS: Aye.

18 CLERK: Chair Cornegy by a vote of 10 in

19 the affirmative, 0 negative and 0 abstentions the

20 item is passed.

21 CHAIRPERSON ROBERT CORNEGY: Thank you so

22 much and thank you colleagues for bearing with me

23 through this trying technological time. I am glad

24 that we were able to get the votes and meet or

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1 COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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2 requirement to do the bidding of our City. This
3 hearing is closed.

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Date August 7, 2020