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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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B E F O R E: Mark Treyger
Chairperson

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

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: PC recording all set.

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: Cloud is good.

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: Backup is rolling.

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: And good morning

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everyone and welcome to today's remote New York City

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Council for the Committee on Education. At this time

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would all panelists please turn on their video for

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verification purposes. And to minimize disruptions

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please place all electronic devices to vibrate or

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silent mode. Thank you for your cooperation. Chair

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Treyger, we are ready to begin.

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CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: Good morning. My

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name is Mark Treyger, chair of the Committee on

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Education. Ah, this morning we are here to vote on

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Introduction number 1681-A, which would require the

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chancellor of the Department of Education to work

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with school sustainability coordinators to develop a

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plan for reducing food waste. This plan would be

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submitted to the Department of Sanitation for

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recommendations, as well as the Speaker of the City

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Council. The bill would require DOE to submit an

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annual report with information on DOE's actions to

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implement its food waste prevention plan and the

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chancellor's update to such plan. While DOE has made

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2 great strides in recent to curb food waste and
3 implement strict purchasing guidelines through its
4 office of Food and Nutrition Services, it does, it
5 does not mean there is no waste. On any given day
6 the DOE services more than 800,000 meals. Any
7 further efforts to help eliminate food waste in an
8 environmentally friendly manner is an effort worth
9 taking. Ah, this is an important piece of
10 legislation, um, and I certainly look forward to, to
11 voting yes. I want to thank the committee staff,
12 Malcolm Buttehorn, Janette Well, our newest policy
13 analyst, welcome to the team, ah, ah, ah, Aleah
14 Reynolds, Maycis Serkisian, ah, Chelsea Battermore,
15 Frank Perez, and my own staff, Anna Skaff, Vanessa
16 Ogle, Jeanine Teraketi, and Maria Henderson. Ah,
17 also just shout-out to our amazing school food
18 workers. Ah, while we acknowledge the DOE has more
19 work to do, just a shout-out to our amazing school
20 food workers, ah, school cleaners, school safety
21 crossing guards, for helping our families, ah,
22 through this very challenging times. I, I just want
23 to say that. I also want to mention that we have
24 been joined by Council Members, ah, Rose, Grodenchik,
25 ah, Louis, ah, Dinowitz, ah, Feliz, ah, Barron,

1 Lander, Ampry-Samuel, Kallos, Levin, Gennaro,
2 Rodriguez, Cornegy, Brannan, ah, Dromm. I think we
3 mentioned Council Member Barron was there as well.
4 And, ah, and I will now turn things over to Billy
5 Martin, the council clerk, to call the role.
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7 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Good morning,
8 everyone. William Martin, committee clerk, role call
9 vote, Committee on Education, on proposed
10 Introduction 1681-A. Chair Treyger.

11 CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: I vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Rodriguez.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Dromm.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Lander.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Levin.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Rose.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Thank you.

23 Barron.
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye, and
3 ask to be added to the legislation if I'm not already
4 on. Thank you.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Sure. Cornegy.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Ah, I vote aye,
7 and I ask that my name be added to the legislation,
8 if I'm not already on it as well. Thank you.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: You got it.
10 Kallos.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: I vote aye, and,
12 ah, ditto Cornegy and Barron.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: You got it. One
14 minute. Grodenchik.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Thank you.
17 Ampry-Samuel.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Salamanca.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Thank you.
22 Brannan.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Please add me to
24 the legislation if I'm not on it already. I vote
25 aye. Thank you.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Of course.
3 Louis.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Thank you.

6 Gennaro. Council Member, you're on mute. Council
7 Member Gennaro, you're on mute. We'll come to
8 Council Member Gennaro.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Is that?

10 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Yes. Council
11 Member Gennaro? You have to unmute yourself again,
12 sir. We can't hear you, Council Member Gennaro.
13 We'll come back. Council Member Miller? One moment.
14 [inaudible]. Um, Dinowitz.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Feliz.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Good morning. I
18 vote aye, and I would like to, ah, be added to the
19 legislation. Thank you.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Sure. Ah,
21 Council Member Miller?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I vote aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Thank you. Ah,
24 Council Member Gennaro.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I'm not muted.
3 Can you hear me now?

4 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Yes, sir.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: OK. Ah, I vote
6 yes. Sorry for all the confusion. I wish to be
7 added to the legislation. Did that come through?

8 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Yes, sir. You
9 got it.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: OK, thank you.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Thank you. One
12 moment, please. OK, by a vote of 17 in the
13 affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no abstentions,
14 proposed Introduction 1681-A has been adopted by the
15 committee.

16 CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: Ah, Malcolm, are we
17 waiting for any additional members, ah, that should
18 be coming on shortly?

19 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: No, Council Member,
20 nobody else that RSVP'd has asked us to keep it open,
21 so, um, we are all set.

22 CHAIRPERSON TREYGER: Um, all right. So
23 I, I thank everyone, ah, for joining us, and with
24 that, ah, this vote is now adjourned. Thank you.

25 UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you, Chair.

UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you.

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