

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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September 24, 2012

Start: 10:07 a.m.

Recess: 10:43 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

B E F O R E:  
ERIC MARTIN DILAN  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Gale Brewer  
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.  
Elizabeth Crowley  
Lewis A. Fidler  
James F. Gennaro  
Robert Jackson  
Letitia James  
Brad S. Lander  
Melissa Mark-Viverito  
Rosie Mendez  
Joel Rivera  
Jumaane D. Williams  
Eric A. Ulrich  
James S. Oddo

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2 CHAIRPERSON DILAN: --ask everyone  
3 to set their cell phones to silent mode. We are  
4 going to begin in a minute.

5 [background conversation]

6 CHAIRPERSON DILAN: Alright. We  
7 have sufficient quorum. We're waiting for the  
8 clerk before we can begin.

9 [pause]

10 CHAIRPERSON DILAN: Alright. I'd  
11 like to ask the Committee Room to come to order.  
12 If the sergeant is ready we will begin the  
13 hearings. Good morning. My name is Erik Martin  
14 Dilan, and I'm the chairperson of the City  
15 Council's Housing and Buildings Committee. On  
16 July 25<sup>th</sup> of this year, the Committee on the  
17 Council passed proposed Intro 730-A, which relates  
18 to the disclosure of information regarding certain  
19 projects. On August 24<sup>th</sup>, the Mayor issued a  
20 disapproval message vetoing the legislation.  
21 Today the Committee will convene for the purposes  
22 of a vote to repass proposed Intro 730-A and to  
23 file the Mayor's veto message, message M885.  
24 Proposed Intro 730-A will enhance the transparency  
25 of city funded affordable housing projects, and

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this bill will require that HPD post online information such as location, size and affordability of those projects as well as information about the builders responsible for construction and how those buildings were selected by HPD and whether there have been any post construction issues experienced by homeowners. The bill would also require certain developers, contractors and subcontractors file wage reports with HPD for their construction workers. The question before the Committee now is whether proposed Intro 730-A should be repassed, notwithstanding the mayor's objections and I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this legislation and to file Mayor's veto message, M 885 and would like to ask the clerk to call the roll on both items.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Kevin Pin, committee clerk. Roll call in the Committee on Housing and Buildings. Council Member Dilan?

CHAIRPERSON DILAN: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye  
3 and I want to mention that I have great respect  
4 for - - and supportive housing - - , and I hope  
5 that we can continue to work with them and that  
6 their concern will be taken into consideration. I  
7 also want to indicate that I have lots of friends  
8 who have experienced what this bill is trying to  
9 address. - - . the developer - - the bill, but I  
10 do want to - - supportive housing buildings - -  
11 very important for affordable housing and people  
12 need it, - - continue to build that housing. I  
13 vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: I vote aye  
16 and I just want to say ditto to everything that  
17 Council Member Brewer said.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: James?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: May I be  
22 excused to explain my vote? I do have concerns  
23 with regards to the NYSAFA [phonetic], New York  
24 State Association of Affordable Housing,  
25 organizations that are obviously concerned about

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2 this impact on affordable housing. In addition to  
3 that, let me also mention that a number of  
4 minority developers have contacted my office  
5 expressing concern about the impact related to  
6 this legislation. I have some deep reservations,  
7 but nonetheless, I will be voting aye because I  
8 recognize that this requirement is already  
9 required under the federal legislation, but  
10 hopefully at some point in time, we can have an  
11 oversight hearing where we revisit this issue. I  
12 vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: I  
15 will be voting aye, but similar to when we first  
16 passed this bill expressing the same concerns the  
17 MWBE issue particularly, so as with any  
18 legislation, you know, we monitor the progress in  
19 its implementation and see if there is any room  
20 for improvement and things that could be rectified  
21 if we do encounter that there have been problems  
22 and that certain communities have been  
23 disproportionately impacted, so we hope to keep an  
24 eye on that and I look forward to working with my  
25 colleagues to be diligent and be able to address

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2 the matter as it presents itself, if it presents  
3 itself. So I will vote aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote  
6 aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of ten  
12 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, no  
13 abstentions, the items have been adopted.  
14 Members, please sign the committee reports.

15 CHAIRPERSON DILAN: And I  
16 understand that leadership received the message  
17 that leadership will convene right after this  
18 hearing, so maybe if the members of leadership  
19 could sign the report, so that they can get down,  
20 and we will hold the vote open for as long as  
21 practical or until the Finance Committee receives  
22 a quorum, and then at that time, the Committee  
23 will be adjourned.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote

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aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote stands  
at 11 in the affirmative.

[long pause]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote in the  
Committee on Housing and Buildings is 11 in the  
affirmative, zero in the negative and no  
abstentions.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Who is  
here from the General Counsel's office?

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member  
Fidler?

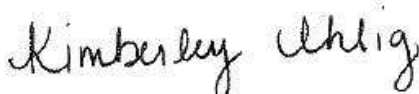
COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote in the  
Committee on Housing and Buildings is now 12 in  
the affirmative, zero in the negative and no  
abstentions.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kimberley Uhlig certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



Date \_\_\_\_\_

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