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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH SERVICES

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SEPTEMBER 26, 2018
Start: 11:50 A.M.
Recess: 12:05 A.M.

HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: DEBORAH ROSE, CHAIR

COUNCIL MEMBERS: JUSTIN BRANNAN
MARGARET CHIN
MATHIEU EUGENE

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2 JOHN BIANDO (SP): Microphone check,
3 today's date is September 26, 2018. Committee on
4 Youth Services being recorded by John Biando (SP?).
5 (gavel pounding).

6 CHAIR DEBORAH ROSE: Good morning and
7 thank you for coming. My name is Debi Rose and I am
8 the Chair of the Committee on Youth Services. We are
9 also joined by Council Member Brannan, Council Member
10 Chin and several others on their way. Today we will
11 be voting on Intro 713A which would require the
12 posting of important information pertinent to runaway
13 and homeless youth or RHY. Intro 713A sponsored by
14 Council Member Van Bramer would require that all DYCD
15 funded runaway and homeless youth services
16 prominently place signage informing youth where to
17 call 24 hours a day with questions, comments or
18 complaints regarding the services they receive and
19 other issues. This signage would also include where
20 runaway and homeless youth may find rules governing
21 RHY Service and participant conduct and phone numbers
22 to access mental health resources 24 hours a day. In
23 addition, Intro 713A would require that DYCD report
24 annually the number of runaway and homeless youth
25 questions, comments and complaints that are received,

2 their general nature and the status of responses to
3 these calls including whether any responses resulted
4 in service changes. As we know, runaway and homeless
5 youth are a particularly vulnerable population. As a
6 city, we owe it to these young people to be able to
7 provide them with resources. In April of 2018 the
8 Committee on Youth Services heard this Bill with
9 feedback from Homeless Advocates, Youth Advocates and
10 youth themselves. Intro 713A has been amended to
11 reflect important changes regarding the provision of
12 information to runaway and homeless youth, including
13 the numbers where they call for help and referrals
14 thus Intro 713A will help to bridge the gap that some
15 runaway and homeless youth face where they do not
16 know who to call or when they may call for resources
17 while also strengthening reporting requirements to
18 collect reliable and accurate data on how to serve
19 this population more effectively. As the Chair of
20 the Youth Services Committee. I look forward to
21 continuing to work with runaway and homeless youth
22 and the issues that impact their lives and I would
23 like to thank speaker, Corey Johnson for his
24 commitment to runaway and homeless youth. I would
25 also like to thank my staff, Edwina Martin and Isa

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2 Rogers and Committee Staff, Paul Senegal, Kevin

3 Kotowski and Michele Peregrin and more importantly I

4 want to thank the city's most precious population our

5 youth and I would like to now ask the clerk to call

6 the vote. And I encourage all of my Council

7 Committee Members to vote affirmatively. Thank you.

8 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,

9 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on Youth

10 Services Introduction 713A, Chair Rose?

11 DEBORAH ROSE: I vote aye.

12 WILLIAM MARTIN: Chin?

13 MARGARET CHIN: I vote aye.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN: Brannan?

15 JUSTIN BRANNAN: Aye.

16 WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of 3 in the

17 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstention item

18 has been adopted by the Committee.

19 CHAIR DEBORAH ROSE: And we will hold the

20 vote open for another 15 minutes for Council Members

21 to enter their vote. Thank you. Thank you Council

22 Members.

23 WILLIAM MARTIN: Do you want to say

24 something first.

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2 DEBORAH ROSE: Well thank you Council
3 Member, it is good to see you too. We left the vote
4 open for you.

5 MATHIEU EUGENE: Thank you.

6 WILLIAM MARTIN: Continuation roll call,
7 continue services Introduction 713A Council Member,
8 Eugene?

9 MATHIEU EUGENE: Uhm before I, I vote I
10 just want to express my gratitude and my thanks to
11 the Chair for her kindness. Thank you very much and
12 to all of you also. Thank you and with that I vote
13 yes.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN: Final vote Introduction
15 713A is not adopted 4 in the affirmative, 0 in the
16 negative and no abstentions.

17 DEBORAH ROSE: Thank you uhm and the vote
18 is now closed for the Youth Services, thank you.

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Date OCTOBER 16, 2018