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COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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HELD AT: REMOTE HEARING - VIRTUAL ROOM 1

B E F O R E: Rafael Salamanca, Jr,  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Joseph C. Borelli
- Erik D. Bottcher
- Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
- Kamillah Hanks
- Ari Kagan
- Shekar Krishnan
- Farah N. Louis
- Darlene Mealy
- Francisco P. Moya
- Kevin C. Riley
- Carlina Rivera
- Pierina Ana Sanchez

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2 SERGEANT LUGO: Waiting for the livestream to pop  
3 up. Alright, livestream is up. PC recording has  
4 started. Cloud has started.

5 SERGEANT PEREZ: Excuse me, Sergeant. Recording  
6 to the Cloud has started.

7 SERGEANT LUGO: Thank you. Good morning,  
8 everyone. Welcome to today's remote New York City  
9 Council vote of the Committee on Land Use. At this  
10 time, would all panelists please turn on your videos  
11 for verification purposes. To minimize disruption,  
12 please place electronic devices to vibrate or silent.  
13 Chair Salamanca, we are ready to begin.

14 Chair, you have to uh unmute, accept the unmute  
15 request.

16 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Thank you, Sergeant  
17 Lawrence. Uh Good morning uhm and welcome to the  
18 Committee on Land Use. I am Council Member Rafael  
19 Salamanca, Chief of this Committee. I want to  
20 welcome my esteemed colleagues who are... have joined  
21 us today. We have been joined by Council Members  
22 Botcher, Hanks, Kagan, Krishnan, Chair Louis, Mealy,  
23 Moya, Chair Riley, and Sanchez, Majority Whip Brooks-  
24 Powers. Sorry, and Majority Whip Brooks-Powers.

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2 I would like to thank Chair Lewis and Chair Riley  
3 for their work on our two Sub-Committees. Today we  
4 will vote on various items referred out from our two  
5 Sub-Committees, but before we begin, I would like to  
6 recognize the Committee Counsel to review the hearing  
7 procedures.

8 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Thank you, Chair Salamanca. I  
9 am Arthur... I am Arthur Huh, Counsel to this  
10 Committee. Council members who would like to ask  
11 questions or make remarks should use the Zoom Raise  
12 Hand button. The Raise Hand button should appear at  
13 the bottom of your participant panel or primary  
14 viewing window, Chair Salamanca or I will then  
15 recognize members to speak. Uh we ask that you  
16 please be patient if any technical difficulties  
17 arise.

18 Chair Salamanca will now continue with this  
19 agenda.

20 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Thank you, Counsel.  
21 Earlier this month, the Land Use Committee voted to  
22 approve two applications related to the new  
23 Providence Redevelopment in Majority Leader Powers's  
24 District on April 4th. This project was scheduled to  
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2 be voted on by the full Council at a Stated meeting  
3 on April 7th. However, due to the re-scheduling of  
4 the Stated meeting to April 14th, the statutory  
5 deadline for Council action as applicable to the  
6 project expired and pursuant to Section 197-D of the  
7 Charter, the application were deemed approved.

8 Notwithstanding the provisions of Charter Section  
9 197-D Article 16 of the New York State, General  
10 Municipal Order requires... requires that the Council  
11 make factual findings related to the designation of  
12 the urban development action interview. Therefore,  
13 today we'll vote to approve a new Preconsidered  
14 Resolution related to the new Provi... Providence  
15 redevelopment that includes such findings as well as  
16 a legislative history of this action.

17 Today we'll vote to approve Preconsidered LU's 37  
18 and 38 related to Our Lady of Pity, 272 East 151<sup>st</sup>  
19 Street Rezoning Proposal, in my district in the  
20 Bronx. The proposal will rezone an existing R6 and  
21 R7A district and establish an MIH program area  
22 utilizing MIH actions one and two. These approvals  
23 will facilitate the development of a new 100 percent  
24 affordable nine-story building.

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2 We will also vote to approve Preconsidered LU's  
3 35 and 36 for the 1220 Avenue P-rezoning proposal  
4 related to property in Minority Whip Benny Kauff  
5 District in Brooklyn. The proposal will rezone an  
6 existing R5B to an R7A district and establish an MIH  
7 program area utilizing options one and two. These  
8 approvals will facilitate the enlargement of the  
9 exiting Levit Medical Center. Is uh the Minority  
10 Whip.. is she available? Uh is she on to speak?

11 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chair, I do not see  
12 Minority Whip.

13 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Okay, great. Are there  
14 any members who have questions or remarks uhm for the  
15 items that we're voting on today? Alright, seeing  
16 none. I now call for a vote to approve  
17 Preconsidered LU'S 35, 36, 37, and 38, as well as a  
18 Preconsidered Resolution related to New Providence  
19 Redevelopment. Will the Clerk please call the roll?

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Good morning. Matthew  
21 DiStefano, Committee Clerk, Committee on Land Use.  
22 Roll call vote, all items are coupled. Chair  
23 Salamanca?

24 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Riley?

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye

on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Bottcher?

COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanks?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Kagan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Krishnan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanchez?

COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Okay. By a vote of 12

in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no

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2 abstentions. All the items on today's Land Use  
3 calendar have been adopted.

4 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Thank you, Clerk. I  
5 would like to thank members of the public, my  
6 colleagues, Land Use, and Counsel staff and the  
7 Sergeant of Arms for attending to this hearing. This  
8 meeting's hereby adjourned.

9 SERGEANT LUGO: Computer recording has started.

10 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: I can begin?

11 MINORITY LEADER BORELLI: We... are we ready?

12 SERGEANT LUGO: Uh just one second. Okay, now do  
13 the Cloud.

14 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Okay.

15 SERGEANT LUGO: Okay, the Cloud is up. Good  
16 afternoon. Welcome to the continuation for the Land  
17 Use vote of April 27, 2022. Chair Salamanca, you may  
18 proceed.

19 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Thank you, Sergeant of  
20 Arms. Good afternoon, I'm Rafael Salamanca, Chair of  
21 the Committee on Land Use. This meeting is to  
22 continue to vote on the following Land Use items: a  
23 vote to approve Preconsidered LU's 35 and 36 for the  
24 1220 Avenue P Rezoning in Brooklyn and Preconsidered  
25 LU's 37 and 38 for the Our Lady of Pity Rezoning in

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2 the Bronx and a vote to approve Preconsidered  
3 Resolution related to a request by HPD for the  
4 Council to make certain projects findings related to  
5 the new Providence Redevelopment project. Will the  
6 Clerk please call the roll?

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Good afternoon, Matthew  
8 DiStefano, Committee Clerk. Continuation of the  
9 meeting on the Committee on Land Use, April 27, 2022.  
10 Council Member Borelli.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye, thank you.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote, 13 in the  
13 affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions.  
14 Thank you, everyone.

15 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Thank you for attending..  
16 attending uh today's hearing. This meeting is hereby  
17 adjourned.

18 SERGEANT LUGO: Thank you, guys.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Sorry about that.  
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C E R T I F I C A T E

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.



Date May 23, 2022