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Of the

COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS

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B E F O R E: JULIE WON, CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS: JOANN ARIOLA
JAMES F. GENNARO
LINDA LEE
SANDY NURSE

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

2 SGT. PEREZ: We'll make our opening and
3 then we'll hand it over to you.

4 JOHANNA CASTRO: We're live.

5 SGT. PEREZ: Sgt. Lugo could you please
6 start the cloud recording? Waiting on the
7 confirmation of the stream. The stream has been
8 confirmed. Good morning. Welcome to New York City
9 Council's remote Committee Hearing on Contracts.
10 Everyone please turn on your videos at this time.
11 Silence all electronic devices, all written testimony
12 can be submitted to testimony@Council.NYC.gov. Thank
13 you Chair Won, we are ready to begin.

14 CHAIRPERSON JULIE WON: Thank you so
15 much. Good morning and welcome to the New York City
16 Council's Committee on Contracts. Today is Wednesday
17 April 27th 2022. My name is Julie Won and I'm the
18 chair of the committee. The purpose of today's
19 hearing is a vote on a critical piece of legislation
20 pertaining to minority and women owned business
21 enterprises in our City. I would like to extend my
22 thanks to Council Member Brannon for his continued
23 support for the minority and women owned business
24 community and as the sponsor of the legislation for
25 the Committee today. The City Council has long

2 supported the City's minority and women owned
3 businesses and through it various MWBE initiatives
4 the Council has assisted MWBEs in expanding their
5 role in City procurement and the private sector.
6 Proposed Intro 14A continues a trend of Council
7 support of MWBEs by ensuring that the critical data
8 that informs the City's MWBEs disparity study is
9 current and reflects the most up to date information
10 regarding the availability and utilization of MWBE
11 vendors in the City. One of the requirements of the
12 City's MWBE program is that it is regularly revised
13 to reflect actual disparities in MWBE contracting
14 between available lenders of a particular minority or
15 gender group and those that are awarded City
16 contracts. These revisions are determined pursuant
17 to the disparity study that is supposed to be
18 conducted every two years. The most recent study was
19 completed in 2018 and the study relied on MWBE data
20 from 2015. City Agencies have access to more than
21 contemptuous data which makes available on their
22 website and in the Mayor's Management Report.
23 Proposed Intro 14A would require City agencies to use
24 this more current data in conducting future disparity
25 studies in order to evaluate the implementation and

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2 the effectiveness of the MWBE laws and the
3 administration of programs designed to increase the
4 capacity of MWBEs. Specifically the bill requires
5 the division of economic and financial opportunity
6 within the Department of Small Business Services and
7 the Mayor's Office of Contract Services to use the
8 most recent data available for considering revisions
9 to citywide MWBE participation goals. I would like
10 to thank the Contracts Committee Staff, Legislative
11 Counsel Allan Spolof [SP] and Finance Unit Head John
12 Russell for their hard work and negotiating this
13 Legislation and ensuring it made a vote. I'll now
14 ask the clerk to call roll call.

15 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Good
16 morning everyone. William Martin, Committee Clerk,
17 roll call vote Committee on Contracts. Proposed
18 Introduction 14A Chair Won?

19 CHAIRPERSON JULIE WON: Here.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: I'm
21 sorry. What was that? Chair Won I apologize I
22 didn't hear that. I'm sorry.

23 CHAIRPERSON JULIE WON: I vote yes.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank
25 you. Sorry. Thank you. Gennaro?

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2 JAMES GENNARO: Yes.

3 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank
4 you. Lee?

5 LINDA LEE: Yes.

6 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank
7 you. Nurse?

8 SANDY NURSE: Present.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Your
10 vote Council Member on proposed Introduction 14A?
11 Council Member?

12 SANDY NURSE: I'm sorry, are you talking
13 to me?

14 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Yes.
15 Council Member Nurse, your vote on proposed
16 Introduction 14A.

17 SANDY NURSE: Yes, aye, aye.

18 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank
19 you.

20 SANDY NURSE: Thank you.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Ariola?

22 JOANN ARIOLA: Yes.

23 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: By a
24 vote of five in the affirmative, zero in the negative
25 and no abstentions. The item has been adopted by the

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2 committee. Madam Chair, that is that is the full
3 committee. You can close at your convenience.

4 CHAIRPERSON JULIE WON: Thank you so
5 much. This meeting is adjourned. Bye.

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Date JUNE 1, 2022