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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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December 21, 2022  
Start: 10:38 a.m.  
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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Justin L. Brannan, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Diana Ayala
- Gale A. Brewer
- Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
- David M. Carr
- Amanda Farias
- Kamillah Hanks
- Crystal Hudson
- Ari Kagan
- Farah N. Louis
- Francisco P. Moya
- Chi A. Osse
- Keith Powers
- Pierina Ana Sanchez
- Marjorie Velazquez
- Julie Won
- Shahana Hanif

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning,  
3 everybody. Welcome to today's New York City Council  
4 vote for the Committee on Finance.

5 At this time, please silence all  
6 electronic devices.

7 Chair Brannan, we are ready to begin.

8 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Thank you. [GAVEL]  
9 Good morning and welcome to today's Finance Committee  
10 meeting. I'm Justin Brannan, Council Member, and I  
11 have the privilege of Chairing the Committee on  
12 Finance.

13 We've been joined today by Council  
14 Members Osse, Powers, Brooks-Powers, Velazquez,  
15 Louis, Carr, Kagan, Ayala, Hanif, Hudson, and Brewer.  
16 On Zoom, we've been joined by Moya, Won, Sanchez, and  
17 Hanks.

18 Today, the Committee on Finance will be  
19 voting on the following items, an Article XI  
20 Resolution and a Transparency Resolution.

21 First, the Article XI Resolution will  
22 amend a prior Resolution from 2019 for one building  
23 in Council Member Bottcher's District. The amendment  
24 will make a necessary technical correction to reflect  
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2 the numbering change in the tax lot map. Very  
3 exciting.

4           Second, the Transparency Resolution sets  
5 forth the new designation and changes in the  
6 designation of certain organizations receiving local,  
7 aging, antipoverty, and youth discretionary funding  
8 and funding pursuant to certain initiatives in the  
9 budget. As with all Transparency Resolutions, my  
10 Colleagues will have to sign a disclosure from  
11 indicating whether or not a conflict exists with any  
12 of the groups on the attached list. If any Council  
13 Member has a potential conflict of interest with any  
14 of the organizations listed, they have the  
15 opportunity to disclose the conflict at the time of  
16 their vote. As a reminder, please disclose any  
17 conflicts you may have with proposed subcontractors  
18 used by organizations sponsored by discretionary  
19 funding. These disclosures must be made before the  
20 subcontractor can be approved. Disclosure forms must  
21 be completed and submitted prior to the vote on the  
22 Transparency Resolution and may be emailed to Julius  
23 Caranda who is present today in the Chambers to  
24 answer any of your questions.

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2 Are there any comments from my Colleagues  
3 or questions on these items?

4 Seeing none, I will now ask the  
5 inimitable Billy Martin, Committee Clerk, to call the  
6 roll.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
8 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
9 vote, Committee on Finance. Both items are coupled.  
10 Chair Powers.

11 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: I vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Moya.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
17 you.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Powers.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brooks-  
23 Powers.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I'd like to  
25 disclose that I am a member of the Allen AME

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2 Cathedral of New York in which we are designating  
3 funding for today for one of our community programs.  
4 Also, I'd like to disclose that I have a child that  
5 participates in ESOTA, which we are moving funding on  
6 today as well, and I vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
8 you. Barron. Brewer.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farias.  
11 Hanks.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
14 you. Hudson.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
17 you. Osse.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Disclosing on the  
21 record my (INAUDIBLE) is an assistant professor at  
22 CUNY, and with that I vote aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
24 you. Velazquez.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: I'd like to  
3 disclose my brother is a board member of Samaritans  
4 of New York and my husband is a Deputy Commissioner  
5 at DEP. I vote aye on all.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
7 you. Won.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: I vote aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
10 you. Carr.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I'd like to disclose  
12 on the record that in this Transparency Resolution  
13 we're funding CUNY, and my spouse is a student at  
14 CUNY, and I vote aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Kagan.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: I would like to  
17 disclose that my daughter is a CUNY student. I vote  
18 aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
20 you. By a vote of 15 in the affirmative, zero in the  
21 negative, and no abstentions, both items have been  
22 adopted by the Committee.

23 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: With that, this  
24 hearing is adjourned. [GAVEL]

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
3 morning, everybody. Continuation roll call, Committee  
4 on Finance. Preconsidered Resolution and  
5 Preconsidered M. Council Member Farias.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: I vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Final  
8 vote now Committee on Finance is both items have been  
9 adopted by the Committee 16 in the affirmative, zero  
10 in the negative, and no abstentions. Thank you.

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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 December 27, 2022