

COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS, LIBRARIES AND  
INTERNATIONAL INTERGROUP RELATIONS 1  
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Of the

COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS,  
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January 19, 2023  
Start: 10:10 a.m.  
Recess: 10:13 a.m.

HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Chi Osse, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Eric Dinowitz  
Amanda Farias  
Shahana K. Hanif  
Crystal Hudson  
Rita C. Joseph  
Farah N. Louis  
Francisco P. Moya  
Sandra Ung

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. This is  
3 the microphone check for the Committee on Cultural  
4 Affairs, Libraries and International Intergroup  
5 Relations. Today's date is January 19, 2023. Located  
6 in Council Chambers. Recorded by Steven Sadowsky.

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, good  
8 morning. At this time, can the host please start the  
9 webinar?

10 Good morning and welcome to the New York  
11 City Council vote of the Committee on Cultural  
12 Affairs, Libraries and International Intergroup  
13 Relations.

14 At this time, can everyone please silence  
15 your cell phones? Thank you for your cooperation.

16 Chair, we are ready to begin.

17 CHAIRPERSON OSSE: [GAVEL] Good morning. I  
18 am City Council Member Chi Osse, my pronouns are  
19 he/him/his, and I'm Chair of the Committee on  
20 Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International  
21 Intergroup Relations. Today, the Committee will vote  
22 on three pieces of legislation related to the Island  
23 of Puerto Rico.

24 Proposed Resolution 57-A sponsored by  
25 Deputy Speaker Ayala. A resolution calling on

Congress to pass and the President to sign a bill in support of self-determination for Puerto Rico.

Resolution 387 sponsored by Deputy Speaker Ayala. A resolution calling on the U.S. Congress to repeal the Merchant Marine Act of 1920 commonly known as the Jones Act.

Resolution 392-A co-sponsored by Council Members Caban and Aviles. A resolution supporting a democratically governed public entity that will provide reliable and affordable electrical power to the people of Puerto Rico and supporting the immediate cancellation of the contract with LUMA Energy.

The resolutions we are voting on today acknowledge the need to address the impacts that colonialism and globalization, especially by the United States, has caused in Puerto Rico. We have dire need to affirmatively tackle the climate crisis by this and to bring public power and utilities to the island and to ensure that the people of Puerto Rico are able to have their rights and self-determination.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the Committee Members who are present, Council Member

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Louis, Council Member Ung, Council Member Farias,  
Council Member Dinowitz, Council Member Hudson,  
Council Member Hanif, and Council Member Joseph.

I would like to thank my Staff as well as  
the Committee Staff. Thank you all.

I think we're ready for the vote. Billy,  
please take it away.

Oh, and Council Member Moya who is  
online. Thank you for joining us.

Billy, please take it away.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
vote, Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries and  
International Intergroup Relations. The items are  
coupled. Chair Osse.

CHAIRPERSON OSSE: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Moya.

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
you. Louis.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Dinowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farias.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: I proudly as a  
3 Boricua vote aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanif.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye. Proud to  
6 support my Colleagues.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hudson.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Joseph.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ung.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote  
14 of nine in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and  
15 no abstentions, all items have been adopted by the  
16 Committee. Mr. Chair, that is a full Committee.

17 CHAIRPERSON OSSE: Felicidades. [GAVEL]

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Date January 23, 2023