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February 2, 2023  
Start: 10:14 a.m.  
Recess: 10:24 a.m.

HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone  
3 check for the Committee on Finance. Today's date is  
4 February 2, 2023. Located in the Committee Room.  
5 Recording done by Pedro Lugo.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, good  
7 morning. Welcome to the New York City Council vote of  
8 the Committee on Finance.

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

11 Chair, we are ready to begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: [GAVEL] Good morning  
13 and welcome to today's Finance Committee meeting. I  
14 am Justin Brannan, Council Member, and I have the  
15 privilege of Chairing this Committee on Finance.  
16 We're joined today by Council Members Barron, Louis,  
17 Sanchez, Kagan, Ayala, Hudson, Farias, Carr, Moya's  
18 on Zoom.

19 Today, the Committee will be voting on  
20 the following items.

21 A transparency resolution. Transparency  
22 resolution sets forth the new designation and changes  
23 in the designation of certain organizations receiving  
24 local youth, aging, and borough-wide discretionary  
25 funding and funding pursuant to certain initiatives

2 in the budget. As with all transparency resolutions,  
3 Council Members have to sign a disclosure form  
4 indicating whether or not a conflict exists with any  
5 of the groups on the attached list. If any Council  
6 Member has a potential conflicts of interest with any  
7 of the organizations listed, they have the  
8 opportunity to disclose the conflict at the time of  
9 their vote. As a reminder, please disclose any  
10 conflicts you may have with proposed subcontractors  
11 used by organizations sponsored by discretionary  
12 funding. These disclosures must be made before the  
13 subcontractor can be approved for funding. Disclosure  
14 forms must be completed and submitted prior to the  
15 vote on the transparency resolution and may be  
16 emailed to Julius Caranda who is also present today  
17 with us in the Chambers to answer any of your  
18 questions.

19 Are there any comments or questions from  
20 my Colleagues at this time on any of these items?

21 Seeing none, I will now ask Billy Martin,  
22 Committee Clerk, to call the roll.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
24 you. Good morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk.  
25 Preconsidered Resolution. Chair Brannan.

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2 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: I vote aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Moya.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Powers.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Barron.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farias.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: I vote aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hudson.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Disclosing on the

19 record that my sibling works at CUNY BMCC. I vote

20 aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Carr.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Nay.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Kagan.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: I would like to

25 disclose that my daughter is a student of CUNY

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2 College, and we're funding CUNY College with the City  
3 budget. I also would like to explain that this  
4 Resolution has a lot of (INAUDIBLE) community groups  
5 that I strongly support, but one allocation, 125,000  
6 dollars to VOCAL-NY, that never condemned (INAUDIBLE)  
7 person who came December to City Hall and spewed  
8 anti-Asian-American hate, and the call (INAUDIBLE)  
9 and so I'm voting no.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brooks-  
11 Powers.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I'd first  
13 like to disclose that I'm a member of the Greater  
14 Allen A.M.E. Cathedral, and we are voting funding  
15 that will fund a program through that establishment.  
16 With that, I vote aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
18 you. Hanks.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote  
21 of 11 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative, and no  
22 abstentions, item has been adopted by the Committee.  
23 Mr. Chair, we have other outstanding Members.

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2 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Yeah, we're going to  
3 leave it open for our friends in transit. Everyone  
4 can leave though, right?

5 You're all dismissed.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

7 Continuation roll call, Committee on Finance. Council  
8 Member Brewer.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye. Thank you  
10 very much. Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
12 you. Council Member Velazquez.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Good morning. I  
14 vote aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
16 you, Council Member.

17 Final vote, Committee on Finance,  
18 Preconsidered Resolution is adopted by the Committee.  
19 Final vote is 13 in the affirmative, 2 in the  
20 negative, and no abstentions.

21 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: All right. With  
22 that, this meeting is adjourned. [GAVEL]

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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 February 9, 2023