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COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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March 14, 2023
Start: 1:55 p.m.
Recess: 1:58 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 BROADWAY - COMMITTEE ROOM,
14TH FLOOR

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Shaun Abreu
- Joseph Borelli
- Erik D. Botcher
- Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
- Shekar Krishnan
- Francisco Moya
- Kevin C. Riley
- Pierina Ana Sanchez

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Testing one, two. This
3 is the Committee on Land Use. Today's date is March
4 14, 2023. Being recorded by Keith Polite. Start the
5 webinar.

6 Zoom Host, please start the webinar.

7 HOST: Webinar started.

8 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good afternoon and
9 welcome to the Committee on Land Use.

10 At this time, please your phone on
11 vibrate or silent mode. Thank you for your
12 cooperation.

13 Chair, we are ready to begin.

14 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: [GAVEL] All right,
15 good afternoon, and welcome to the Committee on Land
16 Use. I am Council Member Rafael Salamanca, Chair of
17 this Committee.

18 I want to welcome my esteemed Colleagues
19 who are joining us today. We've been joined by
20 Council Members Moya, Chair Riley, Abreu, Brooks-
21 Powers, Bottcher, Krishnan, and Borelli.

22 I would like to thank Chair Louis and
23 Chair Riley for their work on our two Subcommittees.

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2 Before we begin today's meeting, I would
3 like to recognize the Committee Counsel to review the
4 hearing procedures.

5 COMMITTEE COUNSEL HUH: Thank you, Chair
6 Salamanca. I am Arthur Huh, Counsel to this
7 Committee.

8 Council Members who would like to ask
9 questions should indicate so verbally or, if
10 participating remotely, by using the Zoom raise hand
11 function.

12 The Chair will recognize Members to
13 speak.

14 We ask all participants for your
15 continued patience should any technical difficulties
16 arise.

17 Chair Salamanca will now continue with
18 today agenda.

19 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Thank you,
20 Counsel. I would also like to also recognize that
21 we've been joined by Council Member Sanchez.

22 First, I'll note that as noted by the
23 Zoning Subcommittee earlier today, the applicant has
24 withdrawn the proposal for the 1880-1888 Coney Island
25 Avenue Rezoning by letter dated today, March 14,

2 2023. Therefore pursuant to Council Rules 11.60B, the
3 application associated with LUs 618 and 619 is void,
4 and we will be filing those LUs 618 and 619 to remove
5 them from our calendar.

6 We will also vote to approve LUs 172 and
7 173 related to the 521 East Tremont Rezoning Proposal
8 in Council Member Feliz' District which would
9 facilitate the construction of a 14-story mixed-use
10 development containing 205 dwelling units, all of
11 which will be affordable, including commercial and
12 community facility space, outdoor terraces, and
13 accessory parking.

14 We will also vote to approve LUs 178
15 relating to the Otis Elevator Building 260 11th
16 Avenue text amendment in Council Member Bottcher's
17 District which would facilitate the expansion of the
18 Landmark Otis Elevator Building as approved by the
19 LPC.

20 At this time, I would like to welcome my
21 Colleagues who might wish to ask questions or make
22 remarks.

23 Seeing none, I will now call for a vote
24 with the support of the local Council Members to
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2 approve LUs 172, 173, and 178, and to file LUs 168
3 and 169. Will the Clerk please call the roll?

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
5 afternoon. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
6 vote Committee on Land Use. All items are coupled.
7 Chair Salamanca.

8 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Moya.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
12 you. Riley.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye on all.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Abreu.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brooks-
17 Powers.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Bottcher.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Krishnan.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye on all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Borelli.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote
4 of nine in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and
5 no abstentions, all items have been adopted.

6 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Thank you. That
7 concludes today's business.

8 I would like to thank the members of the
9 public, my Colleagues, Land Use and Council Staff,
10 and the Sergeant-at-Arms for attending today's
11 meeting.

12 This meeting is hereby adjourned. [GAVEL]

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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 March 16, 2023