

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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May 28, 2019
Start: 10:36 a.m.
Recess: 10:51 a.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: ROBERT E. CORNEGY, JR.
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Fernando Cabrera
Margaret S. Chin
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.
Mark Gjonaj
Barry S. Grodenchik
Bill Perkins
Carlina Rivera
Helen K. Rosenthal
Ritchie J. Torres

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

2 [sound check] [pause] [background
3 comments/pause] [gavel]

4 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Good morning,
5 everyone, and thank you for coming. I'm Council
6 Member Robert Cornegy, Chair of the Council's
7 Committee on Housing and Buildings. We're here to
8 hold a vote on proposed Intro No. 342-A sponsored by
9 Council Member Debi Rose, which relates to building
10 accessibility. Many buildings constructed before
11 1990, when the requirements of the Americans with
12 Disabilities Act became effective, do not have
13 permanent ramps at entrances to ensure accessibility.
14 Instead, many of these buildings provide portable
15 ramps, which can be available upon request. However,
16 it's often unclear whether a portable ramp is
17 available at a given entrance and who to contact to
18 request it. Proposed Intro No. 342-A would require
19 buildings that provide portable ramps to post at each
20 inaccessible entrance that a portable ramp is
21 available, and the number to call to request it. It
22 would also clarify the requirements for portable
23 ramps to ensure that they are un—that they are usable
24 and safe. I'm joined today by Council Members
25 Rosenthal, Espinal, Chin, Cabrera, Rivera and

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2 Perkins. We can now ask the Committee Clerk to call
3 the roll.

4 CLERK: Matthew DiStefano, Committee
5 Clerk, Committee on Housing and buildings. Roll call
6 vote on Proposed Intro 342-A. Chair Cornegy.

7 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: I vote aye.

8 CLERK: Cabrera.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

10 CLERK: Chin.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

12 CLERK: Espinal.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

14 CLERK: Rosenthal.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

16 CLERK: Perkins.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye.

18 CLERK: Rivera.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

20 CLERK: By a vote of 7 in the
21 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
22 the item has been adopted.

23 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: We're going to
24 leave the roll open for 7 minutes. [background
25 comments/pause]

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2 CLERK: Committee on Housing and
3 Buildings, continuation roll call vote, Intro 342-A.
4 Council Member Gjonaj.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Okay the vote as—the vote as it
7 stands: 8 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and
8 no abstentions. [pause]

9 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Housing and
10 Buildings is hereby concluded. [gavel]

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Date June 14, 2019