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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Fernando Cabrera
Margaret S. Chin
Mark Gjonaj
Barry S. Grodenchik
Farah N. Louis
Bill Perkins
Carlina Rivera
Helen K. Rosenthal

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

2 MALE SPEAKER: Sergeant Kotowski, you may
3 begin with your opening.

4 SERGEANT KOTOWSKI: Good morning, and
5 welcome to today's remote New York City Council
6 hearing on the Committee of Housing and Buildings.
7 At this time would all panelists please turn on their
8 video. (bell) Please place electronic devices on
9 vibrate or silent. Thank you for your cooperation. We
10 are ready to begin. (bell)

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Good morning
12 everyone and thank you for coming. I am Council
13 Member Helen Rosenthal, giving in (inaudible) to
14 Council Member Robert Cornegy, Chair of the Council's
15 Committee on Housing and Buildings. I'm call this
16 hear (gavel) to open with my coffee cup. We're here
17 to hold a vote a bill related to requiring booking
18 services to report on a certain short-term housing
19 rental transactions, Preconsidered Intro 1976
20 sponsored by Council Member Rivera would make
21 amendments to Local Law 146 of 2018 by redefining the
22 transactions for which a booking service charge
23 collected or received a fee that must be reported to
24 the Office of Special Enforcement. It would require
25 quarterly reports instead of monthly, and remover the

2 requirement that a booking service report the
3 specific amount of fees associated with a given
4 transaction. I am joined today by Council Members
5 Cornegy, Louis, Rivera, Grodenchik, Holden. Am I
6 missing anyone? Oh, of course, Cabrera and, of
7 course Torres. Congratulations, sir, and with that,
8 I will now ask the Clerk to call the roll. (pause)
9 Oh, we are also joined by Council Member Perkins.

10 CLERK: Good morning. This is the
11 Committee on Housing and Buildings. The bill is on
12 Intro 1976. So, we begin with Chair Cornegy.

13 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Um, I vote aye.
14 Congratulations Richards.

15 CLERK: Council Member Cabrera.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: I vote aye, and
17 congratulations Rich.

18 CLERK: Council Member Rosenthal.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I vote aye
20 with congratulations, of course, to Council Member
21 Torres and also to Council Member Rivera for her
22 persistence with this legislation. Well done.

23 CLERK: Council Member Torres.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye. I vote aye
25 and thank you for the kind words.

2 CLERK: Council Member Grodenchik.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: I vote aye
4 and I congratulate Congressman almost the Mark
5 Reggie. (sic)

6 CLERK: Council Member Perkins.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: I vote aye and
8 congratulations to all.

9 CLERK: Council Member Rivera.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Permission to
11 explain my vote?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Permission

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you Chair
14 Rosenthal, and to repeat, so proud of you. I just
15 want to thank everyone for their help today, and—and
16 for voting aye. You know, this bill addresses the
17 short-term, the legal short-term rentals plan to the
18 housing market. It amends Local Law 146, which we all
19 passed together in 2018 with the veto proof majority,
20 and I'm very, very glad that we'll finally be able to
21 get this law active and to be saving homes for people
22 that desperately need them after almost two years in
23 litigation. So, with that, I proudly vote aye and I
24 thank my colleagues for doing the same.

25 CLERK: Council Member Louis.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Good morning. I
3 vote aye on all. Thank you, Council Member Rivera for
4 your leadership and congratulations.

5 CLERK: Thank you Council Member. By a
6 vote of 8 in the affirmative--

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Oh, I just
8 want to recognize Council Member Gjonaj is here.

9 CLERK: Thank you, Madam Chair. Council
10 Member Gjonaj.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: I vote aye on
12 all. Congratulations Ritchie and congratulations to
13 Carlina on an incredible bill.

14 CLERK: The vote on Intro 1976 is 9 in
15 the affirmative, zero in the negative, and zero
16 abstentions. The item has been adopted.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Congratulations
18 Council Member, and with that, the hearing is closed.

19 [gavel]

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