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

JOHANNA M. CASTRO: We're live.

SGT. BRADLEY: Thank you. Will Sergeants begin their recordings? Cloud recording is up.

SGT. PEREZ: Backup is rolling.

SGT. BRADLEY: Thank you. Sergeant Kotowski you may begin the opening.

SGT. KOTOWSKI: Good morning and welcome to today's remote New York City Council Hearing of the Committee on Economic Development. At this time, will the Council Staff please turn on their video? Please place electronic devices on vibrate or silent. Thank you. Chair, we are ready to begin.

CHAIRPERSON PAUL VALLONE: Thank you so much and good morning everyone. I am full blown Chair of the City Council's Economic Committee for Economic Development. Today, we will be happily voting on two pieces of Legislation related to our Food Policy here in New York City. The first is proposed Intro 1673A, proposed by my colleague and good friend council member Carlina Rivera. This Bill will require all City Agencies with Food Procurement Contracts to develop and implement a plan to reduce food waste and require each agency to designate a coordinator to produce annual reports on that

agency's food waste prevention plan and measures taken to implement that plan. The second Bill was Proposed Intro 1680A, sponsored by myself and Speaker Johnson. This Bill will require the Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability to expand its annual food system metrics reports to include additional information regarding 1) the number of people eligible for public food programs but not yet enrolled; 2) the number of retailers who accept SNAP or other public benefits; 3) the number and percent of some populations experiencing food insecurity and 4) the metrics charting progress toward reducing inequities in the distribution of food and diet related diseases. The Committee first considered these Bills at a hearing back on September 18, 2019. The pandemic struck obviously and left many with questions of where their next meals would come from. In the greatest City in the world where one in eight of our New Yorkers face food insecurity. This Bill will allow us to take an in-depth look at Food Production, Distribution and access by boroughs, a critical step in developing equitable and transformative food policy strategies for tomorrow. And thanks City Council Speaker Johnson for bringing

attention to this important issue and I'm proud to support both of these Bill and I urge my colleagues on this Committee to vote in favor of these pieces of Legislation and also finally I would like to thank my staff and Committee Staff for their hard work on both of these cases and with that I would like to go to the Clerk to call the roll unless there is anyone who has any statements or comments at this point. Thank you.

WILLIAM MARTIN, LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Good morning, it's still morning. Um, William Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call, Committee on Economic Development with proposed Introductions 1673A and 1680A. Both items are coupled. Uh, Chair Vallone?

PAUL VALLONE, CHAIRPERSON: I vote aye on both and thank you.

WILLIAM MARTIN, LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Council Member Koo?

PETER KOO: I vote aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN, LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Lander?

BRAD LANDER: I vote aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN, LEGISLATIVE CLERK:  
Barron?

INEZ BARRON: Thank you. I vote aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN, LEGISLATIVE CLERK:

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ROBERT CORNEGY: I vote aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN, LEGISLATIVE CLERK:

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MARK GJONAJ: I vote aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN, LEGISLATIVE CLERK:

Powers?

KEITH POWERS: I vote aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN, LEGISLATIVE CLERK:

Louis?

FARAH LOUIS: I vote aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN, LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. By a vote of eight in the affirmative zero in the negative and no abstentions both items have been adopted by the Committee and we have a full committee Chairperson.

PAUL VALLONE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you very much. So, if everyone's voted then we can conclude this meeting. If anyone still needs a little time I guess we can hold it open. Thank you everyone. That concludes our vote for this morning.

JOHANNA CASTRO: Thank you Chair. The  
live has ended.

PAUL VALLONE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you  
everybody. See you in a little bit.

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