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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm.
16th Fl.

B E F O R E: YDANIS A. RODRIGUEZ
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Fernando Cabrera
Chaim M. Deutsch
Ruben Diaz, Sr.
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.
Peter A. Koo
Stephen T. Levi
Mark Levine
Carlos Menchaca
I. Daneek Miller
Antonio Reynoso
Donovan J. Richards
Deborah L. Rose

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

2 [sound check] [pause]

3 CHAIRPERSON RODRIGUEZ: [gavel] Good

4 morning, and welcome to this hearing of the City
5 Council's Committee on Transportation. I am Ydanis
6 Rodriguez, the chair of this committee. Today the
7 committee will be voting on Proposed Intro 1140-A as
8 sponsored by Council Member Costa-Costa
9 Constantinides in relation to off-hour deliveries at
10 city facilities. Vehicles making off-hour deliveries
11 experience and cause less delays in traffic and can
12 find parking easier than during regular business
13 hours. This increased efficiency leads to increased
14 savings for businesses and reduced congestion in the
15 city. We must be able to decrease congestion in the
16 city to increase pedestrians' and cyclists' safety.
17 Its environmental—its an environmental impact on our
18 city and to begin embracing alternative ways all
19 transportation that will allow the city to run faster
20 and more efficiently than ever before. Proposed
21 Intro No. 1140-A will require an agency or office
22 designated by the Mayor working with other agencies
23 and offices to assess and feasibility—and the
24 feasibility of—of our deliveries to city facilities
25 and implement of our deliveries at facilities where

2 it has been feasible. The bill will also require the
3 city to study of our deliveries to city facilities
4 and develop a framework for the implementation of
5 such deliveries at city facilities in the Central
6 Business District, which includes part of Manhattan
7 South or 60th (sic) Street and at two other highly
8 congested areas in the area. Before I call the vote,
9 I would like to acknowledge that we also have been
10 joined by Council Members Diaz, Miller, Cabrera, Koo,
11 Deutsch, Espinal and Levin and Levine, and I also
12 would like to say that we are voting this bill in a
13 historical moment where in the last year we saw how
14 hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers and visitors,
15 but especially the future of the youth, the students
16 they took the day to learn on the street not
17 necessarily in the class in the Climate Change March
18 that sends a message loud and clear that even though
19 there's a guy in the city who say that climate change
20 was invented by the Chinese. Climate change is real.
21 We know Katrina, we know Sandy, we know Maria, we
22 know a snow storm, and this is the time again for
23 that powerful voice or the youth and the students in
24 New York City to resonate there and they see so that
25 we can make our nation as it should be the leading

2 one dealing with climate change, and with that,
3 Council Member Constandindies is not here. I
4 recommend a yes powerful vote on Proposed Intro 1140-
5 A and ask the committee clerk to please call the
6 roll.

7 CLERK: Matthew DiStefano, Committee
8 Clerk, Committee on Transportation. Roll call vote
9 on Proposed Intro 1140-A. Chair Rodriguez.

10 CHAIRPERSON RODRIGUEZ: (off mic)
11 Dedicated to over the passing of the youth and I hope
12 to participate millions of them go back to realizing
13 the statement climate change is real. Facing that we
14 also have another [pause] [on mic] thing that
15 happened in the city in Puerto Rico and the Dominican
16 Republic. I vote aye.

17 CLERK: Cabrera.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Permission to
19 explain my vote.

20 CHAIRPERSON RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Okay, thank you.

22 I just want to request, Mr. Chair if we can in the
23 future. I know and as I was looking at the
24 explanation of the bill that there is no regular
25 expenditure. It's zero, but there is, you know, a

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2 survey that is going to be done a feasibility study,
3 environmental sometime with environmental impact so
4 there is a cost to the agency. If we could include
5 that in the future, but I vote a resounding aye. I
6 think this is much needed, and it will make us a
7 better city and especially regarding environmental
8 impact, and with that, I vote aye.

9 CLERK: Deutsch.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye

11 CLERK: Espinal.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

13 CLERK: Koo.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

15 CLERK: Levin.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

17 CLERK: Levine.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

19 CLERK: Miller.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

21 CLERK: Diaz.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Aye.

23 CLERK: By a vote of 9 in the

24 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,

25 the item has been adopted.

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2 CHAIRPERSON RODRIGUEZ: No questions?

3 And we will leave the vote open—I'm sorry. Thank you
4 for this. So, with that, this hearing is adjourned.

5 [gavel]

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Date September 29, 2019