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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON SANITATION AND SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT

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HELD AT: Remote Hearing (Virtual Room 1)

B E F O R E: Antonio Reynoso
CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Justin Brannan
Fernando Cabrera
Margaret Chin
Oswald Feliz
James Gennaro
Kevin Riley

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

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: PC recording has
3 started.

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Thank you. Cloud
5 recording started.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Backup is rolling.

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Thank you and good
8 morning and welcome to today's remote New York City
9 Council hearing for the Committee on Sanitation. At
10 this time, would all panelists please turn on their
11 videos for verification purposes and please place all
12 electronic devices to vibrate or silent mode. If you
13 would like to submit testimony, please send via email
14 to testimony@Council.NYC.gov. Again, that is
15 testimony@Council.NYC.gov. Thank you for your
16 cooperation Chair Reynoso, we are ready to begin.

17 CHAIRPERSON REYNOSO: Thank you, Sergeant
18 Biondo. Good morning. I am Council member Antonio
19 Reynoso, the Chair of the Committee on Sanitation and
20 Solid Waste Management. Today, we are hearing a bill
21 that would amend local law 55 of 2019. After today's
22 hearing, we will hold a vote on the introduction.
23 Local law 55 of 2019 gave the Business Integrity
24 Commission, better known as BIC, the authority to
25 establish standards for the registration of union

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2 representing workers in the private carting industry.

3 These unions must report the names of all officers

4 and agents of the union and information about each

5 officer, including criminal convictions, civil or

6 criminal actions, and investigations. BIC now has

7 the authority to disqualify an officer of the labor

8 union from holding office if they provide false

9 information or are the subject of a pending

10 indictment or criminal action, have been convicted of

11 certain crimes, or have committed racketeering or are

12 associated with organized crime. The law currently

13 allows BIC to regulate all trade waste unions. This

14 bill would limit-- The bill that we are hearing

15 today would limit the unions under BIC regulation to

16 those that represent employees in that putrescible

17 waste industry. Local law 55 was passed will address

18 issues of company controlled unions and that

19 putrescible waste industry and this amendment would

20 ensure that this bill is narrowly tailored to address

21 that issue while still remaining effective in keeping

22 workers safe. Thank you.

23 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Thanks, Chair

24 Reynoso. I am Nicole Libby and I am Council to the

25 Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management.

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2 There is currently no one who has signed on who is
3 registered to testify. If we have inadvertently
4 missed anyone who wishes to testify today, please use
5 the zoom raise hand function and you will be called
6 on. Seeing no one, Chair, we can open the vote.

7 CHAIRPERSON REYNOSO: Okay. And I just
8 want to recognize that we have been joined by Council
9 members Brannan, Cabrera, Chin, Feliz, and Gennaro.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mr. Chair, we are ready
11 to go?

12 CHAIRPERSON REYNOSO: Yes, sir.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. William
14 Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on
15 Sanitation and Solid Waste Management. Pre-
16 considered introduction for trade waste industry
17 unions. Chair Reynoso?

18 CHAIRPERSON REYNOSO: I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: I vote aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Chin?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Brannan?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Riley?

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2 CHAIRPERSON REYNOSO: And I apologize. I
3 didn't recognize Council member Riley. Council
4 member Riley, are you there?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Yes. I am here,
6 Chair Reynoso.

7 CHAIRPERSON REYNOSO: okay. Awesome. I
8 think they called you for a vote, Council member.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Sorry. Aye. Thank
10 you.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, sir.
12 Gennaro?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes. I vote
14 yes.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Feliz?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: I vote yes.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. By a vote of
18 seven in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and
19 no abstentions, pre-considered introduction has been
20 adopted by the committee. And that is a full
21 committee, Mr. Chair.

22 CHAIRPERSON REYNOSO: Thank you, Clerk.
23 Thank you, Council. I think we are good to adjourn
24 the hearing.

25 UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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2 CHAIRPERSON REYNOSO: Thank you. Thank
3 you all. Good luck today to all. Stay cool.

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Thank you, Chair.

5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: And members that are on
6 the state and federal legislation committee that is
7 that 12 o'clock, it is a separate zoom link. Please
8 follow that link. This is not in the same room that
9 we are in now, so, once again, state and federal
10 legislation 12 o'clock in a different zoom link.

11 Thank you.

12 UNIDENTIFIED: [inaudible 00:05:07] in
13 a minute.

14 UNIDENTIFIED: Take care.

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