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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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March 16, 2023

Start: 10:16 a.m.

Recess: 10:40 a.m.

HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Justin L. Brannan, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Diana Ayala
Charles Barron
Gale A. Brewer
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
David M. Carr
Amanda Farias
Kamillah Hanks
Crystal Hudson
Farah N. Louis
Chi A. Osse
Keith Powers
Pierina Ana Sanchez
Althea V. Stevens
Marjorie Velazquez
Nantasha M. Williams
Julie Won

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Check one, two. Check
3 one, two. This is a prerecorded sound test for the
4 Committee on Finance. Today's date is March 16, 2023.
5 It's being recorded by Michael Leonardo in the
6 Committee Room.

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
8 welcome to today's New York City Council hearing on
9 the Committee on Finance.

10 At this time, we ask that you silence
11 cellphones and electronic devices. We thank you for
12 your cooperation.

13 Mr. Chair, we are ready to begin.

14 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Thank you. [GAVEL]
15 Good morning and welcome to today's Finance Committee
16 meeting. I am Justin Brannan, Council Member, and I
17 avenue privilege of Chairing the Committee on
18 Finance. We've been joined this morning by Council
19 Members Williams, Louis, Stevens, Ayala, Osse,
20 Powers, Farias, Hudson, Brewer, and Carr, and we have
21 Won and Hanks on Zoom.

22 Today, the Committee will be voting on a
23 Transparency Resolution. The Transparency Resolution
24 sets forth the new designation and changes in the
25 designation of certain organizations receiving local

2 aging and youth discretionary funding and funding
3 pursuant to certain initiatives in the budget.

4 As with all Transparency Resolutions,
5 Council Members will have to sign a disclosure form
6 indicating whether or not a conflict exists with any
7 of the groups on the attached list.

8 If any Council Member has a potential
9 conflicts of interest with any of the organizations
10 listed, they have the opportunity to disclose the
11 conflict at the time of their vote. As a reminder,
12 please disclose any conflicts you may have with
13 proposed subcontractors used by organizations
14 sponsored by discretionary funding. These disclosures
15 must be made before the subcontractor can be approved
16 to receive funding. Disclosure forms must be
17 completed and submitted prior to the vote on the
18 Transparency Resolution and may be emailed to Julius
19 Caranda who is also present with us today as always
20 in the room to answer any questions you may have.

21 Are there any other comments or questions
22 from my Colleagues today?

23 Seeing none, I will now ask the
24 indomitable Billy Martin, the Committee Clerk, to
25 call the roll.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: I love
3 it. I get more syllables before he calls me now. Good
4 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
5 vote Committee on Finance Preconsidered Resolution.
6 Chair Brannan.

7 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: I vote aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Moya.

11 Powers.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farias.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanks.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

22 you. Hudson.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Osse.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: I vote aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.
3 Stevens.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
6 Velazquez. Williams.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Disclosing for
8 the record that I'm a CUNY student, and I vote aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Won.
10 Carr.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sorry.
13 Thank you, Council Member Won. Council Member Carr.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I'd like to disclose
15 on the record that we're funding CUNY in this
16 Resolution, and my husband is a student at CUNY and I
17 vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Just in
19 case I missed somebody. Brooks-Powers. Barron. By a
20 vote of 13 in the affirmative, zero in the negative,
21 and no abstentions, item has been adopted by the
22 Committee.

23 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: We're going to keep
24 it open for our transit-challenge friends. You guys
25 can all go.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
3 morning. Continuation roll call Committee on Finance.
4 Council Member Brooks-Powers.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
7 you. Council Member Sanchez.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I vote aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
10 you. Vote is currently at 15 in the affirmative.

11 Continuation roll call Committee on
12 Finance. Council Member Barron.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
15 you. Vote is currently at 16 in the affirmative.

16 Continuation roll call Committee on
17 Finance. Council Member Velazquez.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Aye on all, and
19 I want to disclose my husband works for DEP and my
20 brother is on the Board of Samaritans NYC. Thanks.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
22 you. Final vote now is 17 in the affirmative, zero in
23 the negative, and no abstentions. Council Member
24 Velazquez to close.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: We're closing
3 out. [GAVEL]

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World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date March 28, 2023