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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Vanessa L. Gibson  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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Julissa Ferreras-Copeland  
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A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

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2 CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: Good morning ladies  
3 and gentlemen. Good morning colleagues. I am  
4 Council Member Vanessa Gibson of the 16<sup>th</sup> District,  
5 and I'm proud to chair the Committee on Public  
6 Safety. I want to thank all of my colleagues for  
7 being here this morning as we vote on very important  
8 pieces of legislation, and before I begin my remarks,  
9 I certainly, on behalf of all New Yorker's, on behalf  
10 of our speaker, Melissa Mark-Viverito, and certainly  
11 all of the members of the Public Safety Committee, we  
12 are heartbroken over the untimely passing of our  
13 Brooklyn District Attorney, Ken Thompson who died  
14 over the weekend. It is heartbreaking to know that  
15 DA Ken Thompson is no longer with us, and I can  
16 honestly say as Chair of this Committee for the past  
17 three years, he has been an incredible part of this  
18 Committee of the Public Safety world, a champion, a  
19 reformer, someone who really looked at the criminal  
20 justice system from a new lens, an innovator, someone  
21 who dedicated his entire life to making a difference  
22 for the people in this City and certainly in the  
23 Borough of Brooklyn, and so he is a friend. Many of  
24 us have known him over the course of his career, and  
25 I certainly want to express my heartfelt and sincere

1 thoughts and prayers to his wife, to his son and his  
2 daughter, to his parents, his brother and sister, all  
3 of his family, friends, and all of his colleagues.

4 We will continue to mourn his loss, and certainly  
5 knowing that in the spirit, his life, his legacy and  
6 all of the work that he did as a champion for the  
7 people will continue to last for generations to come.

8 So, on behalf of my colleagues, we want to express  
9 our prayers to the Thompson family. May he rest in  
10 eternal peace. Thank you colleagues. This morning  
11 we will be voting on Proposed Intro 728B relating to  
12 requiring the publication of the NYPD Patrol Guide  
13 and to repeal Paragraph Two of Subdivision A of  
14 Section 14-150 of the Administrative Code of the City  
15 of New York relating to quarterly submission of the  
16 NYPD Patrol Guide and Proposed Intro 959B relating to  
17 requiring the Police Department to report on hate  
18 crime statistics. I want to thank today's bill  
19 sponsors, Council Member Dan Garodnick, for  
20 sponsoring Intro 728B and Council Member Mark Levine  
21 for sponsoring Proposed Intro 959B. Finally, I also  
22 want to recognize the staff, our Committee Counsel,  
23 Deepa Ambikar, Legislative Counsel, Beth Golub,  
24 Financial Analyst, Ellen Ang, on my staff, Caitlyn  
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1 O'Hagan and Dana Wax. I want to thank the team for  
2 working on these pieces of legislation. Very excited  
3 about these bills on today's agenda. We heard  
4 proposed Intro 728A just last month and proposed  
5 Intro 959 in October of last year. Proposed Intro  
6 728B continues on the Council's effort to promote  
7 transparency within the NYPD. The Patrol Guide is  
8 the NYPD's Operations Manual. It contains  
9 comprehensive information about the rules that our  
10 New York City police officers must follow in carrying  
11 out their official duties. Currently, the public may  
12 obtain portions of the Patrol Guide by submitting a  
13 request under the Freedom of Information Law.  
14 Several organizations have posted excerpts of the  
15 Guide on their websites, and private entities sell  
16 the Patrol Guide on line, but the NYPD does not  
17 sanction and post their publication publicly. Intro  
18 728B would require the Department to publicly post  
19 the Patrol Guide and any updates within 24 hours of  
20 the effective date. They would not be required to  
21 post any sections that would reveal non-routine,  
22 investigative techniques, confidential information or  
23 anything that would compromise the safety of the  
24 public or the police officers. Currently, the NYPD  
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1 reports on hate crimes annually, but the date is not  
2 disaggregated by Animus [sic]. Proposed Intro 959B  
3 will require the Department to quarterly and annually  
4 report on hate crimes disaggregated by the motive  
5 towards a targeted group such as race, nationality or  
6 sexual orientation and on the demographics of the  
7 arrestee. The Department would further be required  
8 to disaggregate certain categories if a particular  
9 group that is a target is targeted at least nine  
10 times in a total of four consecutive quarters.

11 Finally, I'd like to thank all the members of the  
12 Public Safety Committee who are here with us. The  
13 safety of our city is of great importance and is  
14 truly essential to the work that we collectively do  
15 together on behalf of all of our communities, and  
16 certainly these bills provide further information,  
17 tools and resources that are available to all of us  
18 to continue to make decisions on behalf of this city.

19 Both of these bills are a step in the right  
20 direction, and I thank my colleagues, the prime  
21 sponsors, support these measures and ask you to  
22 please support them as well, and I ask you to support  
23 these measures in addition to our prime sponsors.

24 We've been joined today by Minority Leader, Council  
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2 Member Steve Matteo, Council Member Vincent Gentile,  
3 Jimmy Vacca, Julissa Ferreras-Copeland, Robert  
4 Cornegy, Chaim Deutsch, Rafael Espinal, Rory Lancman,  
5 and we will be joined by other members of the  
6 Committee. And with that, does any of my colleagues  
7 have any questions on the bills on our agenda this  
8 morning? Okay, thank you. And with that, we will  
9 have our Committee Counsel, William Martin, call the  
10 roll. Thank you colleagues.

11 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: William Martin,  
12 Committee Clerk. Roll call vote on Committee Public  
13 Safety. Chair Gibson?

14 CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: I vote aye.

15 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Gentile?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I vote aye.

17 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Vacca?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Ferreras-Copeland?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Cornegy?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Deutsch?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Espinal?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Lancman?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Matteo?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: By a vote of 9 in the  
8 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,  
9 both items have been adopted.

10 CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: Thank you very much  
11 colleagues, and we'll keep the roll open for a short  
12 time.

13 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Continuation of roll  
14 call, the Committee on Public Safety. Torres?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye on all.

16 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Vote currently stands  
17 at 10 in the affirmative.

18 CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: The hearing of the  
19 Committee on Public Safety is hereby adjourned.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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 October 24, 2016