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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Pierina Ana Sanchez, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Shaun Abreu
- Alexa Aviles
- Charles Barron
- Tiffany Caban
- David M. Carr
- Eric Dinowitz
- Oswald Feliz
- Crystal Hudson

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

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

10 At this time, please silence cellphones
11 and electronic devices to minimize disruptions
12 throughout the hearing. We thank you for your
13 cooperation.

14 Chair, we are ready to begin.

15 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: Thank you, Sergeant.
16 Good morning. I am City Council Member Pierina
17 Sanchez, Chair of the Committee on Housing and
18 Buildings. I am joined today by Council Members
19 Abreu, Barron, Aviles, Carr, and Hudson. Shortly, we
20 will be joined by Council Members Feliz and Caban.

21 Today, we will be voting on two items.
22 Proposed Introduction 876A sponsored by me at the
23 request of the Mayor relating to green building
24 standards. This is a technical clean-up bill.

2 Also Proposed Reso number 503B sponsored
3 by Council Member Brannan calling for State
4 legislation that allows for the conversion of
5 commercial units to residential units and creates the
6 Affordable Housing from Commercial Conversions Tax
7 Benefit Program.

8 We will now ask the Clerk to call the
9 roll. We will now hold for a second for the Clerk.

10 Do any my Colleagues have questions?

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

12 Apologies. Good morning. William Martin, Committee
13 Clerk. Roll call vote Committee on Housing and
14 Buildings. All items are coupled. Chair Sanchez.

15 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: Aye on all.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Dinowitz.
17 Feliz. Abreu.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Aviles.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Aye on all.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Barron.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Caban.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Aye on all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hudson.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Carr.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Permission to
5 briefly explain my vote, Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: Yes.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Thank you. I just
8 want to say I'll be voting in favor of Resolution
9 503B today along with my Colleagues, but I just
10 wanted to state for the record that I'm a firm
11 believer rezonings have to happen at a local level
12 and that there are too many rezoning proposals coming
13 out of Albany that are attempting to preempt the
14 ULURP process, but I do support 503B because it does
15 require changes to be made to the State's Multiple
16 Family Dwellings Law and so I understand that so I'll
17 be voting on 503B and no on the rest. Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: Thank you.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
20 you. Dinowitz.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Yes.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote
23 results for Housing and Buildings is Resolution 503B
24 has been adopted by the Committee with eight in the
25 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no

2 abstentions, and Proposed Introductions 875A and 876A
3 have been adopted by the Committee with seven in the
4 affirmative, one in the negative, and no abstentions.

5 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: Thank you, Clerk.

6 Can we hold the vote for just a bit? Thank you.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

8 Continuation roll call Committee on Housing and
9 Buildings. Council Member Feliz.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Okay.

12 Final vote now Committee on Housing and Buildings
13 Resolution 503B is adopted by the Committee with nine
14 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and no
15 abstentions, and Proposed Introduction 876A only is
16 adopted by the Committee with eight in the
17 affirmative, one in the negative, and no abstentions.

18 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: Thank you. Thank you
19 to all my Colleagues who attended this hearing today.
20 With that, this hearing is closed. [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