

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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May 13, 2020

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B E F O R E: ROBERT E. CORNEGY, JR.
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Fernando Cabrera
Margaret S. Chin
Mark Gjonaj
Barry S. Grodenchik
Farah N. Louis
Bill Perkins
Carlina Rivera
Helen K. Rosenthal
Ritchie J. Torres

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

2 FEMALE SPEAKER: Start.

3 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Will all Council
4 Members and staff please turn on their video at this
5 time. Please silence all electronic devices. You may
6 send us your testimony. Sorry. We don't need any
7 testimony for this one. We're ready to start. You
8 can take a chair. (gavel)

9 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Good morning
10 everyone and thank you for coming. I'm Council Member
11 Robert Cornegy, Chair of the Council's Committee on
12 Housing and Buildings. We're here to hold a vote on
13 a bill related to protection individuals who have
14 been impacted by Covid-19 from landlord harassment.
15 Proposed Intro...intro No. 1936-A, which is sponsored
16 by Council Member Torres and the Speaker would make
17 it illegal for a landlord to harass a tenant based on
18 their status as a person impacted by Covid-19
19 including whether they're an essential worker or
20 because they're laid off or because they see the
21 rental concession forbearance for rent owed during
22 the Covid-19 crisis. I'm joined by Council Members
23 Gjonaj, Chin, Grodenchik, Rosenthal, Louis and
24 Torres, of course. oh, I see Council Member Cabrera.
25 I'm sorry, Council Member Rivera as well. Oh, we can

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2 now ask the County Clerk, I mean the Committee Clerk
3 to call the roll.

4 CLERK: Good morning,

5 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Good morning.

6 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk.

7 Roll call vote Committee on Housing and Buildings.

8 Introduction 1936-A. Chair Cornegy.

9 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Oh, I vote aye.

10 Thank you for doing that.

11 CLERK: I see. Cabrera.

12 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Hang on here.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

14 CLERK: Chin.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

16 CLERK: Rosenthal.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

18 CLERK: Torres.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote aye.

20 CLERK: Grodenchik.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: No.

22 CLERK: Perkins.

23 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Council Member

24 Perkins, you have to unmute yourself.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Oh, thank you
3 for reminding me. I thought I did already.

4 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Welcome.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Bienvenidos.

6 (laughter) Did you hear me?

7 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Yes, sir.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Thank you very
9 much.

10 CLERK: We need your vote, Council Member
11 Perkins on Introduction 1936-A.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: I vote aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Okay, got it.

14 CLERK: Gjonaj.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye.

16 CLERK: Rivera.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER: I wonder where we're
19 going. We've gone up..

20 CLERK: Louis.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

22 CLERK: By a vote of 9 in the affirmative,
23 1 in the negative and no abstentions, the item has
24 been adopted by the committee.

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2 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Thank you. That
3 concludes the Committee on Housing and Buildings'
4 vote for today. Thank you.

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Date May 19, 2020