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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Lynn C. Schulman, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Joann Ariola  
Charles Barron  
Oswald Feliz  
Crystal Hudson  
Mercedes Narcisse  
Julie Menin  
Marjorie Velazquez  
Kalman Yeger

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone  
3 check for the Committee on Health. Recorded on June  
4 8, 2023, located in Chambers, by Nazly Paytuvi.

5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and  
6 welcome to today's New York City Council vote for the  
7 Committee on Health.

8 At this time, please silence all  
9 electronic devices.

10 Chair Schulman, we are ready to begin.

11 CHAIRPERSON SCHULMAN: Good morning and  
12 welcome to this hearing of the City Council Committee  
13 on Health.

14 Today, the Committee will vote on several  
15 pieces of legislation, Proposed Introductions 96A and  
16 325A sponsored by Council Member Brannon, Proposed  
17 Introduction 814A sponsored by Council Member  
18 Krishnan, Proposed Introduction 975A sponsored by  
19 myself, and Proposed Introduction 996A sponsored by  
20 Council Member Narcisse.

21 I want to welcome Members of the  
22 Committee who are present today. Council Member  
23 Narcisse, Council Member Hudson, Council Member  
24 Menin, Council Member Ariola, and Council Member  
25 Velazquez who is online.

2 I am proud to say that all of the bills  
3 we are voting on this morning relate to increase  
4 access to healthcare in our communities in some form,  
5 whether it be by providing vision testing and  
6 eyeglasses to low-income New Yorkers, providing  
7 information on nearby pediatric emergency care in the  
8 City, reporting on the location of AEDs, increasing  
9 access to blood pressure machines, or providing  
10 information on free CPR courses.

11 I am proud to be the prime sponsor of  
12 Introduction 975 which will require the Health  
13 Department to maintain a list of free life-saving CPR  
14 courses available to the public in New York City. The  
15 more people we educate on how to use CPR, the more  
16 lives we can potentially save.

17 In closing, I would like to ask if any of  
18 my Colleagues present would like to make a statement  
19 on their bills.

20 Council Member Narcisse.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Good morning.  
22 Thank you, Chair. I don't want to say much about this  
23 because this is something that is affecting so many  
24 of us. Hypertension or blood pressure is a leading  
25 cause of death in New York City and nationally. The

2 condition is a major risk factor for cardiovascular  
3 disease and, despite decades of research supporting  
4 how a reduction in blood pressure can lower the risk  
5 of stroke, heart attack, and heart failure, less than  
6 half of adults in the United States with hypertension  
7 have controlled blood pressure. Further, black adults  
8 continue to be disproportionately affected by early  
9 onset and higher prevalence of hypertension as well  
10 as the health conditions that hypertension can cause.  
11 The bottom line is you control your blood pressure,  
12 you control a lot of other diseases. I thank you,  
13 Chair, for putting it on and hopefully, I pray that  
14 all my Colleagues will vote on it because this is an  
15 important thing that we can address in our community  
16 by controlling our blood pressure. Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON SCHULMAN: Thank you, Council  
18 Members.

19 Before we begin, I would like to thank my  
20 Staff, Jonathan Bouchet (phonetic) and Kevin McAleer  
21 as well as the Committee Staff, Chris Pepe, Sara  
22 Sucher, Mahnoor Butt, and Danielle Glants.

23 We are ready to begin the vote.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
25 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call

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2 vote Committee on Health. All items are coupled.

3 Chair Schulman.

4 CHAIRPERSON SCHULMAN: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Yeger.

6 Feliz. Barron. Hudson.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Menin.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Narcisse.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye on all.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

13 Velazquez.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

16 you. Ariola.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye on all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote

19 of six in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and

20 no abstentions, all items have been adopted by the

21 Committee, and the roll will be held open at request

22 of the Chair.

23 Continuation roll call Committee on

24 Health. Council Member Feliz.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
3 you. Vote is currently at seven.

4 Continuation roll call Committee on  
5 Health. Council Member Barron. Council Member, I  
6 believe you were muted. You seem to be good. Council  
7 Member Barron. Committee on Health.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
10 you, sir.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote is  
13 currently at eight in the affirmative.

14 Continuation roll call Committee on  
15 Health. Council Member Yeger.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
18 you. Final vote now Committee on Health. All items  
19 have been adopted with a final vote of nine in the  
20 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no  
21 abstentions.

22 Chair Schulman to close.

23 CHAIRPERSON SCHULMAN: The Committee on  
24 Health hearing on legislation is now adjourned.

25 [GAVEL]

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 June 13, 2023