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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL WELFARE

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October 5, 2023  
Start: 11:38 a.m.  
Recess: 11:45 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Diana Ayala  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Tiffany Cabán  
Crystal Hudson  
Linda Lee  
Chi A. Ossé  
Lincoln Restler  
Kevin C. Riley  
Althea V. Stevens  
Sandra Ung  
Nantasha N. Williams

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

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2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Good morning and  
3 welcome to the Committee on General Welfare. At this  
4 time, we ask that you please place phones on vibrate  
5 or silent mode. Thank you. Chair, we are ready to  
6 begin.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Hang on. Okay.  
8 Oh yeah, I forgot about that, sorry. Good morning.  
9 Good morning everyone and welcome to today's hearing.  
10 My name is Diana Ayala and I am the Deputy Speaker of  
11 New York City Council and Chair of the General  
12 Welfare Committee. I'm filling in. I'm Althea  
13 Stevens. Today, our committee will be voting on  
14 Intro 703A sponsored by Council Member Abreu. This  
15 bill requires Department of Social Services to submit  
16 a post and quarterly report on the timeliness of  
17 CityFEPS rental assistance-- oh-- delays and-- delays  
18 in payments can be reasons why a homeless New Yorker  
19 loses out on entering permanent housing and linger in  
20 shelter system. Administrative hurdles like this are  
21 unacceptable, and especially during a time of crisis  
22 when we need to focus on moving people out of  
23 shelter. This crisis is only going to get worse if  
24 we don't do anything about it. Homelessness is one  
25 of the biggest single-- single biggest challenges of

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New York City has had to grapple with for the recent years. As a council we are committed to strategizing ways as we curve the levels of homelessness we are seeing in our city. We need proper oversight of programs such as CityFEPS in order to come up with solid polices to address the gaps in implementation. At this time, I would like to acknowledge my colleagues William, Ung, Lee, Riley, Hudson, and Cabán. And oh, Restler. And Council Member Stevens. Also I would like to thank the Committee Staff for working on this to prepare the vote. And I would like to thank Committee Staff Aminta, David, Julia, and finally my staff, Elsie. And I would like to turn it back to the clerk to do the roll call for this vote.

COUNCIL CLERK: Good morning. William Martin Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on General Welfare Proposed Introduction 703A. Council Member Stevens?

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Riley?

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Cabán?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Hudson?

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Lee?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Restler?

COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye, and I'm  
sorry for being late.

COUNCIL CLERK: Ung?

COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: With a vote of 8 in the  
affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,  
item has been adopted by the committee.

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Oh, with that,  
this hearing is adjourned.

[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 October 6, 2023