

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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October 16, 2017  
Start: 2:50 p.m.  
Recess: 3:04 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm,  
16th Fl.

B E F O R E:  
JUMAANE D. WILLIAMS  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Rosie Mendez  
Ydanis A. Rodriguez  
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.  
Rafael Espinal, Jr.  
Mark Levine  
Helen K. Rosenthal  
Ritchie J. Torres  
Barry S. Grodenchik  
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.  
Eric A. Ulrich  
Fernando Cabrera

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

2 [sound check]

3 [background comments]

4 [pause]

5 CHAIRPERSON WILLIAMS: ...I am Council  
6 Member Jumaane Williams, chair of the Committee on  
7 Housing and Buildings; I'm joined today by Council  
8 Member Cabrera, Council Member Grodenchik, Council  
9 Member Rodriguez, Council Member Rosenthal, Council  
10 Member Salamanca, Council Member Levine; Council  
11 Member Espinal. Anyone else? [background comments]

12 We are here to vote on seven bills; the  
13 first package of bills -- Proposed Intro No. 336-B,  
14 Proposed Intro No. 942-B and Proposed Intro No.  
15 1645-A -- relate to reporting on affordable housing  
16 development, the MIH and inclusionary housing  
17 programs and the affordable housing fund.

18 The second package of bills -- Intro. No.  
19 1404-A, Proposed Intro No. 1429-A, Proposed Intro No.  
20 1437-A, and Proposed Intro No. 1441-A -- are part of  
21 a construction safety package. These bills increase  
22 penalties for construction safety violations and  
23 expand construction safety training.

24 I'd like to thank my staff for the work  
25 they did to assemble this hearing, including Mike

2 Twomey, my Legislative Director; Megan Chen, Counsel  
3 to the Committee; Jose Conde, Policy Analyst to the  
4 Committee; and Sarah Gastelum, the Committee's  
5 Finance Analyst.

6 With that, I would like to ask the clerk  
7 to please call the roll.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,  
9 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on Housing  
10 and Buildings; all items are coupled. Chair  
11 Williams.

12 CHAIRPERSON WILLIAMS: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

15 [pause]

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Espinal.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres. [pause]

23 Grodenchik.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 7 in the  
4 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,  
5 all items have been adopted by the Committee.

6 [pause]

7 [background comments]

8 CHAIRPERSON WILLIAMS: I'll leave the  
9 vote open 15 minutes.

10 [gavel]

11 [background comments]

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Torres.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote now currently  
15 stands at 8 in the affirmative.

16 [pause]

17 [background comments]

18 [pause]

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,  
20 Committee on Housing and Buildings. Council Member  
21 Ulrich.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye.

23 [pause]

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote Committee on  
25 Housing and Buildings; all items have been adopted by

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the Committee 9 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative  
and no abstentions. Thank you.

[pause]

[background comment]

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Uh you want me to  
close it out? This committee hearing is adjourned;  
Housing and Buildings Committee and I think I do a  
good job, even though Jumaane's not here, so I just  
wanna get [background comment] that on the record.

Thank you. [laughter]

[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 October 24, 2017