

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON SANITATION AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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July 28, 2010
Start: 2:25pm
Recess: 2:40pm

HELD AT: 250 Broadway
Hearing Room, 16th Floor

B E F O R E:
Letitia James
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Maria Del Carmen Arroyo
Lew Fidler
Michael C. Nelson
Robert Jackson
James F. Genarro

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2 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Gentlemen,
3 ladies. Get your engines. And now we can all
4 applause because Preston just walked into the
5 room. Yay. It was all for you, Preston.
6 Comment? Because I just introduced you. Good
7 afternoon, and welcome to this hearing on New York
8 City's Council on Sanitation and Solid Waste
9 Management. I am council member Letitia James.
10 And to my far right, is council member Maria
11 Carmen Del Arroyo, council member Lew Fidler, who
12 has two bills before us, council member Mike
13 Nelson, and to my left, council member Robert
14 Jackson.

15 Today we will be voting on 11 bills
16 that revise New York City's comprehensive
17 residential recycling law. These bills represent
18 and important step forward in improving recycling
19 and composting in this city and working to address
20 the challenges that we face in dealing with our
21 solid waste in a responsible and sustainable
22 fashion.

23 As a primary sponsor of one of
24 these bills, I know that much work has been done
25 on these bills by the council and the

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2 administration and the many concerned stakeholders
3 in and around this city. On behalf of the
4 committee, I thank all of you for your work and
5 dedication on this important issue but most
6 notably I'd like everyone to do a round of
7 applause to the staff: Jared Hovo, where's Jared?
8 Yay. And Sue Hahn. Yay. And Laura Popa. Yay.
9 So with nothing further. I would now like to
10 begin these proceedings and I believe we should
11 call the roll. Okay. We are going to vote on the
12 environmental impact statement first.

13 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,
14 committee clerk, roll call on committee on
15 Sanitation and Solid Waste Management. Pre-
16 considered resolution and environmental impact
17 statement. Council member James.

18 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Aye on all.

19 MR. MARTIN: Nelson.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.

21 MR. MARTIN: Jackson.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on
23 all.

24 MR. MARTIN: Arroyo.

25 [No response heard]

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2 MR. MARTIN: By a vote of four in
3 the affirmative and none in the negative and no
4 abstentions, the resolution is adopted.

5 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Call the roll
6 on the rest? Call the roll.

7 MR. MARTIN: Council member James.

8 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Aye on all.

9 MR. MARTIN: Nelson.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye on all.

11 MR. MARTIN: Jackson.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on
13 all.

14 MR. MARTIN: Arroyo.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

16 MR. MARTIN: By a vote of four in
17 the affirmative, zero in the negative and no
18 abstentions, all resolutions are adopted. Council
19 members please sign your committee reports. Thank
20 you.

21 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: I'd like to
22 continue to hold the roll open for at least
23 another half hour. Twenty minutes we are going to
24 hold the roll open and I thank all of you for
25 attending.

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2 MR. MARTIN: Pre-considered
3 resolution. Council member Genarro.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GENARRO: I vote
5 yes.

6 MR. MARTIN: By a vote of five in
7 the affirmative and zero in the negative and no
8 abstentions. On all other coupled introductions,
9 council member Genarro.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GENARRO: Thank you
11 Billy. I just, I don't have anything really
12 prepared but these have been long coming, long in
13 the making. I am very grateful to the chair, to
14 all of the sponsors of these great bills. We were
15 around, I was around back in the early 90's when
16 we were really first starting to get very serious
17 about recycling but this has moved us into a whole
18 other realm. Thanks to the Chair and thanks to
19 the sponsors of these bills and thanks to the
20 speakers so I am happy and proud to vote aye on
21 all and God bless us everyone.

22 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Council member
23 Genarro, thank you for your leadership on all
24 things related to the environment. You have truly
25 been a leader and we follow in your footsteps.

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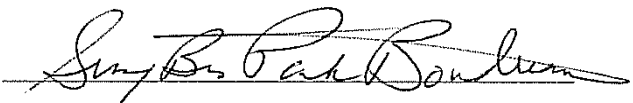
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MR. MARTIN: All items on today's agenda have been adopted by vote of 5 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions.

CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Hearing is officially adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Sung Bin Park-Boudreau, certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

Signature _____  _____

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Date _____ August 10, 2010 _____