

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS, LIBRARIES, AND  
INTERNATIONAL INTERGROUP RELATIONS

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April 17, 2012  
Start: 1:18 p.m.  
Recess: 1:25 p.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

B E F O R E: JAMES G. VAN BRAMER  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.  
Elizabeth S. Crowley  
Inez E. Dickens  
Jessica S. Lappin  
Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.  
Daniel Dromm

CHAIRPERSON JAMES VAN BRAMER: Good morning everyone, and with that gavel we are - - now in session, the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries, and International Group Relations. We are here this afternoon to vote on Intro 711-A and as Chair of the Committee I was pleased to introduce this expansion of the Library Card Act, which would require city agencies to make available library card applications for young people who access their services. It's my goal and I believe all of our goals to have every young person in the city of New York have a library card in their pocket at all times. This legislation will continue to expand the number of people who receive library card applications from the city agencies that most interact with children that would most benefit from accessing our public library systems. On November 30<sup>th</sup> of last year, this Committee heard Intro 711 and expansion of the library card act of the bill has subsequently been amended. As amended the expansion would require the Department of Education to distribute library card information to pre-kindergarteners. The proposed bill would also require other city

1 agencies serving children, including the  
2 Administration for Children's Services, the  
3 Department of Homeless Services and the Department  
4 of Youth and Community Development as well as the  
5 Human Resources Administration to make available  
6 library card information a variety of - - for  
7 young people accessing - - . Since the passage of  
8 the initial library card act, over 150,000 young  
9 people in the city of New York have received  
10 library cards. Millions more have had library card  
11 applications in their hands, and we are excited to  
12 vote on this piece of legislation. We have 22 co-  
13 sponsors and I urge all of my colleagues to vote  
14 in favor of Intro 711-A, the expansion of the  
15 Library Card Act. So with that, I recommend a yes  
16 vote and ask for the roll call.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kevin Pin,  
19 Committee Clerk, roll call in the Committee on  
20 Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International  
21 Intergroup Relations Intro 711-A. Council Member  
22 Van Bramer?

23 CHAIRPERSON VAN BRAMER: I vote  
24 aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie?

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Before I vote, I would like to add my name as a co-sponsor on this bill, and I vote aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: - - before I vote I would like to commend Chair Van Bramer for his work on this - - bill that he passed was with regard to public schools, and something - - young people now is not necessarily - - so the first piece of legislation is great. This is a good piece of legislation. Also, I want to put my name on as a co-sponsor and I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of four in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions, the item has been adopted. Members, please sign the Committee report.

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CHAIRPERSON VAN BRAMER: - - keep opened - - the vote for a half hour.

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MALE VOICE: - - .

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CHAIRPERSON VAN BRAMER: Okay.

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Thank you.

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[gavel]

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote stands

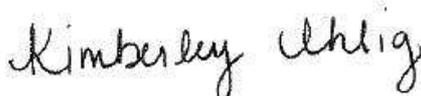
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at five in the affirmative.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kimberley Uhlig 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

Handwritten signature of Kimberley Uhlig in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.Date 5/1/12