

SUBCOMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS, PUBLIC SITINGS

AND DISPOSITIONS 1

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Start: 11:44 a.m.
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HELD AT: 250 BROADWAY - COMMITTEE ROOM, 16TH
FLOOR

B E F O R E: Farrah N. Louis, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Carmen N. De La Rosa
Christopher Marte
Inna Vernikov

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone
3 check for the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public
4 Sitings and Dispositions, recorded on the 16th Floor
5 by Layla Lynch.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
7 welcome to the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public
8 Sitings and Dispositions.

9 Please silence all electronic devices.

10 Chair, we are ready to begin.

11 CHAIRPERSON LOUIS: [GAVEL] Good morning.
12 I'm Council Member Farrah Louis, Chair of the
13 Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings and
14 Dispositions. This meeting is being held in a hybrid
15 format.

16 I am joined today by my Colleagues,
17 Council Members De La Rosa, Marte, and Vernikov.

18 Today, we will vote on a number of items
19 heard by this Subcommittee at our last meeting on
20 December 5th. We will vote to approve LU number 293
21 for the West 120th to 126th Street ANCP Cluster. This
22 is an HPD request for a UDAAP approval and a related
23 Article XI tax exemption approval to facilitate the
24 renovation and preservation of 40 affordable
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2 cooperative homeownership units in Upper Manhattan in
3 Council Member Richardson Jordan's District.

4 We'll also vote to approve LU number 294
5 regarding a site plan submission by the School
6 Construction Authority for a new 676-seat high school
7 facility in Bay Ridge Brooklyn in Council Member
8 Brannan's District.

9 We will also vote to approve LU number
10 295 regarding a site plan submission by the School
11 Construction Authority for a new 696-seat public
12 school facility in Flushing Queens in Council Member
13 Ung's District. Council Member Ung is unable to be
14 with us today, but she asks for us to read the
15 following statement on her behalf.

16 Thank you, Chair Louis and Members of the
17 Subcommittee, regarding SCA's proposal to build a
18 696-seat primary school in my District. While I am
19 unable to be there in person, I am pleased to express
20 my strong support for this proposal. The location for
21 this proposed school is in an incredibly dense part
22 of my District where few suitable sites exist that
23 meet the needs of the School Construction Authority
24 for a school of this size. A new school will
25 contribute to the overall success of our students and

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2 be a long-term investment in the future of our
3 education system. This alone makes it a vital project
4 for Flushing. According to a recent report from the
5 Independent Budget Office, elementary schools in
6 District 25, which includes Flushing, will be over-
7 enrolled by 71 percent once the new class size law is
8 fully in place, the second highest rate among school
9 districts in Queens. This proposed school presents an
10 opportunity to prepare to meet the new State
11 requirements in addition to being a worthwhile
12 investment in the future of our city. I urge you to
13 consider the long-term benefits and urgency of this
14 proposal and vote in favor of its approval. Your
15 support will not only address the immediate
16 challenges forced by the district but it will also
17 demonstrate a commitment to providing quality
18 education and ensuring the well-being of our
19 community's children. Thank you.

20 That's the end of that statement. I now
21 invite any of my Colleagues to make remarks if they
22 wish to do so.

23 Going once, going twice, great.
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2 I now call for a vote to approve LU
3 numbers 293, 294, and 295. Counsel, please call the
4 role.

5 SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chair Louis.

6 CHAIRPERSON LOUIS: I vote aye on all.

7 SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member De
8 La Rosa.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all.

10 SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
11 Marte.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye on all.

13 SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
14 Vernikov.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye.

16 SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chair, the vote
17 currently stands at four in the affirmative, zero in
18 the negative with no abstentions.

19 CHAIRPERSON LOUIS: Thank you, Counsel.
20 That concludes today's business.

21 I would like to thank the members of the
22 public, my Colleagues, Subcommittee Counsel, Land Use
23 Staff, and the Sergeant-at-Arms for your
24 participation today.

25 This meeting is now 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 December 14, 2023