

CITY COUNCIL  
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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December 15, 2015  
Start: 11:25 a.m.  
Recess: 11:51 a.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: DAVID G. GREENFIELD  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Vincent J. Gentile  
Annabel Palma  
Maria del Carmen Arroyo  
Inez E. Dickens  
Daniel R. Garodnick  
Darlene Mealy  
Rosie Mendez  
Ydanis A. Rodriguez  
Peter A. Koo  
Brad S. Lander  
Stephen T. Levin  
Jumaane D. Williams  
Ruben Wills  
Donovan J. Richards  
Inez D. Barron  
Andrew Cohen  
Ben Kallos  
Antonio Reynoso  
Ritchie J. Torres  
Mark Treyger

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

2 [sound check, pause]

3 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Good morning.

4 [background comments] Quiet on the set, please.

5 [shushing for quiet]

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please.

7 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Good morning.

8 Antonio Reynoso, how are you today? So great to see  
9 you, sir. As soon as we get some quiet, they said we  
10 can start the hearing so you can go vote at your next  
11 committee. I want to thank you all for coming here  
12 on time. My name is David Greenfield. I'm the  
13 Council Member for the 44th District of Brooklyn.  
14 I'm privileged to sit as the Chair of the Land Use  
15 Committee. I want to welcome my esteemed colleagues,  
16 Council Member Gentile, Palma, Arroyo, Garodnick,  
17 Mendez, Koo, Levin, Williams, Cohen, Reynoso, Torres  
18 and the gold store--gold star goes to Council Member  
19 Kallos who is on time, and we appreciate that.

20 What the committee is voting on today is  
21 to approve each of the resolutions before us and will  
22 be voted on by the full Council. The Resolution  
23 which will affect the recommendation of the  
24 applicable subcommittee today. We only have one item  
25 for our consideration, Preconsidered LU Application

2 No. 20155378 SCK, a primary intermediate school. We  
3 recognize Council Member Lander who has joined us as  
4 well. This application is for site selection of the  
5 new approximately 676-seat primary intermediate  
6 school located in Council Member Menchaca's district.  
7 Council Member Menchaca has indicated approval of  
8 this application, and the subcommittee has  
9 recommended approval of this item. I want to also  
10 thank our Subcommittee Chairs, Chair Richards, Chair  
11 Koo, Chair Dickens and acting Chair Cohen. Will the  
12 Clerk please call the roll. Seeing no clerk, will  
13 the Counsel please call the roll?

14 LEGAL COUNSEL: Chair Greenfield.

15 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Aye on all.

16 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Gentile.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: [off mic] Aye.

18 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Palma.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

20 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Arroyo.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: [off mic] Aye.

22 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Garodnick.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

24 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Mendez.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: [off mic] Aye.

2 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Koo.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

4 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Lander.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

6 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Levin.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Permission to  
8 explain my vote.

9 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Council Member  
10 Levin to explain his vote.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very  
12 much, Mr. Chairman. First, I want to thank or  
13 congratulate Council Member Carlos Menchaca on this  
14 particular Land Use item, and I also wanted to just  
15 say that I made a big mistake at our last Land Use  
16 meeting and I forgot to acknowledge the hard work of  
17 our Land Use staff Raju Mann, Brian Paul, Duane Casey  
18 (sic), Amy Levitan, as well as my staff Ramie Metal,  
19 Casey Adams and Gumani Bravo Lopez. (sp?) Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: I thought you  
21 wanted to change your vote. So I'm actually  
22 relatively pleased that the mistake was actually  
23 failing to acknowledge our outstanding LU staff.  
24 Thank you.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I vote aye on all.

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2 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Williams.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [off mic] Aye.

4 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Cohen.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: [off mic] Aye.

6 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Reynoso.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I vote aye.

8 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Torres.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote aye.

10 LEGAL COUNSEL: All items are adopted by  
11 a vote of 13 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative  
12 and 0 abstentions.

13 CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Thank you,  
14 everyone. We're going to keep the vote open for 15  
15 minutes. I want to wish everybody a happy holiday.  
16 We will be back with the Land Use Committee on  
17 January 14th. Enjoy the holidays. Merry Christmas  
18 and a Happy New Year. [pause]

19 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Treyger.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: I vote aye.

21 [background comments, pause]

22 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Wills.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye. [background  
24 comments, pause]

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2 LEGAL COUNSEL: Okay. Council Member  
3 Rodriguez.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [off mic]  
5 [background comments, pause]

6 LEGAL COUNSEL: Council Member Richards.

7 LEGAL COUNSEL RICHARDS: I vote aye on  
8 all. Congratulations Council Member Menchaca. With  
9 that being said, this will be the close of our Land  
10 Use hearing. [gavel]

11 LEGAL COUNSEL: Thanks.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: You're welcome.

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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 23, 2015