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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

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HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm,
14th Fl.

B E F O R E:
BEN KALLOS
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
David G. Greenfield
Mark Levine
Ritchie J. Torres
Steven Matteo

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CHAIRPERSON KALLOS: Good morning and welcome to this hearing of the Committee on Governmental Operations. I am Council Member Ben Kallos and I represent the 5th Council District in Manhattan. Today we're voting on two pieces of legislation that we heard jointly last month with Committee on Technology and Chair Jimmy Vacca. These two bills share a common purpose -- making our city's government more transparent and accessible to every New Yorker. They will continue the process of modernizing our government.

Introduction 0363-A, which I am a prime sponsor of, would put the City Record, the City's official newspaper, for notices online in a user-friendly format; it's of note that it is a co-primed by Technology Chair, Jimmy Vacca.

It's amazing that this paper is published daily but is not generally searchable online across issues. There is a wealth of information in the City Record and making it accessible to all New Yorkers is a step in the right direction.

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Introduction 0149-A, sponsored by Council Member Lander with me as a co-prime, would codify and build upon the Law Department's practice of putting the Charter, the Administrative Code and Rules online in a searchable format. In this age of complex legal requirements in so many areas of our life, it is more important than ever for the law to be accessible to everybody; in the age of Hammurabi, that meant putting it in cuneiform; today it means putting it online and this is a first step in making the law online and giving it back to the people to which are governed.

I don't see any council members who may wish to speak to the legislation and I believe we have no witnesses; if you wish to give testimony you need to fill out a witness form. Have you filled out a witness form or?

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CHAIRPERSON KALLOS: Perfect.

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CHAIRPERSON KALLOS: Perfect. Thank you.

So seeing no testimony, I will now ask the clerk to please call the roll.

2 KEVIN PENN: Kevin Penn [sp?], Committee
3 Clerk, Roll Call on the Committee on Governmental
4 Operations, Intros 0149-A and 0363-A. Council Member
5 Kallos.

6 CHAIRPERSON KALLOS: Aye on all.

7 KEVIN PENN: Greenfield.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

9 KEVIN PENN: Matteo.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

11 KEVIN PENN: By a vote of 3 in the
12 affirmative, 0 in the negative; no abstentions, both
13 items have been adopted. Members, please sign the
14 Committee Reports.

15 [background comments]

16 CHAIRPERSON KALLOS: We'll hold the vote
17 open for 30 minutes.

18 KEVIN PENN: Torres.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye.

20 KEVIN PENN: Vote stands at 4 in the
21 affirmative.. [interpose]

22 [background comments]

23 KEVIN PENN: Levine.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: I vote aye on
25 all.

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2 KEVIN PENN: Final vote on Committee on
3 Governmental Operations, 5 in the affirmative, 0 in
4 the negative; no abstentions.

5 CHAIRPERSON KALLOS: Hereby adjourn the
6 Committee on Governmental Operations.

7 [gavel]

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Date July 29, 2014