

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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March 12, 2019
Start: 10:52 a.m.
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HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm.
16th Fl.

B E F O R E: MARK LEVINE
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Alicka Ampry-Samuel
Inez D. Barron
Mathieu Eugene
Keith Powers

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

2 [sound check] [pause] [gavel]

3 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Good morning
4 everyone. Welcome to the City Council's Committee on
5 Health where today we'll be voting on a monumental
6 package of bills designed to help in the scourge of
7 lead poisoning in the New York City. I will say a
8 few words about the bills in a moment, but I do first
9 want to get the vote roll call going in case one of
10 our colleagues needs to leave, and we have been
11 joined by Council Member Keith Powers, and Council
12 Member Dr. Mathieu Eugene, and I will ask the Billy
13 Martin to please call the roll--the--the vote.

14 CLERK: Roll call vote Committee on
15 Health. All items are coupled. Chair Levine.

16 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: I vote aye.

17 CLERK: Eugene.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

19 CLERK: Powers.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I VOTE aye.

21 CLERK: By a vote of 3 in the
22 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions all
23 items have been adopted.

24 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: And we have just
25 voted on a package of seven very important bills that

2 are all designed to help the city live up to its
3 promise of once and for all ending lead poisoning.
4 We promised in 2004 that we would eliminate lead
5 poisoning by 2010, and nine years later we have 4,000
6 new cases a year. So, these seven bills will help
7 finally correct that historic wrong. Intros 865
8 sponsored by Speaker Johnson--very important--will
9 lower the blood level that triggers the lead
10 poisoning investigation from 10 to 5 micrograms. It
11 will also lower--lower the threshold at which paint is
12 deemed to have a dangerous level of lead, and will
13 lower the thresholds for deeming dust to be
14 dangerously contaminated as well. Intro 871 by
15 Council Member Borelli will require that testing of
16 water fountains for lead be done at the first draw as
17 opposed to waiting for the water to run. Intro 877
18 by Council Member Cornegy will require that all city
19 agencies that deal with children would provide
20 parents and guardians with info on how to get their
21 kids tested for lead. A companion bill Intro 1117
22 sponsored by Council Member [tape cut out] will
23 require those agencies to provide pamphlets to
24 parents and guardians about landlords' obligations to
25 comply with lead laws, and how families can get free

2 drinking water testing kits if they are nervous.

3 Intro 881 sponsored by Council Member Dromm will

4 require outreach to the public about the hazards of

5 lead [coughs]. Intro 918 by Council Member Torres

6 will require that [coughs] the Health Department

7 report on violations of lead laws including audits of

8 annual inspections by landlords, and finally, Intro

9 920 sponsored by Council Member Treyger will expand

10 the requirements of Child serving facilities to be

11 tested for lead to include all facilities where

12 children of under age 6 are present including pre-

13 schools, nursery schools and others. That is our

14 very important package. We're going to hold the vote

15 open as we're expecting at least one more member to

16 arrive, and I want to thank all my colleagues for

17 being here for this important hearing. Thank you.

18 [pause]

19 CLERK: Continuation roll call the

20 Committee on Health. Council Member Ampry-Samuel.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Thank you

22 so much. I vote aye on all.

23 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Alright.

24 CLERK: The vote now currently stands at

25 4 in the affirmative.

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2 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Than You so much
3 Council Member for being here, and for your vote.

4 [pause]

5 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk.

6 The final vote in the Committee Health. All items
7 have been adopted by the committee 4 in the
8 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions.

9 [pause]

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Date April 15, 2019