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

Rebecca Wax  
FDNY Firefighter Candidate

Dion Hines  
FDNY Firefighter Candidate

Ahyende Sandy  
FDNY Firefighter Candidate

David Cargin  
FDNY Firefighter Candidate

Ryan Cassandra Colletti  
FDNY Firefighter Candidate

CHAIRPERSON CROWLEY: Good morning.

My name is Elizabeth Crowley. I'm the chair of the Fire and Criminal Justice Services Committee here at the City Council. Today we are hearing a bill proposed Intro 450-A, which was introduced by Council Members Vallone, Williams, Oddo and myself, and has been co-sponsored by many of our colleagues. Council Member Vallone cannot be here today, but I want to thank him and my colleagues, Council Member Williams and Council Member Oddo for their leadership in introducing this important legislation. This bill will temporarily increase the maximum age for filing an application to take the exam to become a firefighter for certain groups and is necessary as a result of litigation that has impacted the current exam and those that took it as well as those that took previous exams. If we don't pass this legislation, many people who prepared and dedicated themselves for the opportunity to become firefighters would not be able to see that goal realized through no fault of their own, but because the exam they took couldn't be used because of pending litigation. If we don't act, they will be too old to apply by the

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2 time the next exam application period is open.  
3 Currently, people who have passed their 29<sup>th</sup>  
4 birthday at the time of filing their application  
5 are ineligible to take the firefighter exam. This  
6 bill will temporarily increase the maximum filing  
7 age to include those that have not passed their  
8 36<sup>th</sup> birthday at the time of filing their new  
9 application.

10                   The extension granted by the bill  
11 will only be available for certain individuals who  
12 have been affected by the pending litigation and  
13 only for the next open competitive exam or  
14 promotional exam for those eligible to take such  
15 promotional exams. Covered individuals are those  
16 who either took a New York City Firefighter exam  
17 and the five years pending the effective date of  
18 this local law or who would not be appointed from  
19 an eligible list for the position of firefighter,  
20 including but not limited to a special military-  
21 eligible list established before the effective  
22 date of this local law because such a list could  
23 not be used in whole or in part by the fire  
24 department due to litigation. I'd like to thank  
25 all the individual applicants who have worked so

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2 hard for their chance to become firefighters and  
3 who have so eloquently expressed the importance of  
4 having the opportunity to become firefighters. I  
5 believe we will have an opportunity to hear from  
6 some of those individuals today and I look forward  
7 to hearing how this situation has impacted them  
8 and what it would mean to them if we were able to  
9 move forward with this bill. Now the fire  
10 department is not going to testify today. We're  
11 just going to hear from those that have signed up  
12 to speak, and the first person we're going to call  
13 up to speak is Rebecca Wax. Do you feel  
14 comfortable with - - ?

15 [background conversation]

16 CHAIRPERSON CROWLEY: Okay. Three  
17 can. I can call up Rebecca Wax, Dion Hines,  
18 Ahyende Sandy [phonetic]. If you could speak in  
19 that order and introduce yourself for the record...  
20 Thank you.

21 REBECCA WAX: Good morning,  
22 Chairperson Crowley. Thank you for the  
23 opportunity to speak with you about the age  
24 extension bill for the firefighter exam. My name  
25 is Rebecca Wax. I am here today to testify as an

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2 FDNY firefighter candidate. I now work for FDNY  
3 Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, but I still  
4 want nothing more than to be a New York City  
5 firefighter. Today I am here to make sure  
6 everyone understands how important it is that  
7 every candidate who took the firefighter exam in  
8 2007 should be given the opportunity to take the  
9 next firefighter exam. I decided I wanted to be a  
10 firefighter when I was 21, but had just missed the  
11 test given in December of 2002. Typically, it  
12 would be another four years before another exam  
13 would be given, so I waited, went back to college  
14 for a second degree in fire science and took  
15 firefighter exams in other cities just for  
16 practice. I went to all the prep courses and  
17 studied on my own time. I took exam 6019 on  
18 January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007. I scored 103.508, which  
19 included the residency credit. My list number was  
20 173 out of about 22,000 test takers, so I was  
21 virtually guaranteed a spot in the fire academy.  
22 Due to an unfortunate illness and death of my  
23 father, I was unable to take my physical exam when  
24 I was called for it. This meant I had to take the  
25 physical after the first class from my list under

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2 the academy and would likely be in the second  
3 class off our list going into the fire academy;  
4 however, that class never happened. The second  
5 class got cancelled first because of the economy  
6 and then because of the on-going litigation. I  
7 took and passed my physical exam and did  
8 everything asked of me to be considered for a spot  
9 in the fire academy. Since then, FDNY has done no  
10 firefighter hiring and I've since turned 29. I am  
11 now too old to take the next exam. Unless this  
12 bill is passed and passed quickly, I will never  
13 get another shot at becoming a New York City  
14 firefighter. I was going to say we could take  
15 questions, but I guess you guys are going to go up  
16 first before we do that.

17           DION HINES: Good morning everyone.  
18 Thank you, Chairperson Crowley and everyone else  
19 who supported this. My name is Dion Hines. I  
20 took the firefighter exam 2007. I was 28 at the  
21 time. It was probably 4 or 3 days before my 29<sup>th</sup>  
22 birthday, so I knew that was my very last chance,  
23 so I did everything that I knew I had to do. I  
24 studied for two hours a day out of the - - the - -  
25 book, about two hours a day, six months leading up

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2 to the exam. I scored 100.475. My list number  
3 was 945, so with that, I knew I was in, so all I  
4 had to do was follow everything else—the physical,  
5 the medical. I did all of that. Fast forward to  
6 November of 2008; I got my letter to come out to  
7 the academy to take the run. Went out there; did  
8 my mile and a half run; sat down with human  
9 resources; got my acceptance letter.

10 Our class was supposed to start  
11 January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, I believe. I received a call  
12 two weeks probably before the class started and  
13 said that it was cancelled due to budget cuts, so  
14 from that day forward, basically sat around each  
15 day waiting for that letter or that call to come  
16 in at the next class that was going to start and  
17 that call never came until probably around the  
18 beginning of August of 2010. Probably about four  
19 days after I spoke to my investigator, he told me  
20 the class was going to start August 30<sup>th</sup>. I spoke  
21 to him the next day, he told me the class got  
22 cancelled once again. I am currently 32. I'm  
23 over the age. Basically myself and all the other  
24 candidates who are sitting here are over the age.  
25 All we're basically asking for is another chance



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2 to get to the academy, and we'll do what we have  
3 to do from there. I really don't think anyone  
4 sitting in this room who came this far is willing  
5 to give up. I, myself, have been to 38 different  
6 Councilmen's offices personally, asking for  
7 support on this, so this isn't something that I'm  
8 just wanting to do. This is a passion. This is a  
9 desire to go and I'm not giving up on this one.  
10 Thank you.

11 AHYENDE SANDY: Good morning,  
12 Councilwoman Crowley. I'd like to thank the City  
13 Council for supporting this Introduction 450-A.  
14 My name is Ahyende Sandy, FDNY 6019 candidate.  
15 I'm here seeking support for the bill to be  
16 introduced to extend the age extension for  
17 applying for the FDNY. I am currently 30 years  
18 old, which would make me ineligible to apply if  
19 this bill is not passed. When I took the test in  
20 2007, I was 27, so that was my last opportunity.  
21 That was my last chance to take the test. We've  
22 all had unique experiences along the way and we've  
23 put our hearts, our souls, our minds and our  
24 bodies on the line just to prove that this is not  
25 just a fly by night for us. This is something

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2 that we know deep down we want. I personally have  
3 had to go as far as leaving the country to obtain  
4 documents just for the background check—just to  
5 pass the background check. There were documents  
6 that I never had in my life. We all had to put  
7 our best foot forward to prove to not only  
8 ourselves but to the world that this is something  
9 that we want and by showing that we all deserve  
10 it. That's why today we're here to support and  
11 asking that City Council will support us on this  
12 bill. Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON CROWLEY: I thank all  
14 three of you for testifying. You seem fit and  
15 ready for the job, and I hope that this bill will  
16 come to fruition, so that you'll have that  
17 opportunity. It appears to be a life-long dream  
18 for each and every one of you and it must have  
19 been incredibly frustrating these past couple of  
20 months not knowing whether you'll ever be able to  
21 be a New York City firefighter. My question and  
22 all of you could answer this, you're probably  
23 prepared mentally for the new test, but physically  
24 you'll have to stay fit as well and you'll have to  
25 take another physical I imagine. So have you been

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2 in touch with the fire department over the time  
3 that you've been waiting? Have they been keeping  
4 you abreast as to what's happening? What - - that  
5 they have? Have they been giving you pointers on  
6 how to stay on top of your physical fitness, so  
7 you'll be ready, God willing, you have an  
8 opportunity in the future?

9 REBECCA WAX: The fire department  
10 has been really good about keeping us updated on  
11 what's going on. A couple of candidates have met  
12 with the commissioner a couple of times. They've  
13 kept us updated. Whenever there is news, they let  
14 us know. So they've been really good with  
15 communication. As far as physical fitness, we've  
16 all been doing our best to keep on top of it and  
17 working with each other in some cases. I actually  
18 have done a lot of working out with Ryan Colletti  
19 [phonetic], who is here--another candidate. At  
20 other times, we will probably all get together.  
21 We actually did the - - Towers run together--a  
22 whole bunch of us, so we're staying on top of it  
23 as much as we can and just hoping for the best.

24 AHYENDE SANDY: In regard to  
25 communication with the FDNY, as a record to set,

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2 we've met with the commissioner personally, and  
3 they do support us. At this point, they've done  
4 as much as they can do. Besides that, all they  
5 can do at this point is just give us their  
6 support. We've taken it upon ourselves to keep  
7 each other up and motivated throughout the  
8 process. In terms of physically, we do the same  
9 thing. It's very disappointing, but still I think  
10 the physical aspect is one of the things that  
11 helps us just deal with the lag time between now  
12 and what is to come.

13                   DION HINES: As far as like Rebecca  
14 and Ahyende said, communication with FDNY has been  
15 great--has kept us motivated. As far as the  
16 physical everything else, I don't see that being a  
17 problem. Being 32, I'm not old, so doing the  
18 physical all over again is really not a problem  
19 like Ahyende said - - we're running a lot, so we  
20 pretty much stay in shape. I myself am a personal  
21 trainer, so working out is pretty much a daily  
22 lifestyle for me, so the physical--I don't really  
23 see that being a problem.

24                   AHYENDE SANDY: I'd also like to  
25 add that I think at this point in my life, I'm

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2 probably stronger than I've ever been, literally  
3 stronger than I've ever been. When I get the  
4 chance, I do two a days workouts. I run. I box.  
5 I play basketball. I work out in the gym, so at  
6 this point physical is not even a question, so I  
7 know I'm capable.

8 CHAIRPERSON CROWLEY: I'd like to  
9 recognize that we've been joined by my colleague  
10 from upper Manhattan, Council Member Ydanis  
11 Rodriguez and call on him for any questions.

12 YDANIS RODRIGUEZ: Thank you,  
13 Chairwoman. First of all I'm sorry that I'm late.  
14 I was at the other hearing--the General Welfare. I  
15 just want to express my solidarity to you and to  
16 the rest of your colleagues that are in a similar  
17 situation. I believe that you should be allowed  
18 to be part of the class to join the firefighter  
19 team family. We don't need less. We need to add  
20 more firefighters. We don't need to close anyone.  
21 We need to keep all of them open. I think that  
22 the reality is that as we have - - the passing of  
23 the hearing, New York City is the first target for  
24 terrorism. We have to address that issue by being  
25 sure that we have the number of men and women that

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2 are part of the team. We need to be sure that we  
3 - - a number of firehouses. And to deny that  
4 opportunity to you, who have applied already, has  
5 been part of - - , I think it is unfair. It is  
6 not acceptable and what you will hear from the  
7 Council is support and solidarity and we would do  
8 whatever that is in our hands to be sure that you  
9 will be a part of the firefighter family. Thank  
10 you.

11 CHAIRPERSON CROWLEY: Thank you,  
12 Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez. We've been  
13 joined by Council Member Dan Halloran. Council  
14 Member Halloran, we're just finishing the first  
15 panel. I'm going to call up the second panel.  
16 Thank you.

17 AHYENDE SANDY: Thank you.

18 DION HINES: Thank you.

19 REBECCA WAX: Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON CROWLEY: The second  
21 panel—we're going to have David Cargin and Ryan  
22 Cassandra Colletti [phonetic]. If you could  
23 identify yourself for the record, and begin once  
24 you're ready.

25 DAVID CARGIN: Good morning,

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Council. My name is David Cargin.

RYAN CASSANDRA COLLETTI: Good morning, Council. My name is Ryan Cassandra Colletti.

RYAN CASSANDRA COLLETTI: Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify here and thank you for all of your support thus far on this bill. I'd like to say a candidate on List No. 6019. I have worked effortlessly to put myself in the best possible position to become a New York City firefighter. It's something that I want passionately and have worked extremely hard for every single day over the last five years, starting even before I took the written exam. Like the other candidates, I went to every class that the FDNY offered to prepare for the test. I went all of the physical trainings and on December 21<sup>st</sup> of 2010, I turned 29 years old, making me officially over the age limit. I don't want any special treatment. I just want the opportunity to once again have the ability to take the test and become a firefighter, so thank you again for everything you've done thus far.

DAVID CARGIN: Good morning once

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2 again, Council. Pretty much I am also in the same  
3 situation as everybody here. I turned 29  
4 September 22<sup>nd</sup> of last year. The preparation that  
5 all of us have went through has been very  
6 strenuous on our lifestyles and I could assure you  
7 that every single candidate on 6019—if we were  
8 just given an opportunity to get into the fire  
9 department, if it's in our hands, once again, I  
10 can guarantee that you that we will all be in  
11 there. That's pretty much what we feel this bill  
12 is—it's just giving us the opportunity to take  
13 control of our future 'cause - - 6019 and taking  
14 that test, we had that chance, but it was taken  
15 away from us, and that's all we're asking—is  
16 another opportunity to be put in our hands that we  
17 can control. Many of us have been through every  
18 avenue we could possibly think of. We've gone to  
19 the media. Several of us have been in newspapers,  
20 on television. We've had meetings with  
21 Commissioner Cassano. I'm in e-mail contact with  
22 Deputy Commissioner Shacknai. I've been asking  
23 her, "What's the fire department's stance?" What  
24 is their next move? We've all been through the  
25 medical portion of it, which is probably the most



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2 portion of it at least twice; myself, three times;  
3 another candidate is three times. We've all had  
4 our challenges. Other candidates that couldn't be  
5 here, they've done things like spend thousands of  
6 dollars on Lasik surgery to improve their vision.  
7 I myself have gone to a cardiologist 'cause I had  
8 an abnormality with my heart pattern. That all  
9 comes out of the candidates' pockets. Some of us  
10 don't even have health insurance to cover, so it  
11 is all out of our pockets. It's just a testament  
12 to how passionate we are about achieving this  
13 goal. We understand that it's not even a job to  
14 us. It's more like a lifestyle. I think everyone  
15 on 6019 and I would be very, very grateful if we  
16 were just given an opportunity once again to  
17 achieve our future.

18 CHAIRPERSON CROWLEY: Thank you  
19 both for being here today and for eloquently  
20 explaining your situation, your experience. I  
21 believe all of the candidates that have been here  
22 today would complement the fire department—  
23 definitely, the diversity that that department  
24 needs to achieve. Since you began your testimony,  
25 we've been joined by Council Member Robert Jackson

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2 and we're going to call on Council Member Dan  
3 Halloran for questions, and then Council Member  
4 Robert Jackson.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Good  
6 morning. Thank you for being here. As you may be  
7 aware, my two brothers are on the fire department.  
8 My brother, Patrick, is a lieutenant serving in  
9 Brooklyn in one of the houses, which is slated to  
10 be closed. My brother Terrence is a firefighter  
11 serving in Jamaica in one of the houses slated to  
12 be closed. I salute you for your interest in  
13 serving the city, I appreciate it. I'd just like  
14 to hear a little bit about the preparation classes  
15 that you had taken—you mentioned during your  
16 testimony that you had taken a group of them and I  
17 know there's, as you indicated, the pending  
18 litigation, which is causing havoc for us all over  
19 the place, but it seems based on the information  
20 we've gotten that this is an incredibly diverse  
21 group of firefighters spanning both sexes, all  
22 forms of ethnicities—it's a really robust group,  
23 and your predecessors were there before you who  
24 gave testimony - - numerous hearings. I've seen  
25 you guys making the rounds, as they say, over and

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2 over again. I'm sorry that the City is making you  
3 make the rounds. I remember when I came onto the  
4 police department how excited I was to get that  
5 call, how wonderful it was to walk into the police  
6 academy. Looking back now, of course, I remember  
7 it was really dark, dank and not a very pretty  
8 place, but it seemed like a really great place at  
9 the time, and I know you'll have that experience  
10 once you walk onto the fire academy grounds as my  
11 brothers have. Could you tell me a little bit  
12 about the preparation work that you've done from  
13 the academic side, which enabled you to score so  
14 well so that you were in the bands that you were  
15 in and were able to be amongst the first supposed  
16 hired that we were going to have?

17 RYAN CASSANDRA COLLETTI: Sure. I  
18 purchased several preparation books that were  
19 specifically designed for the written exams for  
20 different firefighter tests that are national  
21 standardized tests, including Kaplan and several  
22 others. I spent a significant amount of time on  
23 my own time studying before I would go to work,  
24 after I would come home from work. The fire  
25 department also offered 12 weeks of preparation

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2 classes at different locations throughout all five  
3 boroughs and they offered one class every single  
4 day of the week, except Sunday. I would go and—it  
5 was always the same material each day so that  
6 anybody could make it as long you could make it  
7 one day of the week, but I would several times a  
8 week and just practice the same material over and  
9 over again often and John Jay College, sometimes  
10 at other locations. They really facilitated a  
11 greater degree of familiarity with the material  
12 that was going to be on the test, and so I would  
13 review that for those 12 weeks.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Did the  
15 fire department charge you to take their prep  
16 class?

17 RYAN CASSANDRA COLLETTI: No, that  
18 was offered free of charge by the fire department.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: that's  
20 fantastic.

21 DAVID CARGIN: I myself went  
22 through the same process as Ryan here—purchasing  
23 several books, I think Norman Hall's was probably  
24 the only book that I have that I hardly did  
25 mention. The fire department classes, I attended

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2 them maybe twice a week doing the same thing that  
3 she did, getting the same materials and studying  
4 them over and over. I felt very well prepared by  
5 the fire department by my own hand that any  
6 question on the test, I would be familiar with  
7 enough to come up with the correct answer. The  
8 fire department classes definitely were a big  
9 help. They were - - a time. They were actually  
10 hosted by actual fire lieutenants and other  
11 firefighters and we were given insight by them  
12 just on things that have to be done or surprises  
13 that may come up on the test. It really helped  
14 out in the end.

15 RYAN CASSANDRA COLLETTI: I just  
16 want to add really quickly also that I attended in  
17 addition for the written preparation, I attended  
18 classes at John Jay for the physical, which were  
19 also free of charge and I understand money has  
20 been allocated by the City Council for that, and  
21 they had offered classes up to anywhere from three  
22 to five days a week over the last several years,  
23 and those had been enormously helpful in being  
24 prepared physically for the test.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: I'm very

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2 glad that the two of you are here. I'm very glad  
3 that all of you are here in this room to express  
4 what we felt as frustration in not getting your  
5 class moved along. This bill has broad support.  
6 There is already 29 members of the Council out of  
7 the 51, who are sponsors of the bill. We will  
8 definitely be moving it forward. Thank you for  
9 your willingness to serve and you know, this is  
10 not an easy job. As much as it's a good job, as  
11 much as there's excitement and adventure, it's  
12 also a job that has great risks. My cousin,  
13 Lieutenant Vincent Halloran, died in the towers.  
14 He didn't come down. He was one of a group of men  
15 and women who went in there to serve their city  
16 and I'm proud to know that there are men and women  
17 like you who are willing to step up and follow in  
18 his footsteps, so thank you for being here and  
19 know that we will do everything we possibly can to  
20 make sure that the City gets the message.

21 CHAIRPERSON CROWLEY: Thank you,  
22 Council Member Halloran. We've been joined by  
23 Council Member Mathieu Eugene, Brooklyn, and I  
24 recognize Council Member Robert Jackson for  
25 questions.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you,  
3 Madam Chair and good morning to everyone. I  
4 apologize for being late. Even though I'm not a  
5 member of the Fire and Criminal Justice Committee,  
6 I am a co-sponsor of proposed Intro No. 450-A and  
7 in fact, I met with several candidates that were  
8 on the exam list. They came to my office and I  
9 met-- two of them are here now that met with me in  
10 my Washington Heights office. In fact, I think  
11 you happened to come and I happened to be there  
12 and we had a meeting and at that point in time  
13 after listening to you speak to me about this  
14 particular matter, I said to you at that time that  
15 I was signed on to Intro 450, but now it's 450-A,  
16 in which I did because clearly, in my opinion, I  
17 don't want to see individuals that have qualified  
18 for an examination be negatively impacted as a  
19 result of all of the things that's going on. I  
20 have said before not necessarily at this  
21 particular Fire and Criminal Justice hearing--not  
22 this one, but maybe I think in a Budget hearing or  
23 others when the fire commissioner was in front of  
24 us as far as the courts have found that the  
25 examination process was discriminatory and I say

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2 that loud and clear because it did, whether the  
3 City likes it or not, and as a result of that, I  
4 support the court's decision because when you look  
5 at FDNY as an agency as a whole, it is very few  
6 people of color compared to the population of the  
7 city of New York. Some people may say well that  
8 had nothing to do with it. We can have a  
9 discussion. We can have an argument about that,  
10 but the facts are the facts. The courts have  
11 determined that it was illegal—it was  
12 discriminatory, but I am glad that this Intro  
13 introduced by our colleague, Peter Vallone, Jr.,  
14 and supported by 29 other members including  
15 myself, as a co-chair of the Black, Latino and  
16 Asian Caucus, that it doesn't matter whether or  
17 not you're black, Latino or Asian or white or  
18 otherwise or male or female, as a candidate that  
19 may age out, you are qualified in order to be a  
20 part of it—in order to move forward. So I say  
21 that to you, and I really don't have a question.  
22 I want you to know that I supported that when you  
23 all came to me. I support it now and I thank my  
24 colleagues, all the others that have signed on to  
25 this, so that we can move forward and hopefully,



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2 we get all of this stuff behind us and move  
3 forward and not backwards. Especially knowing as  
4 what my colleague, Dan Halloran, has said. He  
5 spoke from a position of being a member that  
6 signed on, but family members of his have perished  
7 in the Trade Center. Some brothers and sisters of  
8 his may be working for FDNY now. I don't have any  
9 relatives working for FDNY, but I can understand  
10 the feelings and appreciation of my other  
11 colleagues that clearly have a more personal point  
12 of view because family members are involved. I  
13 want to thank you, Madam Chair, for holding this  
14 hearing. I thank all of my colleagues and I thank  
15 the city of New York and all the other parties  
16 involved, the Vulcan Society and all that may have  
17 been involved in bringing us to where we can move  
18 forward instead of being stagnant at this point in  
19 time.

20 CHAIRPERSON CROWLEY: Thank you,  
21 Council Member Robert Jackson, for your passionate  
22 position. I'd like to recognize that we've been  
23 joined by Council Member Vincent Gentile of  
24 Brooklyn. I don't think any other Council Members  
25 have any questions and I don't. Again, I

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2 appreciate all of you coming here today. I wish  
3 you the best of luck. I hope in months down the  
4 line that you'll come back as a firefighter and  
5 work with us as a Council and the City of New York  
6 to keep our citizens safe. Just before we end  
7 this hearing, I'd like to recognize that we've  
8 been joined by Council Member Rosie Mendez.  
9 Rosie, do you have a comment or a question before  
10 we end?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: [off mic]

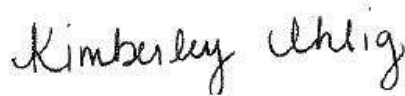
12 CHAIRPERSON CROWLEY: Good, so we  
13 have broad support from many Council Members.  
14 Thank you for being here today. This concludes  
15 the Fire and Criminal Justice Committee hearing,  
16 May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Thank you.

17 [gavel]

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.

Date

June 15, 2011