

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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August 25, 2010  
Start: 10:45 am  
Recess: 10:50 am

HELD AT: Hearing Room  
250 Broadway, 14th Fl.

B E F O R E:  
ERIK MARTIN DILAN  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Gale A. Brewer  
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.  
Elizabeth Crowley  
Lewis A. Fidler  
Robert Jackson  
Letitia James  
Brad S. Lander  
Melissa Mark-Viverito  
Rosie Mendez  
Joel Rivera  
Jumaane D. Williams  
James S. Oddo

2 CHAIRPERSON DILAN: Good morning,  
3 everybody. I'm going to try to do this as quickly  
4 as I can because of the tight space requirements  
5 we have with City Hall being under construction.  
6 My name is Erik Martin Dilan and I'm the  
7 chairperson of the City Council's Housing and  
8 Buildings Committee.

9 Today, the committee will conduct a  
10 hearing for the purpose of a vote on Proposed  
11 Intro 87-A, which is sponsored by a member of the  
12 committee, Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito of  
13 Manhattan.

14 This bill would require that part  
15 of the annual multiple dwelling registration  
16 statement filed by the Department of Housing  
17 Preservation and Development, that corporations or  
18 partnerships that own a multiple dwelling to  
19 include more information about the principle  
20 owners of such a corporate entity or partnership.  
21 The bill also prohibits of mail drops for the  
22 purpose of registration.

23 Following the initial hearing that  
24 we had earlier this year, the following amendments  
25 were made to the original version of the bill.

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2 The bill's section 2 was amended to provide that a  
3 United States Postal Mail Service delivery box, a  
4 mail delivery box maintained through a privately  
5 operated mail handling facility or address at  
6 which any such similar service is provided may be  
7 included on a property registration statement,  
8 provided that such address is not the only  
9 business address listed on such statement. The  
10 bill previously prohibited the use of such  
11 addresses.

12 The last amendment is the enactment  
13 date that was amended to reflect that this bill  
14 will now take effect on January 31st of 2011, as  
15 opposed to 90 days after the enactment of this  
16 bill by the Council later today.

17 I urge my colleagues to vote yes on  
18 this information. If the bill sponsor would like  
19 to make a brief statement, I'd acknowledge her  
20 now.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

22 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, as you indicated,  
23 we've had prior hearings on this. I really want  
24 to thank you. I want to thank all the staff that  
25 worked very diligently on this. I also want to

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2 acknowledge my staff, Joe Taranto who worked on  
3 this very extensively as well, and the advocacy  
4 community.

5           Again, this continues to really be  
6 more tools in the toolbox that we've been able to  
7 provide to tenants to really afford them  
8 protections. In mandating that individuals be  
9 name, that individual's numbers and addresses be  
10 listed in their registration documents is one way  
11 that tenants have to really hold landlords  
12 accountable. So landlords can no longer really  
13 hide behind these shell corporations and companies  
14 that they set up to own these buildings.

15           So I'm very excited. It took some  
16 time to get here, but we're all happy and can't  
17 wait for this committee to vote on it and then we  
18 have the ability to vote on it in the full  
19 council. As the chair said, I urge all my  
20 colleagues to vote yes on this bill. Thank you.

21           CHAIRPERSON DILAN: All right, I'd  
22 like to ask my colleagues to just forgive me. I  
23 won't do the normal routine of the introductions.  
24 I just want to get this bill out of committee so  
25 we can free up space because there are multiple

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hearings. If the clerk could, call the roll.

WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,  
Committee Clerk, roll call vote on the Committee  
on Housing and Buildings. Council Member Dilan?

CHAIRPERSON DILAN: I vote aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I'm glad to  
be a co-sponsor and I vote aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Fidler?

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Jackson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: James?

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Mark-Viverito?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Crowley?

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Oddo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of nine  
in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no

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2 abstentions, Proposed Introduction 87-A is  
3 adopted. Members, please sign the committee  
4 report. Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON DILAN: Please make  
6 sure you sign the committee reports because we do  
7 not have the luxury of keeping the committee open.  
8 I'd like to thank the committee staff and the  
9 sergeant-at-arms for helping us deal with the  
10 chaos. This committee is now adjourned.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member  
12 Mendez?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I vote aye.  
14 I want to thank the chair and everyone for  
15 allowing this vote, and the sergeant. Thank you.

16 WILLIAM MARTIN: Final vote on the  
17 Committee on Housing and Buildings is now ten in  
18 the affirmative, zero in the negative and no  
19 abstentions.

20 [Pause]

21 WILLIAM MARTIN: Continuation of  
22 roll call on the Committee on Housing and  
23 Buildings, Council Member Williams?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote  
25 aye.

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN: The vote is now 11  
3 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no  
4 abstentions.

5 [Pause]

6 WILLIAM MARTIN: Continuation of  
7 roll call on the Committee on Housing and  
8 Buildings, Council Member Comrie?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

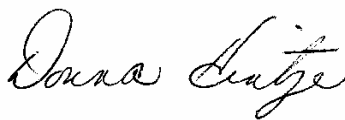
10 WILLIAM MARTIN: Lander?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

12 WILLIAM MARTIN: The vote now  
13 stands at 13 in the affirmative, zero in the  
14 negative and no abstentions.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Donna Hintze 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\_\_\_\_\_

Date September 9, 2010