

COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AND WORKER PROTECTION
CITY COUNCIL
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Of the

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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Julie Menin, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shaun Abreu
Gale A. Brewer
Amanda Farías
Shekar Krishnan
Chi A. Ossé
Julie Won

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Pierina Ana Sanchez

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Sound check for the
3 Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection. Today is
4 November 13, 2024, being recorded by Danny Huang in
5 the Council Chambers.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, and
7 welcome to today's New York City Council vote for the
8 Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection.

9 At this time, we ask that you silence all
10 electronic devices, and at no time is anyone to
11 approach the dais.

12 Chair, we may begin.

13 CHAIRPERSON MENIN: Thank you so much.
14 Good morning. I'm Julie Menin, Chair of the Committee
15 on Consumer and Worker Protection. Thank you all for
16 joining us for today's vote on Proposed Intro. 360-A,
17 also known as the FAIR Act, in relation to the
18 payment of fees imposed regarding the rental of
19 residential property. Proposed Intro. 360-A,
20 sponsored by Council Member Ossé, would prohibit
21 landlords from passing broker's fees onto prospective
22 tenants.

23 I am now going to turn it over to the
24 bill's sponsor, Council Member Ossé, to make a
25 statement about his bill, then we're going to proceed

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2 to the roll call vote, and then I'm going to leave
3 the vote open as we have additional Council Members
4 who will be joining shortly. Council Member Ossé.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Thank you, Chair
6 Menin. Yay! That's all.

7 CHAIRPERSON MENIN: Oh, that's all? Sorry,
8 I thought I lost the volume. I'm so sorry, I couldn't
9 hear. Okay. Great statement, yay, okay, that's it. So
10 now we're going to turn it over to a roll call vote.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
12 morning. William Martin Committee Clerk, roll call
13 vote Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection,
14 Proposed Introduction 360-A. Chair Menin.

15 CHAIRPERSON MENIN: I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
17 you. Abreu.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission to
19 explain my vote? Chair, is permission granted?

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Yes,
21 granted. Sorry, there's a delay in the mute, sorry
22 about that, yes.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: I just want to
24 congratulate my Colleague, Council Member Chi Ossé. I
25 want to thank you for inviting me to be a co-prime

2 sponsor, be number two on this bill. This is a
3 seismic bill. It's not going to just make lives a
4 little better for our families, it's going to make
5 all the difference between their ability to find a
6 home or not. It's unjust in the City of New York that
7 a lot of folks need to rack up 10,000 dollars just to
8 have an apartment on first month's rent, security
9 deposit, and a broker's fee. Today we're saying that
10 if you hire the broker, you pay for the broker, that
11 is just. I'm confident that this Council will pass
12 it. You should be very proud. This Council should be
13 very proud. I proudly vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
15 you. Brewer. Farías.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Congratulations,
17 Council Member Ossé. Really exciting to see this long
18 fight end today for working families, and I proudly
19 vote aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Krishnan.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye, and
22 congratulations, Council Member Ossé.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ossé.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Won. With
3 a vote of five in the affirmative, zero in the
4 negative, and no abstentions, item has been adopted
5 by the Committee, and the roll will be held open at
6 request of the Chair.

7 Continuation roll call, Committee on
8 Consumer and Worker Protection, Introduction 360-A,
9 Council Member Won.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
12 you. Vote is currently at six in the affirmative, and
13 is still open.

14 Continuation roll call, Committee on
15 Consumer and Worker Affairs. Council Member Brewer.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Final
18 vote is now seven in the affirmative, zero in the
19 negative, and no abstentions.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: [GAVEL] Hearing is
21 closed.

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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 November 15, 2024