

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HOUSING

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May 24, 2010
Start: 12:58 pm
Recess: 1:03 pm

HELD AT: 250 Broadway
Hearing Room, 14th Floor

B E F O R E:
Rosie Mendez
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Maria Del Carmen Arroyo
Margaret S. Chin
Erik Martin Dilan
Daniel J. Halloran III
James G. Van Bramer

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CHAIRPERSON MENDEZ: Good morning.
My name is Rosie Mendez. Good afternoon, okay.
My name is Rosie Mendez and I am the chair of the
committee on Public Housing. Today, the committee
will conduct a second hearing for the purpose of a
vote on Reso. number 207 which was introduced by
council member Diana Reyna who is across the
street at another hearing. Reso. Number 207 calls
upon the United States Congress to enact HR 4224,
the Together We Care Act of 2009, which would
establish a three year pilot program to train
public housing residents as home health care aids
and in home based health care services to enable
residents to provide covered home based health
care services to residents of public housing and
residents of federally assisted rental housing who
are elderly or who have disabilities. Reso.
number 207 calls upon the United States Congress
to pass the Together We Care Act of 2009 sponsored
by New York City Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez.
Under the Together We Care Act, a home based
health service pilot program will be established
throughout the country. The Secretary of Housing
and Urban Development would in consultation with

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2 the Secretary of Health and Human Services make
3 grants available to public housing agencies,
4 community health centers, home care provider
5 organizations, faith based organizations, and
6 labor organizations to train public housing
7 residents on how to provide home based health
8 care. The trained public housing residents would
9 then provide home based health services to elderly
10 and disabled residents of federally assisted
11 rental housing. Furthermore, the legislation
12 provides that 2.5 million would be awarded for the
13 federal fiscal years of 2010, 2011, and 2012 for
14 the program's implementation. I urge my
15 colleagues to vote in favor of this legislation
16 and I ask the clerk to please call the roll.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,
18 Committee Clerk, roll call in the Committee on
19 Public Housing, Resolution 207. Council member,
20 Mendez.

21 CHAIRPERSON MENDEZ: I vote aye.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN: Dilan.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I vote aye.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN: Arroyo.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of four in the affirmative, zero negative, and no abstentions, item is adopted. Members please sign the committee report.

CHAIRPERSON MENDEZ: I want to thank everyone for—the Public Housing Committee hearing has come to an end. Thank you.

[pause]

We're ready. Thank you Jerry [phonetic]. This is Councilwoman Rosie Mendez, we are reopening the Public Housing Committee hearing for the purpose of allowing additional members to vote on Reso. Number 207. If the clerk could please call the names of the additional members, please.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Halloran.

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote now stands at six in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions.

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CHAIRPERSON MENDEZ: This hearing

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is being closed. Thank you.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Sung Bin Park-Boudreau 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__



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Date _____May 27, 2010_____