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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ZONING AND
FRANCHISES

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HELD AT: Remote Hearing (Virtual Room 1)

B E F O R E: Francisco Moya
CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Diana Ayala
Joseph Borelli
Barry Grodenchik
Stephen Levin
Antonio Reynoso
Carlina Rivera
Oswald Feliz

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

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: PC recording has
3 started.

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Cloud started.

5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Backup is rolling.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Thank you. Good morning
7 and welcome to today's Subcommittee hearing on Zoning
8 and Franchises. At this time, would all panelists
9 please turn on your videos? I repeat. All
10 panelists, please turn on your videos. Thank you.
11 To minimize disruption, please place all electronic
12 devices to vibrate or silent mode. Thank you. If
13 you wish to submit testimony, you may do so at
14 landusetestimony@Council.NYC.gov. I repeat
15 landusetestimony@Council.NYC.gov. Thank you. Chair
16 Moya, we may begin.

17 [gavel]

18 CHAIRPERSON MOYA: Good morning. I am
19 Council member Francisco Moya, Chair of the
20 Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises. I am joined
21 remotely today by Council members Grodenchik,
22 Reynoso, Borelli, Feliz, and Rivera. Today, we will
23 vote on the Saint Joseph's 1949 Bathgate Avenue
24 rezoning in the West 16th Street special permit, both
25 of which were heard by the subcommittee at our June

1st meeting. We will vote to approve pre-considered LU's 806 and 807 for the Saint Joseph's 1949 Bathgate Avenue rezoning relating to property in Council member Feliz's district in the Bronx. The proposal seeks a zoning map and zoning text amendment including changing an R6A district to an R7D district and the establishment of a mandatory inclusionary housing area mapping options one and options two to facilitate the development of an 11 story residential building which would include approximately 130 units of supportive housing and 157 affordable units for residents earning 40 to 70 percent of AMI and an average AMI for the project at 55 percent. I want to add that supportive housing is how we solve homelessness and this project is an important step in that direction. Creating this type of housing is working towards long term solutions to homelessness and not just putting a band-aid on the larger problem. And I want to take this opportunity to thank Council member Feliz for his thoughtfulness in this process and Council member Feliz is in support of this proposal.

We will also vote to approve LU 792 for the West 16th Street zoning special permit relating

2 to property in Council member Treyger's district in
3 Brooklyn. The proposal seeks a special permit for
4 commercial use within the special Coney Island
5 District to facilitate the development of a two story
6 commercial warehouse building at 2706 West 16th
7 Street. Council member Treyger is in support of the
8 proposal.

9 I now call for a vote to approve LU 792
10 for the West 16th Street zoning special permit and
11 LU's 806 and 807 for the Saint Joseph's 1949 Bathgate
12 Avenue rezoning proposal. Council, can you please
13 call the roll?

14 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chair Moya?

15 CHAIRPERSON MOYA: I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council member
17 Reynoso?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council member
20 Grodenchik?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye. Sorry
22 about that.

23 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council member
24 Rivera?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council member
3 Borelli?

4 CHAIRPERSON MOYA: Did Newsmax start
5 already?

6 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council member
7 Borelli? Okay. We seem to be having a technical
8 issue with Council member Borelli's audio, perhaps.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: I'm calling him now.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I'm here,
11 guys.

12 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council member
13 Borelli on a continuing vote of the land use items?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye.

15 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chair, the vote is
16 currently at five in the affirmative, zero in the
17 negative, and no abstentions. If you don't mind, we
18 will keep the vote open briefly.

19 CHAIRPERSON MOYA: Okay.

20 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: The meeting will
21 briefly stand at ease while we stand by.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Sergeants,
23 will this be the same room for land use?

24 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Yes. I believe it's
25 virtual one. Yes.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Okay. Thank
3 you.

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Correction. I believe
5 there was a separate invitation on the zoom footage.
6 It will be in virtual room one, but there is a
7 separate invitation for this.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: All right.
9 I'll log out and log back in. Thank you.

10 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: You're welcome, sir.

11 CHAIRPERSON MOYA: Arthur, I think Council
12 member Ayala has just joined.

13 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Thank you. Council
14 member Ayala on a continuing vote of the land use
15 items? I can see Council member Ayala. Apparently
16 we are just waiting for her to connect to her audio.

17 CHAIRPERSON MOYA: Okay.

18 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is Chief Sergeant
19 [inaudible 00:08:42] Rafael Perez. Ayala has some
20 audio issues. She's signing back-- She's on back.
21 She is back on now.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I hear you.

23 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Thank you. Council
24 member Ayala on a continuing vote of the land use
25 items?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

3 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Thank you. Okay,
4 Chair. The vote is currently at five in the
5 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no
6 abstentions.

7 CHAIRPERSON MOYA: Okay. I think we're
8 going to close now, Arthur.

9 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Thank you, Chair.
10 The items are adopted and recommended to the full
11 Land Use Committee.

12 CHAIRPERSON MOYA: Great. Thank you. And
13 that concludes today's business. I would like to
14 thank my colleagues, subcommittee counsel, land use
15 and other Council staff, and the sergeant-at-arms for
16 participating in today's meeting. This meeting is
17 hereby adjourned.

18 [gavel]

19 CHAIRPERSON MOYA: Thank you.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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.



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