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B E F O R E: Nantasha M. Williams, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Rita C. Joseph
Christopher Marte
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Check one, two. Check
3 one, two. This is a prerecorded sound test for the
4 Committee on Civil and Human Rights. Today's date is
5 February 16, 2023. It's being recorded by Michael
6 Leonardo in the Committee Room.

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
8 welcome to today's New York City Council hearing for
9 the Committee on Civil and Human Rights.

10 We ask you to silent cell phones and
11 electronic devices. We thank you for your
12 cooperation.

13 Chair, we are ready to begin.

14 CHAIRPERSON WILLIAMS: Good morning,
15 everyone. My name is Nantasha Williams, and I serve
16 as Chair to the Committee on Civil and Human Rights.

17 Today, we will be voting on Intro 148-A
18 sponsored by my Colleague, Council Member Justin
19 Brannan, which, if passed, would expand the
20 definition of victim of domestic violence within the
21 New York City Human Rights Law to recognize economic
22 abuse as a form of domestic violence and would extend
23 existing protections to those who have experienced
24 economic abuse.

2 The Committee first heard this bill
3 during a joint hearing on Coerced Debt held in
4 December 2022. The testimony and feedback we received
5 that day have helped in making amendments to this
6 bill. I'd specifically like to express my gratitude
7 to any survivors that came forward to share their
8 stories. Your strength served as an inspiration, and
9 I hope that this will be a positive step in offering
10 more protection to survivors in New York City.

11 Thank you to my Colleagues for joining me
12 today to vote on what I hope will be lifechanging
13 legislation for many people. I'd also like to thank
14 Committee Staff, my own Staff for their work
15 surrounding this bill, and I will now ask the
16 wonderful Clerk to call the vote.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
18 morning. Committee on Civil Service and Human Rights.
19 My name is William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
20 vote on Intro 148-A. Chair Williams.

21 CHAIRPERSON WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

23 Salamanca.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Joseph.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Marte.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
6 you. By a vote of four in the affirmative, zero in
7 the negative, and no abstentions, item has been
8 adopted by the Committee.

9 CHAIRPERSON WILLIAMS: This meeting is
10 adjourned. [GAVEL]

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Date February 20, 2023