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Tuesday, September 13, 2022
Start: 11:50 AM
Recess: 11:54 AM

HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: HONORABLE KAMILLAH HANKS,
CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Joann Ariola
Erik D. Bottcher
Justin L. Brannan
Tiffany Cabán
Carmen N. De La Rosa
Robert F. Holden
Rita C. Joseph
Darlene Mealy
Althea V. Stevens

2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: This is a soundcheck for the
3 Committee on Public Safety. Today's date is September
4 13, 2022, located in the Chambers, recorded by Danny
5 Wong (SP?).

6 [GAVEL]

7 CHAIRPERSON HANKS: Good morning. I am Council
8 Member Kamillah Hanks, Chair of the Committee on
9 Public Safety and I am joined by my Committee
10 Members, Council Member Bottcher, De La Rosa, Mealy,
11 Stevens, Joseph, Ariola, Holden, and Brannan.

12 Today the Committee will be voting on two pieces
13 of legislation, proposed Introduction number 602-A,
14 sponsored by Speaker Adrienne Adams and proposed
15 Introduction number 518-A, sponsored by Council
16 Member Shaun Abreu. First, proposed Introduction, uh,
17 number 602, defines the boundaries of Times Squares
18 to establish it as a sensitive location where firearm
19 possession is prohibited under New York state law. As
20 discussed, when hearing this legislation last month,
21 New York state legislature recently established a so-
22 called sensitive locations where concealed carry of
23 firearms will be prohibited regardless of whether
24 such individuals possess a valid firearm license.

2 In addition to general locations such as schools,
3 government buildings, and places of worship, the
4 state legislation, uh, identified the area commonly
5 known as Times Square, as such determined and
6 identified by the City of New York as one such
7 sensitive location.

8 Here, the Council is fulfilling the City's
9 obligation under state law by defining the
10 geographic, geographical, uh, boundaries of Times
11 Square. Additionally, legislation directs NYPD to
12 establish rules pertaining to persons with a firearms
13 license who live or work in the Times Square area as
14 ascribed by the bill.

15 Next, proposed Introduction number 518-A will
16 require the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice in
17 consultation with the NYPD to study and report on the
18 illegal flow of firearms into New York City. I view
19 this as a vital step in comprehensively studying,
20 tracking, and reporting the flow of illegal guns, a
21 step that I believe is necessary to inform this
22 Council on the scope of the issue at hand, to aid in
23 formulating fine-tuned policy solutions, and evaluate
24 the administration's progress on shared goal of
25 stopping the flow of illegal firearms into our city.

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2 With that, I will turn it over to the Committee
3 Clerk to conduct the vote.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Good morning. Lee Martin,
5 uh, Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on
6 Public Safety on proposed Introductions on 518-A and
7 602-A. Items are coupled. Chair Hanks?

8 CHAIRPERSON HANKS: Aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Brannan?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Holden?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on Intro on 518-A and
13 no on Intro 602-A.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Thank you. Ariola?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye on 518-A and no on
16 602-A.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Bottcher?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: De La Rosa?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all. Thank you.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Joseph?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Thank you. Mealy?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye on all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Stevens?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Today's Committee vote,
4 proposed Introduction 518-A is adopted by the
5 Committee with nine in the affirmative, zero in the
6 negative, and no abstentions, and proposed
7 Introduction 602-A is adopted by the Committee with
8 seven in the affirmative, two in the negative, and no
9 abstentions.

10 CHAIRPERSON HANKS: Thank you so much. I hereby
11 adjourn this meeting.

12 [GAVEL]

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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 September 20, 2022