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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: VANESSA L. GIBSON
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JULISSA FERRERAS-COPELAND
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STEVEN MATTEO
RITCHIE J. TORRES
JAMES VACCA
JUMAANE D. WILLIAMS

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

2 CHAIR GIBSON: Good morning ladies and
3 gentlemen, welcome to City Hall, welcome to the
4 Committee on Public Safety hearing this morning. I
5 am Council Member Vanessa Gibson, of the 16th
6 District and I'm proud to chair this Committee.
7 Thank you all for being here this morning as we vote
8 on, could I get everyone's attention please. Thank
9 you everyone. Good morning to each and every one of
10 you. We are here today to vote on important
11 legislation, Proposed Intro. 809A regarding the
12 coordination and allocation of Social Service
13 resources in high crime areas in our City. I am
14 proud to sponsor Intro. 809A and I am thankful to
15 have worked with many of my colleagues including our
16 Speaker, Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, Council
17 Member Ritchie Torres and many other on this bill to
18 require the development and implementation of a
19 coordinated multi-agency plan to provide targeted
20 social services in priority areas. We know that
21 often time crime results as a symptom of many
22 underline issues in our community such as;
23 homelessness, unemployment, or lack of education.
24 This bill, Intro. 809A will take a holistic approach
25 to crime reduction and demand that City Agencies work

2 together to coordinate the delivery of key support
3 services in many of our City's neighborhoods those
4 greatest in need of resources. By requiring an
5 overview of the current services offered by support
6 agencies and in analysis to determine the specific
7 services needed for those areas. This legislation
8 will enable us to better direct our energies towards
9 human resources, children services, homeless
10 services, combating domestic violence, youth and
11 community development, education, health and housing
12 and buildings to ensure that we are providing
13 sufficient resources to better enable the prevention
14 and reduction of crime. By bringing our City
15 agencies together to collaborate on the delivery of
16 services. This legislation will help to ensure a
17 social services system that increases public safety
18 in all of our communities. Intro 809-A requires the
19 NYD to report annually on the 35 priority areas that
20 have experienced the highest number of major felony's
21 in the previous year. This report will go to the
22 City Council, the Mayor and support service agencies
23 and will include a map and a disaggregation of the
24 types of crimes committed in each of those areas.
25 Through this legislation support service agencies are

2 then required to report on the services offered in
3 the identified high crime neighborhoods in which
4 greater than 20% of the population is below the
5 poverty line. Intro 809-A will then require the
6 appropriate support service agency to develop a
7 coordinated multi-agency plan to provide necessary
8 social services in the high crime areas as determined
9 by the specific needs of those areas. I want to
10 thank all the members of the Committee on Public
11 Safety who are here today. We all believe and know
12 that the safety of our great City is of importance
13 and truly essential that we all work together to
14 support our communities with all the tools that are
15 available to us. I hope you will join me this
16 morning in voting in... in favor of this legislation to
17 require a multi-agency coordination plan to provide a
18 targeted and holistic approach to reducing crime and
19 promoting public safety across the entire City of New
20 York. Before we call the roll, I'd like to
21 acknowledge the member of the Public Safety Committee
22 who are here. Our Minority Leader Steve Matteo,
23 Council Member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland, Council
24 Member Jumaane Williams, Council Member Robert
25 Cornegy, Council Member Chaim Deutsch, Council Member

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2 Rory Lancman, and Council I believe that's it and we
3 may be joined by other member of the Committee. And
4 with that I'm going to have our clerk, Billy Martin
5 call the roll and before that does any colleague have
6 any questions on the bill? Ok thank you very much
7 colleagues you may call the roll, thanks.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
9 Committee Clerk, roll call vote, Committee on Public
10 Safety, Introduction 809-A, Chair Gibson.

11 CHAIR GIBSON: I vote yes.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras-Copeland.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND: I vote
14 aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Yes.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Yes.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Yes.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Torres.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 8 in the
4 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
5 item has been adopted.

6 CHAIR GIBSON: Thank you colleagues.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Espinal.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote now stands at 9 in
10 the affirmative.

11 CHAIR GIBSON: Thank you we're going to
12 keep the roll open for just 10 more minutes. Thank
13 you colleagues for being here this morning.

14 [pause]

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation, roll
16 call, Committee on Public Safety, Council Member
17 Gentile.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote now stands at 10
20 in the affirmative.

21 [pause]

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,
23 the Committee on Public Safety, Council Member Vacca.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I vote aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote now,
3 Committee on Public Safety, Introduction 809-A has
4 been adopted by a vote of 11 in the affirmative, 0 in
5 the negative and no abstentions, thank you.

6 CHAIR GIBSON: Public Safety Committee
7 hearing is hereby adjourned.

8 [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 April 27, 2016