

CITY COUNCIL  
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL WELFARE

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February 8, 2024  
Start: 10:38 a.m.  
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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Diana I. Ayala, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Alexa Avilés  
Chris Banks  
Tiffany Cabán  
Chi A. Ossé  
Lincoln Restler  
Kevin C. Riley  
Althea V. Stevens  
Sandra Ung

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. This is a  
3 microphone check for the Committee on General  
4 Welfare, recorded in Council Chambers on February 8,  
5 2024, by Layla Lynch.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and  
7 welcome to the New York City Council vote on the  
8 Committee on General Welfare.

9 Please silence all electronic devices.  
10 Quiet in house, please.

11 Chair, we are ready to begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON AYALA: [GAVEL] Good morning  
13 everyone and welcome to today's hearing. My name is  
14 Diana Ayala, and I am the Deputy Speaker of the New  
15 York City Council and Chair of the General Welfare  
16 Committee.

17 Today, our Committee will be voting on  
18 Preconsidered Resolution 4. The bill will authorize  
19 the Speaker to commence legal action on behalf of the  
20 Council for the City of New York to compel the Mayor  
21 and his Administration to implement Local Law 99 of  
22 2023, Local Law 100 of 2023, Local Law 101 of 2023,  
23 and Local Law 102 of 2023, the CityFHEPS expansion  
24 laws.

2           The Mayor's outright refusal to implement  
3 legislation that will serve as a long-term solution  
4 to the city's homelessness crisis is short-sighted at  
5 best. This political act is yet another example of  
6 poor governance. As I've said before, while the Mayor  
7 repeatedly speaks about the strain that the City's  
8 budget is currently experiencing, his Administration  
9 has done very little to expedite the move-out of  
10 those in shelter and into permanent housing. The  
11 bills we passed are cost-effective methods to reduce  
12 some of that strain and to create similar pathways  
13 for people experiencing homelessness in our city. The  
14 Mayor has both a moral and a legal duty to implement  
15 them.

16           At this time, I'd like to acknowledge my  
17 Colleagues who are here with us today. We have  
18 Council Members, Riley, Cabán who's joining us  
19 online, Council Members Avilés, Ossé, Restler,  
20 Stevens, Ung, and Banks.

21           Also, I would like to thank the Committee  
22 Staff who worked to prepare this hearing and vote,  
23 Aminta Kilawan, Senior Legislative Counsel; David  
24 Romero, Legislative Counsel; Penina Rosenberg, Policy  
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2 Analyst; Julia K. Haramis, Unit Head; and finally my  
3 Staff, Elsie Encarnacion, Chief-of-Staff.

4 I would now like to turn it over to the  
5 Clerk to do the roll call for this vote.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
7 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
8 vote Committee on General Welfare on Preconsidered  
9 Resolution. Chair Ayala.

10 CHAIRPERSON AYALA: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Riley.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Cabán.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
16 you. Avilés.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ossé.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Restler.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye too.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Stevens.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ung.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Banks.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a  
5 vote of nine in the affirmative, zero in the  
6 negative, and no abstentions, item has been adopted  
7 by the Committee, and, Madam Chair, that is a full  
8 Committee.

9 CHAIRPERSON AYALA: Thank you. With that,  
10 this vote is closed, and we are now adjourned.

11 [GAVEL]

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Date February 13, 2024