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Of the

COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY

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B E F O R E: Robert Holden
CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Brad Lander
Eric Ulrich
Paul Vallone
Kalman Yeger

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

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: PC recording is up.

3 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Cloud is done. Good
4 afternoon, everyone. Welcome to today's remote New
5 York City Council vote of the Committee on
6 Technology. At this time, would all panelists please
7 turn on your video? To minimize disruption, please
8 place electronic devices to vibrate or silent. Thank
9 you for your cooperation. Chair Holden, we are ready
10 to begin.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOLDEN: Thank you. Good
12 afternoon. I am Council member Robert Holden, Chair
13 of the Committee on Technology. I would like to
14 welcome you all to a vote on two bills: proposed
15 Intro 1806-A, a local law would mend the
16 Administrative Code of the City of New York in
17 relation to reporting algorithmic tools used by city
18 agencies and proposed Intro 2158-A, a local law to
19 amend the New York City Charter in relation to
20 designating a geospatial information officer. The
21 first bill by the previous chair of the Committee of
22 Technology, Council member Peter Koo, proposed Intro
23 1806-A, would increase governmental transparency and
24 encourage accountability by requiring an annual
25 report by agencies on algorithmic tools used by those

2 agencies except when such a disclosure would endanger
3 public safety or interfere with an active agency
4 investigation. Such a disclosure would include,
5 among other things, the commercial name, brief
6 description of such algorithmic tool, the vendor
7 name, the purpose of the tool, and the type of data
8 collected and analyzed by it. The second bill is
9 proposed Intro 2158-A, sponsored by Council member
10 Steve Levin, by the request of Manhattan Borough
11 Pres. and soon-to-be Council member Gale Brewer, and
12 also cosponsored by myself. The proposed legislation
13 would require the Department of Information
14 Technology and Telecommunications Commissioner to
15 designate an employee to serve as the Chief
16 Geospatial Officer information officer. The bill
17 would also require maintaining and implementing a
18 special data interoperability strategy, including the
19 development of maintenance of a plan for the city's
20 use of geospatial information systems. I would like
21 to recognize my fellow committee members: Council
22 member Yeger, Council member Ulrich, Council member
23 Lander, and Council member Vallone. I would like to
24 thank the staff of the Technology Committee, Irene
25 Bahofsky [sp?] and Charles Kim for their hard work in

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2 this Council session. They been a tremendous asset
3 to me and my staff and I would like to also thank my
4 Chief of Staff, Daniel Cassina [sp?], for making this
5 possible. I will now ask the clerk to call the roll.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you and good
7 afternoon. This is the Council Committee on
8 Technology roll call vote on Intro 1806-A and Intro
9 2158-A. Chair Holden?

10 CHAIRPERSON HOLDEN: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council member Lander?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I vote aye. And
13 thank you to the Chair for your leadership across the
14 term.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Council
16 member Vallone?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: I vote aye on
18 both.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Council
20 member Yeger?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council member Ulrich?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye on all.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chair Holden, by vote of
3 five in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and
4 zero abstentions, both bills have been adopted.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOLDEN: Thank you. Thank
6 you, John. Thank you, everyone. Have a happy
7 holiday to everyone out there in this meeting is
8 adjourned.

9 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Thank you, Chair Holden.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Bob, check the
11 message I sent.

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