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COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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HELD AT: Remote hearing - Virtual Room 4

B E F O R E: Pierina Ana Sanchez
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Alexa Avilés
Charles Barron
Tiffany Cabán
David M. Carr
Eric Dinowitz
Oswald Feliz
Crystal Hudson
Ari Kagan

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

UNIDENTIFIED: We're live.

UNIDENTIFIED: Give me a second to confirm the stream.

UNIDENTIFIED: Good morning. Welcome to New York City Council's remote Committee Hearing on Housing and Buildings. Everyone please turn on your video at this time. Silence all electronic devices. All written testimony can be submitted to testimony@council.nyc.gov. Thank you. Chairperson Sanchez, we are ready to begin.

CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: Thank you so much, Sergeant. Good morning everyone. I am Council Member Pierina Sanchez, Chair of the Committee on Housing and Buildings. Thank you all for joining us today, and especially to my colleagues Council Member Barron, Council Member Kagan, Hudson, Avilés, Dinowitz, Carr, Cabán, Feliz. We are here today to vote on Intro Number 70, a bill that is critical to ensuring that rent stabilization can continue in New York City upon proper finding of the Housing and Vacancy Survey. Last year, the New York City Department of Housing, Preservation and Development, in collaboration with the US Census Bureau, connected the City's triannual Housing and Vacancy Survey, or

1 HVS. The HVS is a critical survey for New York City,
2 not only because it provides key data about the state
3 of the City's housing stock, but also because it is
4 used to determine whether the City's rent
5 stabilization laws can continue. Rent stabilization
6 laws protect one million renter households each year
7 in New York City from wrongful eviction and
8 unreasonable rent increases and other protections as
9 well. Ordinarily, the HVS is conducted every three
10 years and was-- it would last-- it was last scheduled
11 to take place in 2020. That year's HVS was postponed
12 in part due to the 2020 census and in part, of
13 course, delayed because of COVID-19. The State and
14 the City passed legislation to extend the deadline by
15 one year, and today, the Committee is voting on
16 another extension of three additional months which
17 will be authorized-- which were authorized by state
18 legislation. This extension will provide HPD and the
19 US Census Bureau additional time to thoroughly
20 complete their analysis of the 2021 HVS, which also
21 incorporated a new module related to COVID-19. Intro
22 Number 70, which I am sponsoring, would extend the
23 expiration of the City's rent stabilization laws from
24 April 1st, 2022 to July 1st, 2022. I would like to
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2 thank my colleagues again from the Housing and
3 Buildings Committee for joining today. And now, I'm
4 going to turn it over to our Committee Counsel,
5 Audrey Son [sp?] to go over some procedural items.

6 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chair, there are-- we
7 can just turn it to the clerk at this time.

8 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: Okay, thank you
9 Audrey. We'll turn it over the clerk.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Good morning
11 everyone. William Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call
12 vote Committee on Housing and Buildings, Introduction
13 70. Chair Sanchez?

14 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: Aye.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Proudly vote aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Avilés?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabán?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. One moment.
3 Hudson?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Kagan?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: [inaudible] Aye.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Carr?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Nay.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: By a vote of 8 in the
10 affirmative, 1 in the negative, and no abstentions,
11 item has been adopted by Committee. Madam Chair,
12 that is a full committee.

13 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: Thank you so much.
14 I want to thank all of my colleagues for joining
15 today, and I will see you at the Stated Meeting.

16 [gavel]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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Date April 15, 2022