

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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November 29, 2017
Start: 2:30 p.m.
Recess: 2:50 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm,
16th Fl.

B E F O R E:

DANIEL DROMM
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Vincent J. Gentile
Daniel R. Garodnick
Margaret S. Chin
Stephen T. Levin
Deborah L. Rose
Ben Kallos
Andy L. King
Inez D. Barron
Chaim M. Deutsch
Mark Levine
Alan N. Maisel
Antonio Reynoso
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Helen K. Rosenthal
Mark Treyger
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.

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

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[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON DROMM: 'Kay good morning.. or I should say good afternoon, excuse me. Let me just start off by announcing all of the members who are here. We've been joined by Council.. [interpose]

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Denouncing them or announcing?

CHAIRPERSON DROMM: An announcement. [background comment] Announcing them. [background comment] No, no, no, no; I have made those mistakes though in the past, believe me. And I'd like to announce that we have been joined by Council Member Mark Treyger, Council Member Margaret Chin, Council Member Chaim Deutsch, Council Member Alan Maisel, Council Member Rafael Salamanca, Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez, Council Member Andy King, and Council Member Ben Kallos, and Council Member Mark Levine.

And today the Education Committee will vote on Proposed Intro No. 461-A, sponsored by Council Member Vacca, whom I'd like to thank for

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2 sponsoring this legislation at the request of the
3 Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer.

4 Proposed Intro No. 461-A would require
5 the Department of Education, by June 1st of each
6 year, to post and distribute information about the
7 availability of summer meals, including where and
8 when such meals are available and eligibility
9 requirements for such meals. The information would
10 be required to be posted on the DOE's website, the
11 website of any City agency collaborating with DOE to
12 provide meals, and the 311 website, and also
13 distributed to Council Members, Borough Presidents,
14 Community Boards, community education councils,
15 parent associations, and parent-teacher associations.

16 The programs that the City offers to
17 support children and families can only be successful
18 if people take advantage of the opportunity and
19 families can only utilize such programs if they know
20 how to access them. This bill will help families to
21 understand the options available to them for meals
22 over the summer and I strongly support this
23 legislation.

24 And with that, I would like to ask the
25 clerk to call the vote.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on
Education, Introduction 461-A. Chair Dromm.

CHAIRPERSON DROMM: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye, and can
you add me on to the legislation as a co-sponsor?
Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: King.

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: I'd like to vote
aye; can you also add me... I would like to vote aye;
can you also add me on as a co-sponsor as well? I
wanna commend Jimmy on his last piece of legislation
here in the Education Committee and again, to each
and every one of us, it has been a pleasure this
session **[inaudible]** all of us on this Education
Committee and I wish everyone a happy, happy holy
holiday. God bless.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Yeah, please add me on to this intro, and I just wanna say that I vote aye on this, but I would also like to see in the future and I think together as a Council we should continue advocating that these summer meals and all meals in DOE should have a kosher and halal option, which is just as important as publicizing and having summer meals, so I just wanna set that for the record. Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos.

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel.

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger.

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: I would like to just echo the comments of my colleague, Councilman Deutsch, and also commend my colleague, Councilman Vacca on this good bill, and please add my name to it; I'd appreciate that, and I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca.

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 11 in the
3 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
4 the item is adopted by the Committee.

5 CHAIRPERSON DROMM: Thank you very much
6 and we will hold the vote open for about another ten
7 minutes or so to allow other Council Members to vote.
8 I wanna thank everybody for coming in. Thank you
9 very much.

10 [pause]

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,
12 the Committee on Education, Introduction 461-A.
13 Council Member Levin.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote is now
16 currently at 12 in the affirmative.

17 [pause]

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,
19 Committee on Education. Council Member Garodnick.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: I vote aye.
21 Thank you.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote is now
23 currently at 13 in the affirmative.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,
Committee on Education. Council Member Rosenthal.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I vote aye on
all. Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote is now
currently at 14 in the affirmative.

[background comments]

[pause]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Gentile.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I vote aye.

[pause]

[background comments]

[pause]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,
Committee on Education. Council Member Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote is now
currently at 16 in the affirmative.

[pause]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote Committee on
Education, Introduction 461-A is adopted by a vote of
16 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no
abstentions.

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CHAIRPERSON DROMM: So now this meeting
is adjourned at 2:50 in the afternoon. Thank you.

[gavel]

[background comments]

C E R T I F I C A T E

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 December 18, 2017