

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

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September 15, 2010

Start: 12:30pm

Recess: 12:51pm

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
GALE A. BREWER
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Council Member Erik Martin Dilan
Council Member Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.
Council Member Peter F. Vallone, Jr.

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

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CHAIRPERSON BREWER: Okay. Okay, I'm Gale Brewer, City Council Member for the West Side of Manhattan, and Chair of Governmental Operations. And I'm joined here by two esteemed, very esteemed colleagues, Council Member Peter Vallone and Council Member Domenic Recchia; as well as fabulous staff, particularly Matt Gewolb, Counsel to the Committee. And we are here to vote on proposed Intro 91-A, which is a local law requiring that all proposed rules be reviewed by the Law Department, and the Mayor's Office of Operations. The legislation is sponsored by Council Member Jimmy Oddo, he is unable to be here 'cause it's too far to travel from Staten Island, but he is, it was a great idea to have this legislation. And we thank him. The Committee, together with the Committees on Small Business and Economic Development, we heard the hearing, heard the bill on June 25th of this year. At that hearing, representatives of the Mayor, and a representative of several small business groups, testified in support of the legislation. In fact, quite enthusiastically in terms of the small

1 business groups. No witness opposed the bill.

2 The legislation would require a legal and
3 operational review of all proposed rules prior to
4 their initial publication in the City Record, in
5 order to ensure that, among other things, new or
6 mortified, modified rules, are not unduly
7 burdensome, and do not create unnecessarily high
8 compliance costs for the regulated community, if
9 one exists. I would also like to mention that
10 this legislation is intended to help small
11 business, as we indicated at the hearing, and
12 other similarly situated, regulated communities.

13 The Committee will monitor the bill's
14 implementation to make sure that agencies that are
15 appropriately affected, and we will consider
16 amendments if the bill captures rules in an
17 unintended manner. With that, I will ask if any
18 of my colleagues have any comments, and then we
19 will ask the clerk to call the roll. I assume
20 that nobody wants to speak from the public, but if
21 so, let us know; it's not usual at such a vote.
22 No? Anybody? No. Okay, please will the clerk
23 call the roll?
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25 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,

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2 Committee Clerk, roll call vote on the Committee
3 on Governmental Operations, Introduction 91-A,
4 Council Member Brewer.

5 CHAIRPERSON BREWER: I vote aye,
6 and I also want to thank those who've been part of
7 the Regulatory Review Panel for, this is one more
8 example of good legislation coming out of that
9 panel. Thank you. I vote aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Before I
12 vote, I would like for my name to be added to this
13 bill, and I vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye, aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of
17 three in the affirmative, zero in the negative,
18 and no abstentions, item is adopted. Members,
19 please sign the Committee report. Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON BREWER: Thank you very
21 much. This hearing is now--[off mic comment]--Ah,
22 okay, we will hold the record open for ten
23 minutes. After that, the Committee will close.
24 Thank you very much.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member

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Dilan.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote now

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stands at four in the affirmative.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, JOHN DAVID TONG certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John David Tong". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Signature_____

Date September 30, 2010