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February 7, 2022
Start: 10:11 a.m.
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HELD AT: REMOTE HEARING (VIRTUAL ROOM 1)

B E F O R E: Joseph C. Borelli,
Minority Leader

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Joann Ariola
- David M. Carr
- Vickie Paladino
- Inna Vernikov
- Robert F. Holden
- Kalman Yeger

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: Alright folks we are going
live.

SERGEANT SADOWSKY: Okay, I'm just confirming
livestream and at this time, will Sergeants please
start their recordings.

SERGEANT LEONARDO: PC recorders go.

SERGEANT SADOWSKY: Thank you. Cloud is all set
and good morning and welcome to today's Minority
Republican Conference. At this time, would all
panelists please turn on their video. To minimize
disruption, please place all electronic devices on
vibrate or silent mode. Thank you and we are ready
to begin.

MINORITY LEADER BORELLI: Thank you. [GAVEL]
Sorry, gavel with a wine bottle, that's all I had.
We're here today to consider three candidates for
appointment by the republican members of the Council
to the New York City Districting Commission.

For the purposes of today's meeting, anyone who
has won their election with a balance of their votes
on the republican party line is counted. Today, we
are appointing Kevin Hanratty a Queens resident and a
registered member of the republican party. Mr.
Hanratty, a lawyer and a CPA who previously worked

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4 for the Mayor's Office of Contract Services and
5 currently a bank compliance consultant. Darrin
6 Porcher a Bronx resident and a registered member of
7 the republican party. Mr. Porcher is a retired NYPD
8 Lieutenant who currently teaches criminal justice at
9 Pace University and also works as an expert witness
10 and consultant. And finally, Marc Wurzel a Manhattan
11 resident and registered member of the democratic
12 party. Mr. Wurzel is a former counsel to the New
13 York City Minority Leader and to the Commissioner of
14 Finance, is currently General Counsel and Assistant
15 Secretary to the Grand Central Partnership.

16 Let me briefly explain the functions of the
17 Districting Commission. New York City Charter,
18 Sections 50, 51 and 52 provides for the establishment
19 of a districting commission following each [INAUDIBLE
20 2:37] a commission to be convened to redraw
21 councilmanic district to accurately reflect the
22 city's demographics. Each of the 51 councilmanic
23 districts across the city may increase or decrease in
24 size depending on the census data to accommodate
25 changes in population. The Districting Commission
consists of 15 members, five appointed by the
majority vote of the Council delegation of the

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3 political party which has the largest delegation of
4 democrats. Three members appointed by the majority
5 vote of the council delegation, the second largest
6 delegation republicans and seven members appointed by
7 the Mayor.

8 The party enrollment in the Mayor appointees
9 shall be individuals enrolled, the single party do
10 not make up the majority of the total number of
11 members. Commission members serve without
12 compensation. The term of the Commission ends upon
13 the adoption of a final redistricting plan. And can
14 we call for a vote now on those three members?

15 Peter, can we call for a vote.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Sorry, Council Member Borelli?
17 Am I on mute?

18 MINORITY LEADER BORELLI: No, we hear you. I'm
19 calling for a vote on Kevin Hanratty, Marc Wurzel and
20 Darrin Porcher.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I think he was calling you
23 to vote Joe.

24 MINORITY LEADER BORELLI: Oh okay, I vote aye.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye.

 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: I vote aye. Can you
hear me? I vote aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

MINORITY LEADER BORELLI: Okay, the vote stands
seven in the affirmative and zero in the negative.
That concludes today's meeting of the Republican
Minority Conference. Gaveling out [GAVEL]

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 February 15, 2022