

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL WELFARE

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June 15, 2022
Start: 9:56 a.m.
Recess: 10:11 a.m.

HELD AT: HYBRID HEARING - COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Diana Ayala, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Tiffany Cabán
Crystal Hudson
Chi A. Ossé
Lincoln Restler
Kevin C. Riley
Althea V. Stevens
Sandra Ung
Nantasha M. Williams

2 SERGEANT BIONDO: Recordings have begun.
3 Good morning and welcome to today's New York City
4 Council hybrid vote for the Committee on General
5 Welfare.

6 At this time, would all panelists on Zoom
7 please turn on their cameras and silence all cell
8 phones or electronic devices.

9 If you'd like to submit testimony, please
10 do so to testimony@council.nyc.gov. Again, that's
11 testimony@council.nyc.gov.

12 Thank you for your cooperation. Chair, we
13 are ready to begin.

14 CHAIRPERSON AYALA: [GAVEL] Good morning,
15 everyone, and welcome to today's hearing. My name is
16 Diana Ayala, and I am the Deputy Speaker of the New
17 York City Council and the Chair of the General
18 Welfare Committee.

19 Today, our Committee will vote on
20 legislation sponsored by Council Member Alexa Avilés
21 that I was proud to support, Intro 0303-2022, which
22 is a Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of
23 the City of New York in relation to requiring the
24 Department of Homeless Services and the Human
25 Services Administration to track and report certain

2 data regarding rental assistance programs. This bill
3 would require that DHS and HRA track and report
4 certain data regarding rental assistance programs
5 including outcomes of the City Fighting Homelessness
6 and Eviction Prevention Program, which is also known
7 as CityFHEPs. This would include how long a household
8 languishes with a shopping letter for a voucher
9 without being able to use that voucher. In an effort
10 to provide greater transparency in the process of
11 rental assistance programs, it is our hope that the
12 more we know the better we will be able to provide
13 programming assistance to meet the needs of those New
14 Yorkers.

15 I'd like to thank the advocates,
16 providers, and those with lived experiences who
17 informed and helped shape this legislation.

18 At this time, I would like to acknowledge
19 my Colleagues here today. We have council Member
20 Hudson, Council Member Chi Ossé, Nantasha Williams,
21 Althea Stevens, and Sandra Ung. Thank you.

22 Finally, I would like to thank the
23 Council Member who worked to prepare this hearing,
24 Aminta Kilawan, Senior Counsel, Cristy Dwyer,
25 Legislative Policy Analyst, Julia Herrama (phonetic),

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2 Senior Finance Analysts, Rose Martinez, Senior Data
3 Scientist, Nicholas Montalbano, Data Scientist, and
4 my staff, Michelle Cruz, Deputy Chief of Staff.

5 Council Member Avilés is not here so I
6 think that we will now call on the Clerk for a roll
7 call vote.

8 I would like to acknowledge that we've
9 been joined by Council Member Riley on Zoom.

10 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: William
11 Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call vote Committee on
12 General Welfare Proposed Introduction 303-A. Chair
13 Ayala.

14 CHAIRPERSON AYALA: I vote aye.

15 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Riley.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I vote aye.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank
18 you. Hudson.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Ossé.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: I vote aye.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Stevens.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I vote aye.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Ung.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: I vote aye.

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

3 Williams.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

5 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank
6 you. By a vote of 7 in the affirmative, 0 in the
7 negative, and no abstentions, item has been adopted
8 by the Committee.

9 CHAIRPERSON AYALA: We will hold the vote
10 open until 10:10 to allow other Members an
11 opportunity to vote. Thank you.

12 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:
13 Continuation roll call vote Committee on General
14 Welfare Proposed Introduction 303-A. Council Member
15 Cabán. Vote on Proposed Introduction 303-A.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: I vote aye.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank
18 you. Council Member Restler.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye. Sorry again
20 for my tardiness.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: By a
22 vote of 9 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and
23 no abstentions, item has been adopted by the
24 Committee.

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2 CHAIRPERSON AYALA: Having had other
3 Members come in to vote, this part of the hearing is
4 adjourned.

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Date July 21, 2022