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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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March 13, 2023  
Start: 10:04 a.m.  
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HELD AT: 250 BROADWAY - COMMITTEE ROOM,  
14TH FLOOR

B E F O R E: Lynn C. Schulman

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Joann Ariola  
Charles Barron  
Crystal Hudson  
Julie Menin  
Mercedes Narcisse  
Marjorie Velazquez

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone  
3 check. Today's date is March 13, 2023. Committee on  
4 Health. Being recorded by Sergeant-at-Arms John  
5 Biondo, 14th Floor, Committee Room.

6 Webinar please.

7 HOST: It's started. Thank you.

8 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Thank you. Chair, we  
9 are ready to go.

10 CHAIRPERSON SCHULMAN: [GAVEL] Good  
11 morning, everyone. I am Council Member Lynn Schulman,  
12 Chair of the Committee on Health.

13 Today, we will be voting on Proposed  
14 Intro 918-A in relation to requiring the Department  
15 of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop and implement  
16 a Citywide Diabetes Incidents and Impact Reduction  
17 Plan. I am very proud to be the lead sponsor of this  
18 important legislation. This legislation represents an  
19 important first step in recognizing diabetes as a  
20 citywide crisis and focusing our efforts on reducing  
21 its devastating impact on the health and wellbeing of  
22 all New Yorkers. New York was the epicenter of COVID-  
23 19, and one of the many factors that was involved in  
24 that was that people had underlying conditions that  
25 made them more prone to get sicker or to sadly die.

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2 Diabetes was one of those underlying conditions that  
3 was very prominent, and so I am hoping that this  
4 legislation, which contains many milestones and  
5 goals, will be something that will help reduce the  
6 incidents and impact of diabetes in New York City.

7 We are joined today by our Colleagues,  
8 Council Member Hudson. I want to welcome Council  
9 Member Julie Menin who is new to the Committee and,  
10 given her background on healthcare regulatory issues,  
11 is going to be a great asset, and Council Member  
12 Ariola, Council Member Narcisse, Council Member  
13 Velazquez.

14 I will now as the Clerk to call the roll.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
16 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
17 vote Committee on Health. Proposed Introduction 918-  
18 A. Chair Schulman.

19 CHAIRPERSON SCHULMAN: Yes.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hudson.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Menin.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye and  
24 congratulations to Chair Schulman on this fantastic  
25 bill.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Narcisse.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.

4 Congratulations to Chair Schulman.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

6 Velazquez.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Aye, and  
8 congratulations, Lynn.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
10 you, Council Member. Ariola.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye, and I would  
12 also like to welcome Julie, my dear friend and  
13 Colleague. She's going to be a wonderful asset to our  
14 Committee, and thank you, Chair Schulman, for  
15 bringing this legislation forth. Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
17 you. By a vote of six in the affirmative, zero in the  
18 negative, and no abstentions, item has been adopted  
19 by the Committee.

20 CHAIRPERSON SCHULMAN: Council Member  
21 Barron, welcome, and we would like to hear your vote.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: First, thank you  
23 very much, and I'm a little under the weather today.  
24 I'm sorry I didn't get here earlier. I went to bed

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2 feeling well, but I woke up feeling congested,  
3 throat, and all of that.

4                   Could you tell me what the item is,  
5 please?

6                   CHAIRPERSON SCHULMAN: Today, we're voting  
7 on Proposed Introduction 918-A in relation to  
8 requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
9 to develop and implement a Citywide Diabetes  
10 Incidents and Impact Reduction Plan, which you are a  
11 co-sponsor of, and I am very happy about that, and so  
12 we are anxiously awaiting your vote, Council Member.

13                   COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Let me think about  
14 it, no. Absolutely an astounding yes.

15                   COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
16 you, Council Member Barron.

17                   CHAIRPERSON SCHULMAN: Thank you.

18                   COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote is  
19 now seven in the affirmative, zero in the negative,  
20 and no abstentions.

21                   CHAIRPERSON SCHULMAN: I hope you feel  
22 better, Council Member.

23                   COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Yes, and thank you  
24 very much for your patience and me trying to get on  
25 here. Thank you.

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2 CHAIRPERSON SCHULMAN: With that, I am now  
3 adjourning the Committee on Health. Thank you.

4 [GAVEL]

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Date March 16, 2023