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March 16, 2023  
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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Rita C. Joseph, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Alexa Aviles
- Carmen N. De La Rosa
- Eric Dinowitz
- Oswald Feliz
- James F. Gennaro
- Jennifer Gutierrez
- Shahana K. Hanif
- Kamillah Hanks
- Shekar Krishnan
- Linda Lee
- Farah N. Louis
- Julie Menin
- Mercedes Narcisse
- Lincoln Restler
- Pierina Ana Sanchez
- Lynn C. Schulman
- Althea V. Stevens
- Sandra Ung

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone  
3 check for the Committee on Education. Today's date is  
4 March 16, 2023. Located in Council Chambers. Recorded  
5 by Steve Sadowsky. Quiet please.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and  
7 welcome to the New York City hybrid vote on the  
8 Committee on Education. Please silence all electronic  
9 devices.

10 Chair, we are ready to begin.

11 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: [GAVEL] Good morning  
12 and welcome everyone to today's Committee on  
13 Education vote on Proposed Introduction 403A, a bill  
14 that I am proud to sponsor which calls upon the New  
15 York City Department of Education to distribute IDNYC  
16 applications to all high school students. I'm also  
17 proud to have the majority of my Colleagues join me  
18 as co-sponsors on this bill.

19 The Committee previously heard testimony  
20 on the bill as part of our oversight hearing on DOE's  
21 new admission processes in January. IDNYC is a free  
22 identification card available to all New York City  
23 residents age 10 and up, regardless of immigration  
24 status. With the IDNYC card, students can gain access  
25 to a wide variety of city services and can enter city

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2 buildings that provide services to the public. Some  
3 of the benefits include using the card as a library  
4 card and to receive health benefits. Cardholders can  
5 also receive benefits and discounts offered by  
6 cultural institutions including museums, zoos, and  
7 botanical gardens and can gain access to discounts on  
8 prescription medicine, fitness, groceries, and New  
9 York City attractions. By receiving information on  
10 IDNYC, Intro 403A will not only enhance students'  
11 high school experience but also better prepare them  
12 for the transition into adulthood.

13 I would like to thank my Staff and the  
14 Committee Staff, and I will now turn to the Clerk to  
15 call the roll.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
17 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
18 vote Committee on Education on Proposed Introduction  
19 403A. Chair Joseph.

20 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
22 you. Louis.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Gennaro.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Dinowitz.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Feliz.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye.

6 Congratulations, Chair Rita Joseph.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
8 you. Aviles.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Happy to vote aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: De La  
11 Rosa. Gutierrez.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanif.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: I'm a proud aye. So  
15 proud of this legislation and the leadership of Chair  
16 Joseph, and this is such a smart legislation that  
17 will help so many young people. Thank you so much.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
19 you. Hanks. Council Member Hanks. We'll come back.  
20 Krishnan. Lee.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
23 you. Menin.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Narcisse.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Congratulations,  
3 Chair Joseph. I vote aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Restler.  
5 Sanchez.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I vote aye, and  
7 I'd also just like to shout out the Council Member  
8 with the most endurance after a 13-hour hearing last  
9 night who is back here this morning. You're the best,  
10 Council Member Joseph.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Schulman.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye, and I also  
13 want to echo the comments of my Colleague, Council  
14 Member Sanchez, and congrats.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Stevens.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ung.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Council  
20 Member Hanks.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
23 you. By a vote of 16 in the affirmative, zero in the  
24 negative, and no abstentions, item has been adopted  
25 by the Committee.

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2 The vote will be held open at the request  
3 of the Chair.

4 If Members could remain for a minute or  
5 two, please?

6 Continuation roll call Committee on  
7 Education. Council Member Restler.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

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

11 Continuation roll call Committee on  
12 Education Proposed Introduction 403A. Council Member  
13 De La Rosa.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
16 you.

17 Continuation roll call Committee on  
18 Education. Council Member Krishnan.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye on all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Final  
21 vote is now 19 in the affirmative, zero in the  
22 negative, and no abstentions.

23 CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH: We close it out.

24 [GAVEL]

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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 March 28, 2023