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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY

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February 8, 2024
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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Farrah N. Louis, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Tiffany Cabán
Jennifer Gutiérrez
Kevin C. Riley
Inna Vernikov

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. This is a
3 microphone check for the Committee on Women and
4 Gender Equity, recorded in the Council Chambers on
5 February 8, 2024, by Layla Lynch.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
7 welcome to the New York City Council vote on Women
8 and Gender Equity.

9 Please silence all electronic devices.

10 Chair, we are ready to begin.

11 CHAIRPERSON LOUIS: [GAVEL] Good morning.
12 My name is Farrah Louis, Chair on the Committee for
13 Women and Gender Equity.

14 Today, our Committee will vote on
15 legislation in relation to establishing a program to
16 assist with door and window repair and security for
17 survivors of domestic and gender-based violence.

18 Domestic and gender-based violence
19 continues to be a pervasive problem in the city, and
20 the work of this Committee has continuously focused
21 on considering legislation to combat domestic and
22 gender-based violence and provide resources to
23 survivors. This legislation continues in that
24 tradition, requiring the Mayor's Office to End
25 Gender-Based Violence to establish a program that

2 would connect survivors with services to make repairs
3 to the doors and windows of households and provide a
4 survivor with a personal emergency response device as
5 well as other vital support services. Domestic
6 violence continues to be one of the leading drivers
7 of homelessness in New York City, and these valuable
8 resources will help provide survivors with the
9 necessary support to help them retain their housing
10 and feel safe in their homes.

11 This legislation will also require
12 reporting on the implementation of this program so
13 that we can measure the parameters of the program to
14 see how it is responding to the needs of survivors
15 and education and outreach components so that
16 survivors can understand what is available to support
17 them.

18 I would also like to thank the advocates,
19 providers, and those with lived experience who
20 informed and helped shape this piece of legislation.

21 I would also like to acknowledge my
22 Colleagues who are here today, Council Members Riley,
23 Gutiérrez, and Vernikov as well as Cabán online.

24 Finally, I would like to thank my Staff,
25 Blake Shaw, Phil, as well as Daniel Heredia as well

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2 as our Committee Staff, Committee Counsel Sahar
3 Moazami, Senior Legislative Policy Analyst Cristy
4 Dwyer for their work on this hearing.

5 Now, I will call on the Clerk to call the
6 roll.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
8 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
9 vote Committee on Women and Gender Equity, Proposed
10 Introduction A. Chair Louis.

11 CHAIRPERSON LOUIS: I vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Riley.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Cabán.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
17 you. Gutiérrez.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vernikov.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: I vote aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a
22 vote of five in the affirmative, zero in the
23 negative, and no abstentions, item is adopted by the
24 Committee, and, Madam Chair, that is a full
25 Committee.

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2 CHAIRPERSON LOUIS: Congratulations to the
3 bill sponsor.

4 This hearing is now closed.

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Date February 13, 2024