

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

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May 31, 2012
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HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
JOEL RIVERA
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Elizabeth S. Crowley
Inez E. Dickens
Erik Martin Dilan
Lewis A. Fidler
Vincent J. Gentile
Robert Jackson
James Vacca
Albert Vann
Karen Koslowitz
James S. Oddo
Christine C. Quinn

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

Malini Cadambi Daniel
Candidate for Appointment
Equal Employment Practices Commission

Arva R. Rice
Candidate for Appointment
Equal Employment Practices Commission

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very much. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections. My name is Joe Rivera and I'm the chair of the Committee. Before we begin, let me introduce the members who are here with us today. We have, Council Member Liz Crowley. We have Council Member Karen Koslowitz, Council Member Jimmy Vacca, Council Member Lew Fidler, Council Member Leroy Comrie, and we have Council Member Al Vann as well. - - . We are also joined by the Committee staff, Chuck Davis is in and out, Emerson Sykes [phonetic], who is here with me, Jasmine Vega [phonetic], Alicia Vassal [phonetic] and Deandra Johnson [phonetic].

Today the Rules Committee will consider two candidates for reappointment to the Equal Employment Practices Commission. Before us, we have Malini Cadambi Daniel, a resident of Queens who is being considered for reappointment by the Council to the Equal Employment Practices Commission. If Ms. Cadambi Daniel is reappointed, she will be eligible to serve a four year term that begins on July 1st, 2012 and expires on June

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2 30th, 2016.

3 We are also joined by Arva R.
4 Rice, a resident of Manhattan, who is also being
5 considered by the Council for reappointment to the
6 Equal Employment Practices Commission. If Ms.
7 Rice is reappointed, she will be eligible to serve
8 for the remainder of a four year term that expires
9 on June 30th, 2015. Welcome, Ms. Cadambi Daniel
10 and Ms. Rice. Will you please raise your right
11 hand to be sworn in?

12 MALE VOICE: Do you swear or affirm
13 that you will tell the truth, the whole truth and
14 nothing but the truth?

15 MULTIPLE VOICES: Yes.

16 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Perfect.
17 Thank you. We've also been joined by Council
18 Member Robert Jackson. I will briefly describe
19 the functions of the Equal Employment Practices—
20 actually before that, let me call on Liz Crowley,
21 who has to vote early 'cause she has other
22 engagements. So can we please call on her to
23 vote?

24 CLERK: Crowley?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote

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aye. Thank you for your service.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you.

And Council Member Jimmy Vacca.

[background conversation]

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: And Council Member Leroy Comrie?

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: I vote aye. Congratulations.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: He's making sure we're not going to have a quorum. I will briefly describe the functions of the Equal Employment Practices Commission. Under the City Charter, the Commission is charged with the duties of reviewing, evaluating and monitoring the employment practices, procedures and programs of city agencies and the Department of City Wide Administrative Services. The goal is to continue an effective, affirmative employment program of equal employment opportunity for minority group members and women employed by or seeking employment with city agencies. Some of the specific powers are monitoring employment practices of - - local agencies, reviewing the implementation of agencies affirmative employment

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2 programs and auditing agencies' efforts to ensure
3 fair and effective equal employment opportunities
4 for minority group members and women. The
5 Commission consists of five members, two appointed
6 by the mayor and two appointed by the Council.
7 The mayor and the speaker jointly appoint the
8 chair. Compensation is on a per diem basis; \$250
9 for a member and \$235 for the chair. Ms. Cadambi
10 Daniel, do you wish to make an opening statement?

11 MALINI CADAMBI DANIEL: I'd just
12 like to say that it is an honor to serve the city-

13 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: [Interposing]
14 Can you bring the microphone closer? Just state
15 your name for the record and-

16 MALINI CADAMBI DANIEL: My name is
17 Malini Cadambi Daniel, and it's an honor to serve
18 the city and a privilege to be working on behalf
19 of the employees of the city.

20 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Perfect.
21 Thank you. Now Ms. Rice, do you have an opening
22 statement?

23 ARVA R. RICE: Good morning. Arva
24 Rice. I also have enjoyed serving on the Equal
25 Employment Practices Commission and helping to

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2 ensure that the city employees feel like they are
3 equally represented within the laws.

4 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Perfect. I
5 want to personally just thank both of you for your
6 commitment to the city of New York and for the
7 service you have already provided and at this
8 point in time, are there any questions on behalf
9 of Committee Members? Seeing none, we're just
10 going to call a vote and the Chair recommends an
11 aye vote.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

13 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: I vote aye and
14 congratulations.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: [off mic]

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on
19 all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: [off mic]

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: [off
24 mic]

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote stands

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2 at eight in the affirmative, zero negative and
3 zero abstentions. Members, please sign the
4 reports.

5 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: We're going to
6 keep the vote open for the Speaker and other
7 members who will be joining us shortly. There are
8 a bunch of press conferences and rallies taking
9 place outside the City Hall, so members are back
10 and forth. Thank you very much again, and thank
11 you for your service.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: yes.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Permission
16 to explain my vote?

17 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Yes.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you
19 so much. I am grateful to the Chair and the
20 Committee for the reappointment of Arva Rice. She
21 is a great asset. She had medical issues in 2011
22 that prevented her for attending several of the
23 meetings, but her experience, her expertise, her
24 ethics, her commitment is what we must consider,
25 and so I thank my colleagues for supporting her

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reappointment and I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
Dilan?

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote now
currently stands at 11 in the affirmative.

[background conversation]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll
call Committee on Rules. Speaker Quinn?

SPEAKER QUINN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote in the
Committee on Rules—

[background conversation]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Current vote in
the Committee on Rules is now 12 in the
affirmative.

[long pause]

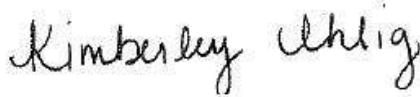
CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Ready? The
Rules Committee is now adjourned.

[gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kimberley Uhlig certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

Signature _____



Date _____ 6/21/12 _____