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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ISSUES

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June 12, 2012
Start: 11:18 AM
Recess: 11:21 AM

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E: JULISSA FERRERAS
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Charles Barron
Margaret S. Chin
Annabel Palma
Ruben Wills

CHAIRPERSON FERRERAS: Good

morning, and thank you for coming to today's hearing. My name is Council Member Julissa Ferreras, and I am the chair of the Women's Issues Committee. I'd like to thank my colleagues: Council Members Fidler, Vallone, Halloran and Gonzalez for co-sponsoring this resolution we're about to hear. Today's hearing is to vote on Reso No. 1346, which is a resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass and the governor to enact A. 9804 and S. 7212 also known as the Trafficking Victims Protection and Justice Act. This legislation seeks to improve upon existing state law clarifying certain portions of state law as well as address inconsistencies particularly in cases involving minors. At yesterday's hearing on this resolution, the Brooklyn DA's office and several advocacy groups strongly supported this resolution and expressed their concerns that the bill currently undergoing negotiations in Albany will be watered down. Please let me stress that this resolution and we here at the Council, we are here to support the bill as written. We hope that the bill that is

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2 written currently will not be watered down and I
3 encourage and ask my colleagues to please vote yes
4 so that we can have this vote on the full Council
5 for tomorrow. Thank you.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kevin Pin,
7 Committee Clerk. Roll call in the Committee on
8 Women's Issues Reso 1346. Council Member
9 Ferreras?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: I vote
11 aye and again, I encourage all my colleagues to do
12 the same.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I'd like to
15 commend Chairperson Ferreras for her continuous -
16 - stick-to-it-ness [phonetic] on this issue. I
17 think this is a critical issue. About time. - -
18 human trafficking is occurring all over the world,
19 and I think this push for the state to have a
20 tougher resolution for a tougher enactment of laws
21 and penalties for it, I think is right on time for
22 our time that we're living in and for that, I
23 commend you, Madam Chair. I excitedly and
24 resoundingly vote aye on this resolution.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Yes, I also
3 want to thank Chair Ferreras for your leadership
4 and for all the hearings that we have held on this
5 issue of trafficking, so let's all pass this in
6 the City Council and send a strong message to
7 Albany. I vote aye. Thank you.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of
9 three in the affirmative, zero in the negative and
10 no abstentions, the item has been adopted.
11 Members, please sign the Committee Report.

12 CHAIRPERSON FERRERAS: Thank you
13 very much, and we will keep this vote open for 30
14 minutes and again, thank you for coming today,
15 Council Members.

16 [gavel]

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: The final vote in
20 the Committee on Women's Issues is four in the
21 affirmative, zero in the negative and no
22 abstentions.

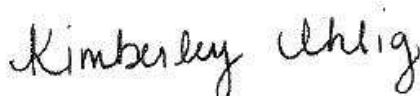
23 CHAIRPERSON FERRERAS: This meeting
24 is adjourned.

25 [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 _____ June 28, 2012 _____