

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR

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June 12, 2012
Start: 12:37 pm
Recess: 1:00 pm

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
JAMES SANDERS, JR.
Chairpersons

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
James F. Gennaro
Melissa Mark-Viverito
Michael C. Nelson
Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.
Larry B. Seabrook
Eric A. Ulrich

CHAIRPERSON SANDERS: This hearing will now come to order. Good afternoon and thank you for coming. My name is Council Member James Sanders, Jr. and I'm the Chair of the Committee on Civil Service and labor. Today we are resuming the hearing that was recessed yesterday regarding a preconsidered resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass and the governor to sign into law A. 1652, S. 1862, the Farm Workers Fair Labor Practices Act. We heard the testimony on both sides yesterday. After due deference to both arguments and especially after hearing about the origins of the discrimination against farm workers coming from segregation and Jim Crow, I have come down on the side of the farm workers. This state bill would give farm workers the same rights as most other works in this state, including overtime pay, workers compensation, a guaranteed day of rest—I'm always struck by that one—and the right to organize and collectively bargain. Before we proceed to a vote, we have been joined from right to left: Council Member Recchia, Council Member Gennaro and Council Member Larry Seabrook and of course, Council Member Mike

2 Nelson. I want to thank the Council, the
3 Committee Staff, Matt Carlin, our counsel; and
4 Faith Corbett our policy analyst. As the child of
5 a former sharecropper and former domestic I am
6 especially pleased to vote on this one. I am
7 urging everyone to vote yes and now we can—I'm
8 sorry, you can call the roll.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
10 Committee Clerk. Roll call vote Committee on
11 Civil Service and Labor - - resolution. Council
12 Member Sanders:

13 CHAIRPERSON SANDERS: Absolutely
14 yes.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Yes.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Yes.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Seabrook?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Yes.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of five
24 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no
25 abstentions, item is adopted. Members please sign

1 the Committee Report. Thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: I will leave
3 the vote open for another half an hour so that the
4 rest of our Committee who are involved in many
5 different meetings; there are a lot of meetings
6 and some of my fellow colleagues are rushing to
7 now—are going to. Thank you very much, and this
8 meeting is open for another half an hour.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
10 Ulrich?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Mr.
12 Chairman, I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote now
14 stands at six in the affirmative.

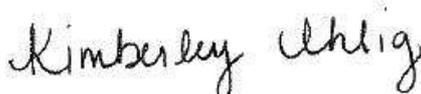
15 CHAIRPERSON SANDERS: this hearing
16 is officially closed.

17 [gavel]
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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 _____

Handwritten signature of Kimberley Uhlig in cursive script.Date _____ 7/2/12