

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH SERVICES

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June 28, 2012
Start: 12:13 p.m.
Recess: 12:16 p.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
LEWIS A. FIDLER
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Sara M. Gonzalez
Melissa Mark-Viverito
Darlene Mealy
Annabel Palma
Fernando Cabrera
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Jumaane D. Williams
Peter A. Koo

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2 CHAIRPERSON FIDLER: Good morning,
3 everybody. I'm Lew Fidler. I'm the chair of the
4 Youth Services Committee and today's hearing is
5 actually a vote on proposed reso number 687-A,
6 which calls on New York City Congressional
7 Delegation and President Barack Obama to prevent
8 cuts to the community services block grant
9 program. I'm joined today by Council members Koo,
10 Gonzalez, Palma and Cabrera—hopefully some others.
11 The community service block grant is a federal
12 program, which was designed to alleviate poverty.
13 In the current federal fiscal year, New York City
14 received \$31 million in CSBG funds, which allowed
15 the city to provide services to 30,000 people.
16 The programs which received CSBG funding include
17 immigrant services programs, literacy services
18 programs, BYCD's [phonetic] fatherhood initiative
19 and neighborhood development area initiative. As
20 you can see, CSBG funded programs provide vital
21 services for New York City residents and represent
22 an important piece of the social services
23 infrastructure. Despite this, President Obama's
24 current budget proposal for Federal Fiscal Year
25 2013 includes a 50% to CSBG funding. Such a

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2 drastic cut would severely reduce the availability
3 of programs and services that are essential for
4 overcoming poverty and achieving economic
5 independence. I therefore would be encouraging my
6 colleagues on the Youth Services Committee to vote
7 in favor of proposed reso number 687-A and that is
8 particular poignant as we pass our city budget
9 today that while restoring many of the services
10 that are important to us certainly leaves a lot of
11 services undone that are needed, so with that,
12 I'll ask the clerk to call the roll and urge my
13 colleagues to vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kevin Pin,
15 committee clerk. Roll call in the Committee on
16 Youth Services reso 687-A. Council Member Fidler?

17 CHAIRPERSON FIDLER: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Permission
22 to explain my vote? I respectfully request, Mr.
23 Chair, for my name to be added to proposed reso
24 687-A and I vote aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Obama
care—oh sorry. I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of six
in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no
abstentions, the item has been adopted. Members,
please sign the Committee report.

CHAIRPERSON FIDLER: Hopefully, the
cumbayah [phonetic] spirit will keep us going all
day long. I will hold the vote open. I promised
that we would hold it open for no more than 15
minutes, so hold the vote open for 15 minutes, and
with that, this hearing is adjourned.

[gavel]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: I
vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote stands
at seven in the affirmative. Final vote in the
Committee on Youth Services reso 687-A seven in
the affirmative, zero in the negative and no

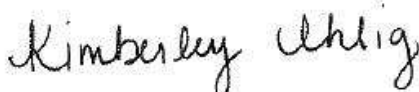
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abstentions.

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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

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