

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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June 26, 2013

Start: 10:25 a.m.

Recess: 10:40 a.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway
Committee Rm, 14th Fl.

B E F O R E:
DANIEL R. GARODNICK
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Council Member Julissa Ferreras
Council Member Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Council Member G. Oliver Koppell
Council Member Michael C. Nelson

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

William Martin
Committee Clerk
New York City Council

CHAIRPERSON GARODNICK: [off mic]

All right. Good morning, everyone and welcome to today's meeting and vote, this Consumer Affairs Committee of the New York City Council. Today is Wednesday, June 26th, uh-oh, it's my parents anniversary today. I'm glad I reminded myself. My name is Dan Garodnick and I have the privilege of chairing this Committee. I'm joined today by Council Members Julissa Ferreras, Oliver Koppell, Mike Nelson and today we're going to be voting on Intro 875-A, also known as the Brunch Bill. We held a hearing on this bill which I am pleased to have been the lead sponsor on May 7th. Intro 875-A would enable restaurants with sidewalk café's to begin operating those café's at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday's. currently, DCA rules bar sidewalk café operation before noon. These rules are a relic. They make little sense and they are frequently ignored. Intro 875-A would simply allow sidewalk café operating hours to begin at 10:00 a.m. It would preserve the prohibition on sidewalk café operation before 10:00 a.m. in an effort to be respectful of communities that have them and we want to maintain a little bit of quiet on Sunday

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2 mornings. However, I am hopeful that this bill
3 will be passed tonight by the entire City Council
4 in time for the prime summer brunching months and
5 to give restaurant owners some much needed relief.
6 I want to thank our Committee staff, Rachel
7 Cordero [phonetic], Damian Butfick [phonetic] for
8 their work on this legislation. We were pleased
9 that the City's Department of Consumer Affairs
10 testified before us that they had no objection to
11 this bill. We appreciate their support and we
12 look forward to the Mayor signing this bill into
13 law. At this point I would like to ask the Clerk
14 to call the vote and I recommend an aye vote. In
15 the absence of a Clerk maybe I will call the roll.
16 [pause] Okay, in the absence of a Clerk the Chair
17 will call the roll. Council Member Ferreras?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: I vote
19 aye.

20 CHAIRPERSON GARODNICK: Council
21 Member Koppell.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Before I
23 vote I want to be assured, I know you're a
24 distinguished attorney, that the fact that I enjoy
25 brunch outdoors on Sunday doesn't bar me as a

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conflict of interest for voting for this.

[laughter]

CHAIRPERSON GARODNICK: I'm going to rule you as very much right down in the middle of the line. I think you're okay Council Member Koppell. I also enjoy brunch and certainly I hope that doesn't bar any of us. So, go ahead and cast your vote freely and unencumbered.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: I vote aye. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON GARODNICK: Thank you very much. Council Member Nelson?

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: You probably won't see me at 10:00 a.m. having breakfast outside [laughter] so it's no conflict at all. [laughter] I vote aye.

CHAIRPERSON GARODNICK: Thank you, and the Chair also votes aye so the vote stands as four in the affirmative, zero in the negative. We will hold, and no abstentions. We will hold the vote open until we have an opportunity for a couple of additional Members to cast their votes and after that time we will be adjourned. So, thank you very much.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Do you

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CHAIRPERSON GARODNICK: The form is

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[pause]

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MR. WILLIAM MARTIN: William

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Martin, Committee Clerk, final vote in the

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Committee on Consumer Affairs is four in the

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CHAIRPERSON GARODNICK: This

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meeting is now adjourned.

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MR. MARTIN: Final vote on the

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Committee on Consumer Affairs is five in the

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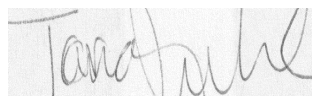
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abstentions. Thank you.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Tara Juhl 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

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tara Juhl".

Date 7/7/13