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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS

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HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Hearing Room  
16<sup>th</sup> Floor

B E F O R E: Mathieu Eugene  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Lewis Fidler  
Vincent Gentile  
Fernando Cabrera  
Daniel Dromm  
David G. Greenfield  
Donovan Richards

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

CLERK MARTIN: Good afternoon.

William Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call vote  
Committee Veterans, Introduction 1159A.  
Council Member Eugene.

CHAIRPERSON EUGENE: Thank you very  
much. Good morning. I'm Council Member Mathieu  
Eugene, Chair on Committee on Veterans. We are  
joined today by Chair Reyna--we will be joined  
very soon by Chair Reyna. I want to acknowledge  
Council Members of the Veterans Committee who are  
here today. We have Council Member Greenfield,  
Council Member Dromm, Council Member Richards,  
and Council Member Fidler, all members of the  
Veterans Committee. This morning we are here to  
vote on Intro 1159 by Council Member Diana Reyna,  
Local Law to amend Administrative code of the  
City of New York in relation to opportunities for  
Veterans on business enterprise in the City  
procurement. As you know, earlier this month we  
heard testimony on this legislation on various  
advocates of veterans. I believe with an  
extensive review of the current procurement  
opportunities for veteran-owned business and  
consideration of a promotional program, the City

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2 of New York would better serve the veterans  
3 community. It is critical that as Council  
4 Members we continue to take the necessary step  
5 toward expending services to service men and  
6 women. After the critical services they have made  
7 for our nation, it is a moral responsibility to  
8 empower our veterans and have them reintegrated  
9 into civilian life. And I want to thank all my  
10 colleagues for being here today, and I want to  
11 thank Chair Reyna. Let me add, you know, to  
12 conclude that our veterans, our men, our brave  
13 men and women in uniform, they have learned a lot  
14 of skill and also they have the discipline and  
15 they are ready to start their small businesses.  
16 It is our responsibility to create the  
17 environment and to provide them will all  
18 opportunities to do so that would benefit not  
19 only the veterans, but also the general  
20 population. We all know that employment among  
21 veterans is higher then, you know, among the  
22 general population. By helping them open small  
23 businesses that will benefit them and that would  
24 benefit our City's general population, because  
25 that would represent job opportunities and also

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good for government. Thank you very much. And to all my colleagues, please we can go for a vote.

CLERK MARTIN: William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call vote Committee on Veterans, Introduction 1159A. Council Member Eugene?

CHAIRPERSON EUGENE: I vote aye.

CLERK MARTIN: Fidler?

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

CLERK MARTIN: Dromm?

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

CLERK MARTIN: Greenfield?

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: May I be excused to explain my vote? Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRPERSON EUGENE: Yes, sir.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank you very much. I just want to thank Chairman Eugene. I'm not--of course the Chairman will be rejoining us as a Council Member, but this may in fact be his last committee hearing as Chair of the Veterans Committee, and he's been a consistent advocate on behalf of the Veterans of New York City and he's shown great leadership, and we've

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2 passed quite a few pieces of legislation that  
3 have improved the veterans community and it was a  
4 privilege to serve under your leadership. So I  
5 want to thank you for that, and with that, I vote  
6 aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON EUGENE: Thank you.

8 CLERK MARTIN: Richards?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Second that,  
10 aye.

11 CLERK MARTIN: By a vote of five in the  
12 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no  
13 abstentions, item has been adopted. Members  
14 please sign a committee report. Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON EUGENE: So, we're going to  
16 hold vote now for another five minutes, five or  
17 ten minutes.

18 [off mic conversation]

19 CLERK MARTIN: Council Member Cabrera?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: I vote aye.

21 CLERK MARTIN: Final vote in the  
22 Committee on Veterans is now six in the  
23 affirmative, zero in the negative, and no  
24 abstentions.

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CHAIRPERSON EUGENE: Adjourned the  
meeting for today.

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