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SUBCOMMITTEE ON ZONING AND FRANCHISE

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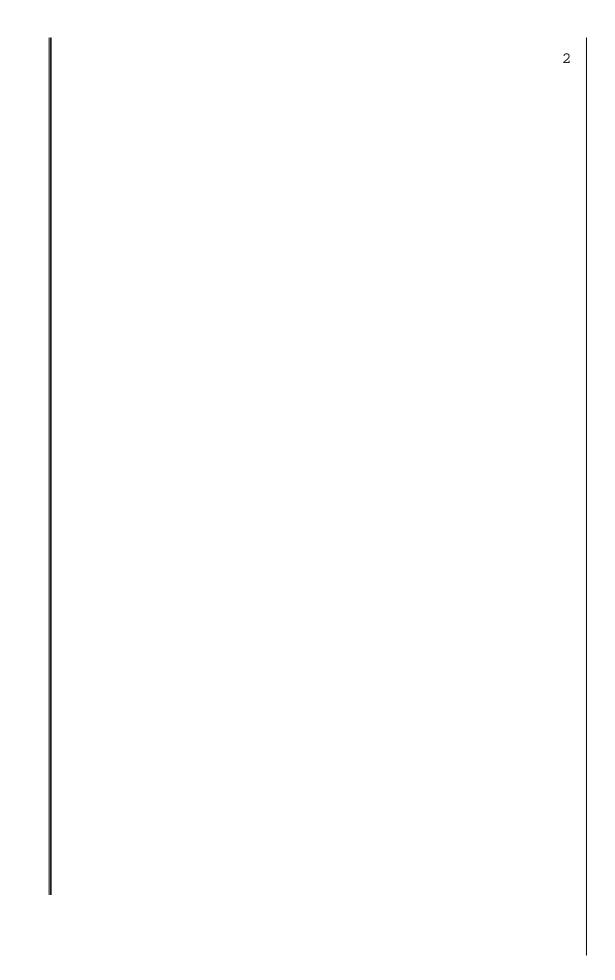
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COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Daniel Garodnick
Jumanne D. Williams
Donovan J. Richards
Antonio Reynoso
Ritchie J. Torres
Vincent Ignizio
Vincent J. Gentile
Ruben Willis

Ben Kallos

APPEARANCES



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CHAIRPERSON GREENFIELD: Alright if we can have everybody's attention. Yeah he gave me the thumbs up. Good morning everyone. My name is Mark Werpin, I am the chair of the Zoning can we have quite please. It's a short meeting I promise. can get back to our conversations right away. Ok. am Mark Weprin, I'm chair of the Zoning and Franchise Subcommittee and I'm joined by the following members of the subcommittee. Vincent Gentle, Ruben Wills, Antonio Reynoso, Richie Torres and Vincent Ignizio. And I know other members are on their way. have 1 item on the agenda today and we already had the hearing on it. It is the Rockefeller University expansion. Its land use numbers 49 and 50. And we are joined today by council member Ben Kallos who represents the Rockefeller University and we've also been joined by Dan Ganorick as well. So what I'm going to do is call on council member Kallos who has a statement to make about this project and his opinion. Mr. Kallos.

CHAIRPERSON KALLOS: Thank you zoning committee chair Weprin. My colleagues on the committee and to Rockefeller University for meeting with me so frequently since January and joining us

today. I'm please to ask my colleagues to vote yes
on both application from Rockefeller University to
expand their world class institution to attract more
top scientist the east sides hospitals and bio-tech
corridor. There was understandable concern in our
already highly developed community about overcrowding
in our neighborhood and obstructions to east river.
However, over the past months, Rockefeller University
has demonstrated that is not only sensitive to those
concerns but will be of valuable partner in bettering
our community. They've shown a firm commitment to
improving the quality of life in our neighborhood
while mitigating any issue that may arise. They've
laid forth a vision for a more beautiful and dynamic
neighborhood in addition to an improved and expanded
hob for the sciences. We've made significant
progress in our work and they are going to be working
with both my office and the community in good faith
on the areas of concern raised through this process.
I'm enthusiastic about this project and the
individuals behind it and ask my colleagues to vote
to approve. I would also like to take a moment to
thank the land use staff, Gail Benjamin and
congratulations on her retirement. Ada Fox and Anne

explain my vote.

CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Yes, council member
Reynoso to explain his vote.

Statement council member Kallos you mentioned good faith. I want you to be weary of good faith and make sure that you did best you can to lock in as much as possible before the vote to guarantee that your to guarantee that your community is taken care of but I will vote I.

ANN MCCOY: Council member Torres.

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote I.

ANN MCCOY: Council member Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNISIO: Yes.

ANN MCCOY: By a vote of 7 the

affirmative, no negative, no extensions. Land Use items 49 and 50 are approved and referred to the full Land Use Committee.

CHAIRPERSON WERPIN: That is great. I wanna acknowledge Vincent Ignizio gets the gold star today for being on time, first one here. And we are, that's our only item on the agenda. We are gonna leave the rolls open for a few minutes to get a couple more members who are on their way. Not gonna put a time on it but will figure it out like 10:20

1	COMMITTEE ON LAND USE 7
2	we'll do get it at 10:20. And the Land Use Committee
3	will be meeting this Thursday, 11:00 a.m. at City
4	Hall, Conference Committee Room. So please be there.
5	And with that in mind and the rolls being open until
6	10:20 the meeting is now adjourned.
7	ANN MCCOY: Council member Williams.
8	COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote I and
9	the meeting is adjourned.
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