

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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April 29, 2014
Start: 10:01 a.m.
Recess: 10:29 a.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room
City Hall

B E F O R E: Jumaane D. Williams
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Rosie Mendez
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Karen Koslowitz
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.
Mark Levine
Antonio Reynoso
Helen K. Rosenthal
Ritchie J. Torres
Eric A Ulrich

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CHAIR WILLIAMS: Good Morning everyone and thank you for coming. My name is Jumaane Williams, I'm the chair of the committee on housing and buildings. I'm joined today by council member Karen Koslowitz, council member Rosenthal, council member Reynoso, council member Levine, council member Torres, council member Cornegy. Today we will holding one second [pause] Today we will be holding a hearing for the purposes of a vote on 4 bills. Each of these bills was considered by the committee at our April 2nd hearing. And it's based upon recommendation of the green codes task force. As you may recall from that hearing, the green codes task force was a group of industry experts, union representative, tenant advocates, environmentalist, academics, developers, building owners and government officials that convened and put together a list of 111 recommendations for greeting the city's construction codes. The first item before us is intro 16A, sponsored by council member Levin. This bill would require the installation of any pipes that are exposed during the course of alteration or repair work. Installation improves energy efficiency and lowers heating cost by reducing the amount of heat

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2 emanating from pipes. The 2nd item before us intro
3 93A, sponsored by council member Matteo and Ignizio.
4 At the request of Staten Island Ball President Oddo.
5 This bill will reduce mold by requiring the mold
6 resistant materials be used in constructing or
7 renovating certain moisture prone areas of buildings.
8 Such as the walls and ceilings of laundry rooms,
9 certain bathrooms and spaces containing water tanks
10 and water pumps. The 3rd item before us is intro
11 203A, sponsored by council member Koo. This bill
12 would allow but not require buildings to install hold
13 open devices for certain stairway doors. Stairway
14 use can be a good way for people to stay fit and
15 healthy and this bill encourages stair use by making
16 it easier to access the stairs. The 4th bill before
17 is intro 263A, also sponsored by council member
18 Levin. This bill will require high efficiency
19 lighting for construction sites. With that said I'd
20 like to ask the clerk to please call the roll call
21 and I urge all of my colleagues to vote yes on the
22 items before the committee today. We've gone through
23 a number of the bills and this is less then the ones
24 that we've had the hearing on. So I want to thank
25 the staff and everyone involved in making sure that

2 the bills before us are what's needed right now and
3 addresses everyone concerns. Again I vote I, I
4 recommend and I vote on all.

5 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,
6 committee clerk roll call vote committee on housing
7 and buildings. Council member Williams.

8 CHAIR WILLIAMS: I vote I on all.

9 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Rodriguez.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I.

11 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Koslowitz.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I on all.

13 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Cornegy.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote I on all.

15 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Espinal.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I on all.

17 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Levine.

18 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Reynoso.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I on all.

20 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Rosenthal.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I on all

22 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Torres.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I on all

24 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of 9 in
25 the affirmative, 0 on the negative and no extensions.

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All items have been adopted. Members please sign the committee reports. Thank you.

CHAIR WILLIAMS: I just want to say thank you and I'm leave the vote open for another 30 minutes. Thank you.

[pause]

CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Council member Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote I and I declare the hearing adjourned.

CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Final vote on committee on housing and buildings is now 10 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no extensions.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: The hearing is adjourned.

[gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies 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.



Date May 12, 2014