

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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May 14, 2014
Start: 10:26 a.m.
Recess: 10:31 a.m.

HELD AT: Hearing Room 16th Floor
City Hall

B E F O R E: Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Daniel R. Garodnick
James Vacca
Margaret S. Chin
Stephen T. Levin
Deborah L. Rose
James G. Van Bramer
Mark S. Weprin
David G. Greenfield
Costa G. Constantinides
Carlos Menchaca
I. Daneek Miller
Antonio Reynoso

A P P E A R A N C E S

2 CHAIR RODRIGUEZ: Good morning everyone,
3 I am council member Ydanis Rodriguez chair of the
4 Committee of Transportation. Today the committee
5 meet to vote on proposal resolution 111-A which
6 recall on the stage to pass legislation allowing New
7 York City to lower our speed limit to 25 miles per
8 hour. As the resolution has stated, many studies have
9 shown us that the survival rate for the pedestrian
10 struck by cars increases dramatically with even a
11 slight reduction in vehicle speed. And of course
12 going slower gives all of us who drive those precious
13 extra seconds to react to avoid tragedy on the road.
14 Vision zero is an important call to action and it is
15 about saving lives. One of the most important
16 aspects of the plan is to slow down all drivers.
17 Especially on our major and tourist streets. Where
18 so many serious collisions occur. We need Albany to
19 allow us to adjust our default citywide speed limit
20 to reflect the realities we have all become too
21 familiar with. Particularly, over the course of the
22 last few months, our children and many others are
23 dying on our streets, on our city streets. It is
24 because of the urgent need for Albany action on this
25 that we are voting on this resolution today. I want

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2 to say that many decisions to change my stance from a
3 20 to 25 miles per hour speed limit was not taken
4 lightly. After carefully deliberation and discussion
5 with family members and the administration, we felt
6 that in order to mean full action to be taken, we
7 must unite as a city and let our call echo across the
8 chambers in the state legislator. We have built a
9 unified collation between the City Council, the
10 Mayor's office, the New York City Department of
11 Transportation and most importantly, families for
12 safer street in our mean full five to change our
13 city's speed limit. Now I will like to recognize my
14 colleagues who are present. Council member Gangaroni
15 (sp), Margaret Chin, Debbie Rose, Jimmy Van Bramer,
16 Antonio Reynoso, Costa Constantinides, I'm sorry
17 council member Constantinides, Carlos Menchaca and
18 David Weprin. With that I would like to open the
19 opportunity of any council member would like to say a
20 few words? [pause] Since none, I would like to
21 recommend a yes vote and I would now like to ask the
22 clerk to please call the roll.

23 KEVIN PENN COMMITTEE CLERK: Kevin Penn
24 committee clerk, roll call on the committee on
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2 transportation. RESO 111-A. Council member
3 Rodriguez.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUZ: I.

5 KEVIN PENN COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: I.

7 KEVIN PENN COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I.

9 KEVIN PENN COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: I.

11 KEVIN PENN COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I.

13 KEVIN PENN COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: I

15 KEVIN PENN COMMITTEE CLERK:

16 Constantinides.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: I.

18 KEVIN PENN COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: I.

20 KEVIN PENN COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I

22 KEVIN PENN COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of

23 9 the affirmative, 0 in the negative, no extensions
24 the item has been adopted. Members please sign the
25 committee report.

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2 CHAIR RODRIGUEZ: And before we end I
3 would like to at first of all to correct this now I
4 said David, its Mark Weprin. And to leave the vote
5 open for next 30 minutes.

6 [pause]

7 KEVIN PENN COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote
8 on the committee on transportation, 9 the
9 affirmative, 0 negative, no extensions.

10 UNKNOWN FEMALE VOICE: The transportation
11 meeting is now adjourned.

12 [gavel]

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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 19, 2014