

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS,  
LIBRARIES AND INTERNATIONAL  
INTERGROUP RELATIONS

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October 6, 2014  
Start: 10:19 a.m.  
Recess: 10:22 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers-City Hall

B E F O R E:  
JAMES G. VAN BRAMER  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Julissa Ferreras  
Peter A. Koo  
Costa G. Contantinides  
Helen K. Rosenthal  
Stephen T. Levin  
Andy L. King  
Laurie A. Cumbo  
Elizabeth S. Crowley

2 CHAIRPERSON VAN BRAMER: Thank you. Good  
3 morning, everyone and welcome to this important vote  
4 of the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries and  
5 International Intergroup Relations. My name is Jimmy  
6 Van Bramer and I am chair of the committee and  
7 [gavel] with this gavel we're in session. We are  
8 here to vote and I want to recognize the members who  
9 are here to vote: Council Member Julissa Ferreras  
10 from Queens, Council Member Peter Koo from Queens,  
11 Council Member Costa Constantinides from Queens and  
12 Council Member Helen Rosenthal, who is not from  
13 Queens. She is from the borough of Manhattan. Thank  
14 you all.

15 We are here to vote on an important  
16 resolution, Reso 207-A, in support of the Justice for  
17 Jazz Artists Campaign, which seeks through collective  
18 bargaining to improve the lives of musicians working  
19 in New York City's jazz clubs by addressing workplace  
20 issues, including the provision of retirement  
21 security and I want to thank all of the staff, all of  
22 the advocates who helped bring this to our attention.  
23 It's an important resolution, which we hope will  
24 bring all of the jazz club owners to the table to  
25 work with jazz musicians and artists so that they can

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2 have the benefits, including a pension that so many  
3 workers have and live out their retirements in  
4 dignity. They are particularly vulnerable artists  
5 and workers and we want to help them. So with that,  
6 I think we will go right to the vote and I will be  
7 voting aye and recommend that everyone vote aye as  
8 well, so please call the roll.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kevin Pinn [phonetic],  
10 Committee Clerk, roll call on the Committee on  
11 Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International  
12 Intergroup Relations, Resolution 207-A. Council  
13 Member Van Bramer.

14 CHAIRPERSON VAN BRAMER: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 5 in the  
24 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions the

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2 item has been adopted. Members, please sign the  
3 Committee Report.

4 CHAIRPERSON VAN BRAMER: Thank you very  
5 much and I think we'll keep the roll open for 15  
6 minutes for other members who are on their way to  
7 vote, and with that, we are postponed or adjourned  
8 temporarily, yes. Thank you very much.

9 [Pause]

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote stands at 6 in the  
13 affirmative.

14 [Pause]

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member King.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: I want to thank the  
17 President of the United... no. Yes, I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote stands at 7 in the  
19 affirmative.

20 [Pause]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Cumbo.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote stands at 8 in the  
25 affirmative.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Alright.

3 [Pause]

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Crowley.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote on the

8 Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries and

9 International Intergroup Relations 9 in the

10 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions.

11 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: The hearing is

12 adjourned.

13 [gavel]

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Date October 9, 2014