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Of the

COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS, LIBRARIES AND
INTERNATIONAL INTERGROUP RELATIONS

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HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm,
14th Fl.

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

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

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

[background comments]

CHAIRPERSON VAN BRAMER: Good to go.

Yes. Good morning and welcome to this very important vote for the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International Intergroup Relations. My name is Jimmy Van Bramer and I'm chair of this committee and [gavel] we are formally in session.

So this morning we're gonna vote on Res 0405, which is sponsored our Speaker, Melissa Mark-Viverito, calling on Congress to pass and the President to sign legislation to establish the Smithsonian American Latino Museum and designate the Arts and Industries Building on the Mall as it's future location in Washington, D.C.

I would like to acknowledge the members of the Committee who are here today -- Julissa Ferreras, Andy King, Peter Koo and Costa Constantinides and with those five we have a quorum and we can vote on this very important resolution honoring and recognizing the contributions of Latinos and Latinas to the United States. So I wholeheartedly support it, we've had a great hearing on this important resolution and we can vote. I wanna thank Aminta Kilawan, our Counsel; Tonya Cyrus,

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our Policy Analyst and my Legislative Director, Cody Reiter and everyone who has had a hand in passing this resolution. And with that I would like to ask Billy Martin to call the roll.

COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call vote, Committee on Cultural Affairs, Res 0405. Chair Van Bramer.

CHAIRPERSON VAN BRAMER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Chair, can I have a minute to explain my vote? [interpose]

CHAIRPERSON VAN BRAMER: Of course.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Thank you. I just wanna first thank the Chair for bringing this very important hearing to the forefront, especially at this time when we know that it's imperative for the site selection and as a Latina on this committee, the only Latina on this committee, what it means to New Yorkers, to Latinos that our history is documented and well documented in the halls or in the memorial of Washington is very important. So I thank you for your leadership and I thank the Madame Speaker, and for my colleagues also for voting, because this is really an opportunity for many young

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Latinos to be able to understand how baseball is played [sic] in the Dominican Republic or how sugar cane was influential in other countries and so on and so forth and our whole history, so I appreciate it very much. Thank you, Chair. Oh and I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: King.

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: May I take a minute?

CHAIRPERSON VAN BRAMER: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Matter of fact, I'll take 30 seconds. Everything she said, I agree with and I vote aye. [laughter]

CHAIRPERSON VAN BRAMER: Alright.

[background comment]

CHAIRPERSON VAN BRAMER: Yes, I was just gonna say that, [laughter] to correct the record there. [laughter]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides.

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

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

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item has been adopted. Members, please sign the committee report. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON VAN BRAMER: Thank you very much and we will keep the record open for another... [background comments] 30 minutes? [background comments] Yes, I think we'll keep the record open for another 30 minutes [laughter] to allow other members of the Committee to vote. Thank you all so much. And we are still in session. Alright.

[background comments]

[pause]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Rosenthal.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vote on Res 0405 now stands at 6 in the affirmative.

[background comment]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Crowley.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Cumbo.

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote in the
Committee on Cultural Affairs on Res 0405 is now 9 in
the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no
abstentions. Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you.

[pause]

[gavel]

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Meeting is
adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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