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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY

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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: MARK TREYGER
CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS: MARGARET S. CHIN
STEVEN MATTEO
CARLOS MENCHACA
ROSIE MENDEZ
DONOVAN J. RICHARDS
ERIC A. ULRICH

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

2 CHAIR TREYGER: Ok, good afternoon, I'm
3 Council Member Mark Treyger, Chair of the Committee
4 of Recovery and Resiliency and we are convened today
5 for a second hearing and vote on resolution 909,
6 sponsored Council Member Margaret Chin. This
7 resolution calls on the United States to Department
8 of Housing and Urban Development to support New York
9 City Application for National Disaster Resilience
10 Competition Funding. As we have heard in recent
11 hearings, the City's current coastal defense plans
12 will cost billions of dollars to implement Citywide
13 and we are currently only half funded. We will need
14 funding from outside the City if we are to meet our
15 goals. The City has submitted an application to the
16 National Disaster Resilience Competition seeking an
17 award of up to \$500 million to build costal defenses
18 and strong water management info-structure in lower
19 Manhattan and the two bridges area. Director Dan
20 Zaru (sp) in his Office of Recovery and Resiliency
21 has spent a great deal of time preparing an
22 application and conducting outreach to the public in
23 lower Manhattan to improve it and I want to thank
24 them for that. But no matter how carefully we plan
25 without sufficient funding none of our resiliency

plans will be possible. Therefore, it is tremendously important that we show our support for this application and I also just wanted to be mindful to say that our resiliency planning has to be a part of a larger network and larger system that has to of course protect lower Manhattan but it also has to extend to Staten Island, to Queens, the Rockaways, to Southern Brooklyn in my district and parts of the Bronx as well. We need a 5 Borough resiliency plan. I am proud to say that I am a co-sponsor of this resolution and want to thank Council Member Margaret Chin for her leadership as well as the Borough President in Manhattan, Gail Brewer as well and their tireless efforts to rebuild and protect their communities in lower Manhattan. I also want to thank my fellow Committee Members for their support of.. of this resolution and all their work on this Committee. I'd like to thank our legislative staff, Lora Poppa (sp), Matt Goleib, Jeff Baker and Ed Adkins and our Committee staff Policy Analyst Bill Murray, Finance Analyst, Jonathan Seltzer (sp) and Committee Counsel, Brad Reed and my Chief of Staff Ethan Lustig-Elgrably for all of their efforts. Maybe the Council Member

2 would like to say a few words before we... we hold the
3 vote but, sure.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I just want to
5 personally thank you Chair Treyger for speeding this
6 up so that we can show our strong support to HUD and
7 hopefully it will help us in the competition and then
8 to really protect lower Manhattan and then also for
9 New York City and I really also echo you know the
10 thank you to all the Committee staff and also your
11 Chief of Staff for really getting, expediting this,
12 really appreciate this, thank you.

13 CHAIR TREYGER: Absolutely and I just
14 want to, I just we appreciate your leadership as well
15 and I think that all of us in this Committee
16 represent areas that were hard hit by the storm, it
17 represent areas that are vulnerable to future storms
18 and other emergencies and I think we really do need a
19 5 Borough resiliency plan but we have to be there for
20 each other. For lower Manhattan, for Manhattan as
21 well as Brooklyn, Staten Island and the Bronx you
22 know so or Queens. All... all of our, all of our
23 Boroughs so with that I will now ask the Clerk to
24 call the roll, actually we've been joined by, let me
25 just give attendance here. Council Member Eric

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2 Ulrich, Council Member Carlos Menchaca, Council
3 Member Donovan Richards, Council Member Majority
4 Leader Steve Matteo, Council Member Margaret Chin,
5 and Council Member Rosie Mendez. I will now ask the
6 Clerk to call the roll, all right.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
8 Committee Clerk, roll call vote, Committee on
9 Recovery and Resiliency resolution 909, Chair
10 Treyger.

11 CHAIR TREYGER: I vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I proudly vote
14 aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: I proudly vote
19 aye for Manhattan.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: (inaudible)

22 CHAIR TREYGER: Oh you turned the mic
23 off.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: For Brooklyn I
25 say yay.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Pass, I mean yes.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: (inaudible)

6 [background comments]

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 7 in the
8 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
9 item has been adopted.

10 CHAIR TREYGER: I think everyone's here,
11 all right and with that our meeting is adjourned,
12 thank you.

13 [gavel]

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