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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON WATERFRONTS

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HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm.
16th Fl

B E F O R E: DEBORAH L. ROSE
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Daniel R. Garodnick
Chaim M. Deutsch
Corey D. Johnson
Joseph C. Borelli

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

2 CHAIRPERSON ROSE: Good morning. My name
3 is Debbie Rose, and I'm the Chair of the City
4 Council's Committee on Waterfronts, and today's
5 hearing will be a vote on Proposed Intro No. 507-A.
6 Intro 507-A is a local law to amend the new York City
7 Charter in relation to the Waterfront Management
8 Advisory Board, and to appeal Section 1303 of such
9 charter in relation thereto. Sponsors of this bill
10 is sponsored primarily by Council Member Ben Kallos
11 and myself. The committee first considered an
12 earlier version of this bill, Intro No. 507 at a
13 hearing held on May 3, 2016. The agreed upon
14 decision led to Intro 507-A. Proposed Intro No. 507-
15 A would re-establish the Waterfront Management
16 Advisory Board, which has been inactive since the
17 start of the current administration. The new
18 Waterfront Management Advisory Board would have an
19 ex-officio board of government officials including
20 one member from the Mayor's Office, the Commission of
21 Small Business Services, the Chairperson of City
22 Planning, the Commissioner of Environmental
23 Protection, the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation,
24 the Commissioner of Housing Preservation and
25 Development, and two City Council members to be

2 designated by the Speaker of the Council. It would
3 expand the number of public appointees to the board
4 to 18 with the Mayor and Speaker of the Council each
5 selecting nine of those appointees. It would also
6 permit representatives from federal, state and by
7 state agencies in authority to participate in board
8 meetings in a non-voting capacity and allow the
9 Waterfront Management Advisory Board to provide
10 recommendations to the Department of City Planning in
11 the drafting of the Bicentennial (sic) Comprehensive
12 Waterfront Plan. I will be voting in support of this
13 bill, and I urge all of my fellow members of this
14 committee to vote aye as well.

15 I would like to extend a thank you to my
16 committee staff Christopher San-Santori (sp?) and to
17 give him a shout out and extend congratulations to
18 him and his wife on the birth of their beautiful baby
19 girl, and to Patrick Mulvihill, my Policy Analyst,
20 for all the work that they-- did on drafting these
21 bills and preparing for this hearing. I would also
22 like to thank very much my prime co-sponsor Council
23 Member Ben Kallos for his persistence and assistance
24 in helping to shape this legislation. And so at this
25 point, I'd like to invite Council Member Kallos to

2 have remarks, and should any of the council members
3 wish to speak on the Proposed Intro No. 507-A, I will
4 recognize them at that time. Thank you.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Thank you to
6 Chair Rose for your leadership and negotiations on
7 this bill getting it to today. I would also like to
8 thank committee members Borelli, Deutsch and
9 Garodnick for joining us, and hope for your support
10 for Vision 20/20 New York City Comprehensive
11 Waterfront Plan. It's now only four years away. In
12 the wake of coastal flooding from Sandy and rising
13 sea levels from climate change, it's high time that
14 we reconstitute the Waterfront Management Advisory
15 Board affectionately known the, WMAB (sic) a forum
16 [pause] a forum to connect city agencies with
17 federal, state and multi-state agencies as well as
18 industrial, commercial, residential and recreational
19 stakeholders. Among its mission is to protect
20 millions of New Yorkers living along 520 miles of
21 shoreline from climate change, and to keep New York
22 City on course for the future. WMAB has been
23 neglected as of late, but Introduction 507-A expands
24 its role in significance, and once again makes it a
25 relevant body in deciding how New York City protects

2 and manages its valuable shoreline. The re-
3 establishment of WMAB will assist and advise the city
4 introducing regular plans in the development and
5 management of the waterfront's non-track progress
6 towards establishing goals. Thank you again to our
7 Waterfront's Chair and co-prime sponsor of the bill,
8 Debbie Rose, as well as committee staff and Counsel
9 Chris Santori and Patrick Mulvihill.

10 CHAIRPERSON ROSE: Thank you. Thank you
11 so much, Council Member Kallos for giving of his time
12 and remarks. Now, okay, I would like to acknowledge
13 that Council Member Borelli, Council Member Garodnick
14 and Council Member Deutsch are here, and I would like
15 to open the floor for a vote—for a vote.

16 CLERK: Good morning. This is the roll
17 vote for the Committee on Waterfronts on August 15,
18 2016. Chair Rose.

19 CHAIRPERSON ROSE: I vote aye, and it's
20 about time.

21 CLERK: Council Member Garodnick.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye and
23 congratulations to the sponsors. (sic)

24 CLERK: Council Member Deutsch.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: I vote aye.

2 CLERK: Council Member Borelli.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: If you never
4 call them more mad today, aye. (sic) [laughter]

5 CLERK: By a vote of 4 in the
6 affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions,
7 Intro 570-A has been adopted.

8 CHAIRPERSON ROSE: Thank you. This
9 hearing is now adjourned. [gavel] Thank you.

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