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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: VANESSA L. GIBSON
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Vincent J. Gentile
James Vacca
Julissa Ferreras-Copeland
Jumaane D. Williams
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.
Chaim M. Deutsch
Rafael Espinal, Jr.
Rory I. Lancman
Ritchie J. Torres
Steven Matteo

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

2 [sound check, pause]

3 [background comments]

4 [gavel]

5 CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: Good morning, ladies
6 and gentlemen. Welcome to City Hall. I am Council
7 Member Vanessa Gibson of the 16th District in the
8 Bronx, and I am proud to chair the Committee on
9 Public Safety, and I would like to thank all of you
10 for being here this morning to vote on these
11 important pieces of legislation. Today we are voting
12 on Proposed Intro 1135-A relating to neighborhood
13 support teams and Proposed Intro 1150-A relating to
14 the creation of a municipal division of transitional
15 services. I also want to thank the sponsors of
16 today's bills on the agenda, Council Member Corey
17 Johnson for sponsoring Intro 1150-A, and our Speaker
18 Melissa Mark-Viverito for her leadership and her
19 leadership in sponsoring Proposed Intro 1135-A.

20 I'd also like to acknowledge and thank
21 the staff, the Committee on Public Safety, our
22 committee counsel Deepa Ambekar; Legislative Counsel
23 Beth Golub; Legislation Policy Analyst Laurie Wenn;
24 Legislative Financial Analyst Ellen Eng, and my
25 government staff Dana Wax and Kaitlyn O'Hagan and all

2 of the staff for working on these pieces of
3 legislation. I'm very excited that we're voting on
4 these bills today. We first learned about these two
5 bills earlier this year in the Speaker's State of the
6 City speech earlier in February in which she outline
7 a robust criminal justice agenda. Today's two bill
8 relate to the creating of neighborhood support teams,
9 and the creation of a municipal division of
10 transitional services.

11 Proposed Intro 1135-A will require the
12 Mayor to appoint a department of official to oversee
13 the coordination of efforts to address quality of
14 life issues in our local communities. The
15 coordinating agency will be required to designate at
16 least three communities that would benefit from
17 interagency coordination.

18 Proposed Intro 1150-A will create a
19 municipal division of transitional services. The
20 majority of individuals released from our city's
21 jails leave without a discharge plan or access to
22 services that would assist them to re-enter into the
23 community after a period of incarceration. This
24 bill, Proposed Intro 1150-A will create a coordinated
25 system of re-entry services including access to

2 housing, job training and public benefits. The safety
3 of our city is of paramount importance, and it is
4 essential that we work together to support our
5 communities with all the tools available to us. Both
6 of these bills are a step in the right direction, a
7 good measure, and I encourage all of my colleagues to
8 join me today in voting in favor of these two pieces
9 of legislation.

10 I'd like to acknowledge that we have
11 members of the Public Safety Committee here with us,
12 our Minority Leader Steve Matteo, Council Member
13 Vincent Gentile, Council Member Rafael Espinal,
14 Council Member Ritchie Torres, Council Member Chaim
15 Deutsch and Council Member Jumaane Williams. Do any
16 of my colleagues have any questions or would like to
17 speak on the bill? Any questions. Okay, and now
18 [background comments] and now we will have our
19 committee clerk call the roll.

20 CLERK: Kevin Penn, Committee Clerk, roll
21 call in the Committee on Public Safety, Intros 1135-A
22 and 1150-A. Council Member Gibson.

23 CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: I vote aye.

24 CLERK: Gentile.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: [off mic] I
3 vote aye.

4 CLERK: Williams.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [off mic] Aye.

6 CLERK: Deutsch.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

8 CLERK: Espinal.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

10 CLERK: Torres.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: [off mic] Aye.

12 CLERK: Matteo.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: [off mic] Aye.

14 CLERK: By a vote of 7 in the
15 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
16 both items have been adopted.

17 [pause]

18 CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: Okay, thank you very
19 much, colleagues. This hearing is now adjourned.

20 [gavel]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date August 18, 2016