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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL WELFARE

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

B E F O R E:
STEPHEN T. LEVIN
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Annabel Palma
Fernando Cabrera
Ruben Wills
Vanessa L. Gibson
Corey D. Johnson
Ritchie J. Torres
Barry S. Grodenchik
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.

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

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CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Okay, good afternoon everybody; thank you for your patience. I am Steve Levin, Chair of the Committee on General Welfare and today we are joined by Committee members Barry Grodenchik, Rafael Salamanca and Annabel Palma. We are waiting other members of the Committee...

[inaudible]... so we'll be anticipating other members for quorum. Today we're going to be voting on two bills that are part of a package of legislation aimed at providing information and protection to tenants of three-quarter housing.

Proposed Int. 1164-A, which is sponsored by Council Member Corey Johnson, which is a local law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York in relation to information regarding unlawful evictions, and Proposed Int. 1166-A, which is sponsored by Council Member Donovan Richards, a local law in relation to reporting on violations issued to three-quarter housing.

I want to acknowledge all of my colleagues who are here this morning. These bills --

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2 sorry, this afternoon -- these bill and others in the
3 package related to three-quarter housing and which
4 are being voted on in the Committee on Housing and
5 Buildings today seek to provide some relief to
6 tenants of three-quarter housing.

7 While the existence of these buildings is
8 an unfortunate consequence of the continually rising
9 gap between income and rents in New York City, these
10 bills seek to gather information on the City's
11 efforts to provide assistance to these tenants and to
12 ensure that people are proactively informed of their
13 rights.

14 I want to thank my colleagues, Council
15 Members Johnson and Richards for sponsoring these
16 bills and I encourage my colleagues to support these
17 pieces of legislation, they are vitally important and
18 really shine a light on what right now is an area of
19 housing in New York City that is largely unseen and
20 under-regulated. So we'll be waiting on Council
21 Members Johnson and Richards to speak on the bills,
22 but... [pause] so we're just awaiting Council Member
23 Ritchie Torres and then we'll be able to vote when we
24 get quorum.

25 [pause]

2 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Okay. We've been
3 joined by Council Member Vanessa Gibson of the Bronx
4 and so we're going to vote on these two bills, 1164-A
5 and 1166-A, at this point and I'll ask William
6 Martin, Clerk of the Committee to call the roll.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
8 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on General
9 Welfare; items are coupled. Chair Levin.

10 CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Aye on all.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: I vote aye on all
13 and with permission, would like my name added to both
14 bills. Thank you.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye on
17 all. [sic]

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Grodenchik.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye on all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 5 in the
23 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
24 both items have been adopted by the Committee.

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CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Okay, we'll keep the roll open for other members of the Committee. Thank you all very much. Have a great afternoon.

[pause]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call, the Committee on General Welfare. Council Member Torres.

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I will vote for the bill that I sponsored and all... yeah, I vote aye on all.

[pause]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote Committee on General Welfare, both items have been adopted by a vote of 6 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions.

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CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: The hearing is adjourned.

[gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

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Date February 7, 2017