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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITY, ALCOHOLISM, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND
DISABILITY SERVICES

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June 20, 2017
Start: 10:47 a.m.
Recess: 11:37 a.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: ANDREW COHEN
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Elizabeth S. Crowley
Ruben Wills
Corey D. Johnson
Paul A. Vallone
Barry S. Grodenchik
Joseph C. Borelli

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

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[sound check, pause][gavel]

CHAIRPERSON COHEN: Alright. Good

morning. It says my name is Andrew Cohen, and I am
the Chair of the Council's Committee on Mental
Health, Developmental Disabilities, Alcoholism,
Substance Abuse and Disability Services. Thank you
for attending today's vote on Proposed Intro 1225-A,
sponsored by Council Member Torres in regards to
DOHMH's submitting a plan for servicing the
behavioral health needs of the LGBTQ community. I am
proud to sign—to have signed on with Councilman
Torres to sponsor this legislation. This bill
requires that DOHMH seek advice from not-for-profits-
not-for-profit organizations and create a plan to
address issues facing the LGBTQ individuals today
including young people under 24 and elders over 65.
The plan will address many extremely important issues
to this committee such as depression, suicide risk,
alcohol and drug use. I want to acknowledge the
members who have joined us so far, Council Member
Johnson, Council Member Wills and Council Member
Borelli. Lastly, I want to thank the committee staff
in preparation for today's hearing, and Nicole Bean,
Michael Benjamin, Janette Merrill who is around some,

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place and my Legislative Counsel Kate-Kate Diebold.

I will now ask the clerk to call the roll on 1225-A.

CLERK: Good morning, this is the
Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disability,
Substance Abuse, Alcoholism and Disability Services
voting on Intro 1225-A. We will begin with Chairman
Cohen.

CHAIRPERSON COHEN: I vote aye.

CLERK: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: I vote aye.

CLERK: Johnson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

CLERK: Borelli.

COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: [off mic] Aye.

CLERK: By a vote of 4 in the
affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
the item has passed. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON COHEN: I'll ask the Clerk to
keep the roll open, and thank you. [pause]

CLERK: Council Member Crowley.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote aye.

CLERK: Thank you. The revised vote is 5
in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0
abstentions. [pause] Council Member Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on all.

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CLERK: Thank you. The revised vote is 6

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in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0

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abstentions. [pause]

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: And that closes

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this morning's hearing. [gavel]

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Date July 16, 2017