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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

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October 11, 2017
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HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm,
14th Fl.

B E F O R E:

ROBERT E. CORNEGY, JR.
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mathieu Eugene
Peter A. Koo
Karen Koslowitz
Carlos Menchaca
Paul A. Vallone
Bill Perkins
Eric A. Ulrich

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

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[background comments]

CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Good morning. I'm Council Member Robert Cornegy, chair of the Committee on Small Business and we'll be voting on three pieces of legislation today.

The first, Proposed Intro No. 1509-A, will require the Commissioner of Small Business Services to post online business tools and resources such as accounting, recordkeeping, and bookkeeping resources.

The second bill, Proposed Intro 1511-A, will require SBS to prepare and disseminate a state of small business survey by September 1, 2018 in order to determine the unique issues and needs of small businesses.

The third bill, Proposed Intro 1510-B, will require SBS to create a comprehensive workforce development plan based, to the extent feasible, on the results of the state of the small business survey. This plan would be due no later than June 1, 2019 and it would include strategies to address the hiring needs of small businesses, information on ways

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2 to address workforce development needs, and
3 information on ways to address the unique issues
4 facing small businesses.

5 Our hope is not only that these
6 initiatives improve the climate for small businesses
7 in the city and maximize the job opportunities for
8 those seeking employment, but also that they
9 compliment the Administration's ongoing efforts to
10 reorient the City's workforce development system away
11 from simply job placement and more towards long-term
12 career paths.

13 I'd like to thank the Committee staff --
14 Counsel Sylvester Yavana, Policy Analyst Michael
15 Kurtz, Finance Analyst Aliya Ali, and my staff --
16 Chief of Staff Charles Onwuche, Small Business
17 Liaison Kegan Sheehan, and Director of Legislative
18 Affairs and Budget Sarissa Phillips-Singletary.

19 I would like to recognize Committee
20 members that have joined us; we have Council Member
21 Vallone, Council Member Koo, Council Member Koslowitz
22 -- all from the great Borough of Queens -- and from
23 the great state of Harlem, [laughter, background
24 comments] Council Member Bill Perkins. I guess you
25 can call the... wait; I'd just like to make a quick

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2 acknowledgement before we call the roll, and that is
3 to acknowledge that today is the International Day of
4 the Girl and this morning we have BELA Girls Charter
5 School from... [background comment] from my beloved
6 Village of Bed-Stuy [clapping], founder Shannon Riley
7 and Jalia Alarmy [sp?]. Thank you guys for joining
8 us today and being part of this vote. [background
9 comment] Would you please call the roll?

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
11 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on Small
12 Business; all items are coupled. Chair Cornegy.

13 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: I vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye and I
16 also want to add my name to all the bills today.
17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Absolutely.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I vote aye and
21 also would like to add my name to all the bills
22 today.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Perkins.

COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye on all and would like to have my name added to the bills today.

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

CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: So before I close the hearing, I'd just like to thank all my colleagues for coming this morning, all the way from their great respective boroughs, to be a part of history and making these bills get voted out of Committee. Thank you again.

[gavel]

[background comment]

Oh I'm sorry; we' like to leave the roll open for those members who are on their way for 15 minutes, 20 minutes. [background comments] We'll leave it open for 30 minutes. [background comments] Alright.

[pause]

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call, the Committee on Small Business, Introductions 1509-A, 1510-B and 1511-A. Council Member Menchaca.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: I vote aye on
3 all. Thank you.

4 [pause]

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,
6 Committee on Small Business. Council Member Eugene.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Thank you very
8 much. I vote aye on all and I would like my name to
9 be added to the legislations.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote on today's
11 Committee on Small Business; all items have been
12 adopted by a vote of 7 in the affirmative, 0 in the
13 negative and no abstentions.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Thank you very
15 much and the meeting is adjourned.

16 [gavel]

17 [background comments]

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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 October 14, 2017