

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FIRE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

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October 30, 2017
Start: 11:18 a.m.
Recess: 11:29 a.m.

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

B E F O R E:

ELIZABETH S. CROWLEY
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mathieu Eugene
Fernando Cabrera
Rory I. Lancman
Paul A. Vallone

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

2 [sound check]

3 [pause]

4 CHAIRPERSON CROWLEY: Good morning. My
5 name is Elizabeth Crowley and I am the chair of the
6 Fire and Criminal Justice Services Committee. Today
7 this Committee will be conducting a vote on Proposed
8 Intro 778-A, related to the Department of
9 Corrections. I fully support this bill and am proud
10 that this Council will soon pass it into law. This
11 is a simple, straightforward reporting bill on the
12 issue of investigations into the use of force by
13 staff on inmates and disciplinary actions that result
14 from these investigations. The bill creates
15 transparency in an area that has largely been hidden
16 from the public view, except for the occasional media
17 reports about a particular incident. Instead of
18 relying on these anecdotal reports, this will bill
19 provide more reliable and holistic data on
20 investigations and discipline to better inform both
21 policymakers and the public about what is really
22 happening within the walls of our jail. I look
23 forward to voting this bill through the Committee
24 today and I wanna thank Council Member Mendez for
25 sponsoring the bill. I would also like to thank

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2 Committee staff and all who helped to make this bill
3 possible. Now I'd like to call on the Committee
4 Clerk to take a vote.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
6 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on Fire and
7 Criminal Justice Services, Introduction 778-A. Chair
8 Crowley.

9 CHAIRPERSON CROWLEY: I vote aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 3 in the
15 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstention; the
16 item has been adopted by the Committee.

17 CHAIRPERSON CROWLEY: We'll keep the
18 Committee vote open for a half hour. [background
19 comment] Thank you.

20 [pause]

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,
22 the Committee on Fire and Criminal Justice Services,
23 Introduction 778-A. Council Member Eugene.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote; item is
3 adopted by the Committee 4 in the affirmative, 0 in
4 the negative and no abstentions.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: The meeting is
6 adjourned. [gavel] Thank you.

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Date November 16, 2017