

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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December 18, 2017
Start: 10:42 a.m.
Recess: 11:18 a.m.

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

B E F O R E: DANIEL R. GARODNICK
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Vincent J. Gentile
Julissa Ferreras-Copeland
Karen Koslowitz
Donovan J. Richards
Inez D. Barron
I. Daneek Miller
Adrienne E. Adams
Joseph C. Borelli

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

2 CHAIRPERSON GARODNICK: I vote Laurie
3 Cumbo for her leadership in sponsoring the
4 legislation that's before the committee today. I
5 want to note we've been joined by Council Members
6 Borelli, Adams, Rodriguez, Richards, Koslowitz, Rose,
7 Van Bramer and Menchaca. I expect that we're going
8 to proceed after this committed is concluded directly
9 to into the Transportation Committee. So, if you are
10 on the Transportation Committee, please stick around.
11 The bill that we are considering before the Economic
12 Development Committee today is Introduction 1616-A.
13 It relates to improving transparency and access to
14 information for subcontractors who work on city
15 projects. Intro 1615-A would require the Department
16 of Small Business Services to create a guide for
17 subcontractors who often are unaware of the resources
18 and rights available to them. This guide would
19 include information such as an overview of a prime
20 contractor's payment process, access to contact
21 persons at city agencies or general information about
22 the city contracting process altogether including
23 where to find necessary paperwork such as approval
24 forms or registration documents. Intro 1615-A would
25 ensure that whenever a city contractor brings on a

2 subcontractor to handle a portion of its contract
3 obligations all parties involved will have access to
4 the same information about their rights under the
5 contracts. In sum, this legislation would expedite
6 agency contract processing by expanding information
7 available to subcontractors and improving their
8 relationships with prime contractors as well as the
9 city. [pause] For these reasons, I will be voting in
10 favor of Intro 1615-A, and I will encourage my fellow
11 committee members to do the same. We've been joined
12 by Council Member Margaret Chin, and before we
13 proceed to a vote any questions or comments? Seeing
14 none, I'd ask the—the clerk to call the roll.

15 CLERK: Committee Clerk Matthew
16 Distefano, Committee on Economic Development, roll
17 call on Intro No. 1615-A. Chair Garodnick.

18 CHAIRPERSON GARODNICK: I vote aye.

19 CLERK: Koslowitz.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

21 CLERK: Richards.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

23 CLERK: Adams.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

25 CLERK: Borelli.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

3 CLERK: By a vote of 5 in the
4 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
5 the item has been adopted. [pause]

6 CHAIRPERSON GARODNICK: We're going to
7 keep the hearing open until the gavel in the
8 Transportation Committee and after that time, we will
9 be adjourned. [background comments] Are you ready?
10 Okay, got it. So, while they change the—the thing,
11 we're going to give 30 seconds for [laughter] any
12 other members of the committee to show up to vote and
13 after that time, we will be adjourned. [pause]

14 CLERK: Continuation of roll call,
15 Committee on Economic Development, roll call vote on
16 Intro 1615, excuse me, 1615-A. Council Member
17 Gentile.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I vote aye.

19 CLERK. The vote now stands at 6 in the
20 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions.
21 [pause]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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Date January 10, 2018