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Of the

COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND  
BUSINESS LICENSING

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April 10, 2018  
Start: 1:01 p.m.  
End: 1:14 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm, 14<sup>th</sup>  
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B E F O R E: Council Member Rafael L. Espinal,  
Jr., Chair of the Committee on  
Consumer Affairs and Business  
Licensing

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.  
Margaret S. Chin  
Peter A. Koo  
Karen Koslowitz  
Brad S. Lander

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4 CHAIRPERSON ESPINAL: [GAVEL] Good afternoon. My

5 name is Rafael Espinal. I am the Chair of the

6 Consumer Affairs and Business Licensing Committee.

7 Today the committee will be holding a vote on pre-

8 considered Into – it doesn't have a number yet. A

9 local law to amend the New York City Charter in

10 relation to adding members to the Nightlife Advisory

11 Board. In the past several months, we have come a

12 long way in reforming our city's approach to

13 Nightlife. The last session repealed our Archaic

14 Cabaret Law and passed a law establishing the

15 Nightlife Office and the Nightlife Advisory Board.

16 Thank you Brad. I hope that this – with the

17 establishment of the Office of Nightlife and our

18 Nightlife Advisory Board we can begin a task of

19 updating many more of our laws and regulations in

20 order to restore and enhance the city's nighttime

21 economy and think progressively about new ideas to

22 plan our city, so that nightlife goers, artists,

23 local residents, and the government can all

24 communicate and live in harmony. The bill we are

25 voting on today represents a minor amendment to the

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2 Advisory Board adding two additional members, one to  
3 be appointed by the Mayor and one by the Council. I  
4 am proud of all the work we've done over the last  
5 several months and look forward to the changes that  
6 the Office of Nightlife and the Nightlife Advisory  
7 Board will bring out. The Chair recommends a yes  
8 vote. Mr. Clark, please call the roll.

9 CLERK CLARK: We Martin Committee Clerk roll  
10 call vote Committee on Consumer Affairs and Business  
11 Licensing on pre-considered introduction. Chair  
12 Espinal?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote I.

14 CLERK CLARK: Koo?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I.

16 CLERK CLARK: Lander?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I request permission to  
18 ask a question before my vote. Mr. Chair are you on  
19 the Nightlife Advisory Board?

20 CHAIRPERSON ESPINAL: No, I'm not.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Alright, first - I vote  
22 I. I would like to be added as a cosponsor and I'd  
23 like to nominate you to be the Chair or at least the  
24 ranking council member of the Nightlife Advisory  
25 Board.

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2 CHAIRPERSON ESPINAL: I haven't thought about  
3 it, but that would be amazing if I could get on it.  
4 I will look into it ASAP, thank you.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: We're adding a council  
6 appointed spot. It seems like that. I vote I.

7 CHAIRPERSON ESPINAL: Thank you.

8 CLERK CLARK: A vote of 3 in the affirmative. 0  
9 in the negative and no abstentions. The item has  
10 been adopted by the committee.

11 CHAIRPERSON ESPINAL: Yeah, we will leave the  
12 roll open for another 15 minutes.

13 CLERK CLARK: Continuation roll call, Committee  
14 of Consumer Affairs pre-considered introduction.  
15 Council Member Chin?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote I.

17 CLERK CLARK: The final vote in today's  
18 committee in pre-considered introduction has been  
19 adopted by a vote of four in the affirmative, 0 in  
20 the negative and no abstentions.

21 CHAIRPERSON ESPINAL: Thank you Billy. This  
22 meeting is adjourned. [Gavel].

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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 April 1, 2018