

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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May 7, 2018

Start: 2:18 p.m.

Recess: 2:29 p.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: ROBERT E. CORNEGY, JR.
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Fernando Cabrera
Margaret S. Chin
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.
Mark Gjonaj
Barry S. Grodenchik
Bill Perkins
Carlina Rivera
Helen K. Rosenthal
Ritchie J. Torres
Jumaane D. Williams

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

2 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Good afternoon
3 everyone. I'm Council Member Robert Cornegy, Chair
4 of the [background comments, pause] Good afternoon
5 everyone. I'm Council Member Robert Cornegy, Chair
6 of the Committee on Housing and Buildings, and I'm
7 joined today by Council Members Espinal, Perkins,
8 Grodenchik, Rosenthal and Rivera. We're here to hold
9 a vote on several bills that seek to reduce the
10 amount of fires and improve fire safety. These bills
11 were heard jointly with the Committee on Fire and
12 Emergency Management in February. The first bill
13 Proposed Intro 602-A sponsored by Council Member
14 Borelli will require that all doors and residential
15 occupancies be self-closing by July 34th-31st, 2021,
16 and creates an HPD violation in connection with
17 failure to keep and maintain self-closing doors. The
18 second bill Proposed Intro 604-A sponsored by myself
19 will require that where a smoke alarm or detector is
20 within an area of 20 feet from a statue-stationary or
21 fixed cooking appliance in all residential buildings
22 after January 1, 2021 that smoke alarms must be
23 listed in accordance with standards for reduction of
24 nuisance alarms. The third bill sponsored by Council
25 Member Richards would require the Fire Department in

2 consultation with the Office of Emergency Management
3 and the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities
4 to develop a checklist to assist individuals with
5 disabilities or limited mobility in developing
6 individualized emergency evacuation plans. The
7 fourth bill sponsored by Council Member Torres would
8 require building owners to provide stove knob covers
9 to tenants in units where children under the age of
10 six reside. Today is just a vote. We also—today is
11 just a vote. Billy Martin, would you call the roll.

12 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,
13 roll call vote Committee on Housing and Buildings.
14 All items are coupled. Chair Cornegy.

15 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: I vote aye.

16 CLERK: Espinal.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote aye.

18 CLERK: Rosenthal.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I vote aye.

20 CLERK: Grodenchik.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

22 CLERK: Perkins.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye.

24 CLERK: Gjonaj.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: [off mic]

3 [background comments]

4 CLERK: Okay. Rivera.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: [pause]

6 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: We—we will have the
7 roll call called, and hear from Council Member Gjonaj
8 afterwards. [background comments]

9 CLERK: By a vote of 6 in the
10 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
11 all items have been adopted by the committee.

12 [pause] [background comments]

13 CLERK: Continuation of roll call the
14 Committee on Housing and Buildings, Council Member
15 Torres.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote aye on
17 all.

18 CLERK: Council Member Gjonaj.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye on all.

20 CLERK: The vote now currently stands at
21 8 in the affirmative. [pause] Continuation roll call
22 the Committee on Housing and Buildings. Council
23 Member Chin.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye on all.
25 Thank you.

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2 CLERK: Council Member Cabrera.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye on all.

4 CLERK: The vote is currently at 10 in
5 the affirmative. [pause] Continuation roll call the
6 Committee on Housing and Buildings. Council Member
7 Williams.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

9 CLERK: The final vote, all items have
10 been adopted by a vote of 11 in the affirmative, 0 in
11 the negative and no abstentions.

12 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: This hearing is
13 adjourned. [gavel]

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Date June 1, 2018