

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEES ON RULES, PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

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March 24, 2009
Start: 11:18am
Recess: 11:30am

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
DIANA REYNA
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Christine C. Quinn, Speaker
Maria Baez
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Inez E. Dickens
Erik Martin Dilan
Simcha Felder
Julissa Ferreras
Daniel R. Garodnick
Robert Jackson
Melinda R. Katz
Rosie Mendez
James S. Oddo
Joel Rivera
David I. Weprin

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2 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Good morning
3 and welcome to the Committee on Rules, Privileges
4 and Elections. My name is Diana Reyna and I am
5 chair of this committee. Before we begin I would
6 like to introduce my colleagues on this committee
7 who are present here today. We are joined by
8 Council Member Maria Baez, Council Member Joel
9 Rivera, Council Member and congratulations to
10 Julissa Ferreras, Council Member Daniel Garodnick,
11 Council Member Louis Fidler, Council Member Leroy
12 Comrie, Council Member Inez Dickens, Council
13 Member Erik Martin Dilan and Council Member Rosie
14 Mendez.

15 Today the Rules committee will be
16 considering a resolution approving member changes
17 to certain standing committees and their sub
18 committees. The proposed changes to standing
19 committees are Aging to remove Council Members
20 Crowley and Gonzalez and to appoint Council Member
21 Mark-Viverito and our new member Council Member
22 Ferreras, Civil Rights to appoint our new member
23 Council Member Ferreras, Economic Development to
24 appoint our new member Council Member Mitchell,
25 Environmental Protection to remove Council Member

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2 Mark-Viverito and to appoint our new member
3 Council Member Ulrich.

4 Finance to remove Council Member
5 Vallone, Fire, Criminal Justice Services to
6 appoint Council Member Crowley and Vallone,
7 General Welfare to remove Council Member Vacca and
8 to appoint our new member Council Member Ferreras,
9 Health to remove Council Member Baez and to
10 appoint Council Member Eugene and our new member
11 Council Member Mitchell.

12 Higher Education to appoint Council
13 Member Mealy and our new member Council Member
14 Ulrich, Housing and Buildings to appoint Council
15 Member Crowley and Council Member Brewer,
16 Immigration to remove Council Member Mark-Viverito
17 and to appoint our new member, Council Member
18 Ferreras, Juvenile Justice to remove Council
19 Member Sears and to appoint our new member,
20 Council Member Mitchell, Land Use, to remove
21 Council Member Oddo and to appoint Council Member
22 Crowley. Lower Manhattan Redevelopment, remove
23 Council Member Foster and to appoint our new
24 member, Council Member Ferreras.

25 Oversight and Investigations to

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2 remove Council Member Brewer and to appoint our
3 new member, Council Member Mitchell, Parks and
4 Recreation to appoint Council Member Crowley,
5 Public Safety to remove Council Member Crowley and
6 to appoint Council Member Recchia, Rules,
7 Privileges and Elections to appoint Council Member
8 Seabrook, Sanitation and Waste Management Justice
9 to remove Council Member Lappin and to appoint our
10 new member, Council Member Mitchell, Standards and
11 Ethics, to remove Council Members Katz, Lappin and
12 Vacca and to appoint Council Member Arroyo.

13 State and Federal Legislation, to
14 appoint Council Member Gardonick, Technology and
15 Government to remove Council Member Sanders, to
16 appoint our new member, Council Member Ulrich,
17 Transportation to remove Council Member Crowley
18 and to appoint Council Member Brewer and our new
19 Council Member Ulrich, Waterfronts to appoint our
20 new member, Council Member Ferreras, Women's
21 Issues to remove Council Members Gonzalez and
22 Mark-Viverito and to appoint Council Member
23 Crowley and our new member, Council Member
24 Ferreras, Youth Services to remove Council Member
25 Crowley and to appoint our new member, Council

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2 Member Ulrich.

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The proposed changes to sub committees are Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses, to remove Council Member Oddo and to appoint Council Member Crowley. This concludes committee changes to the Council. We have been joined by Council Member David Weprin. Are there any? Council Member Louis Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Some of the changes that you just read are different than I ready in the report and I just wanted to know which ones are correct. For example, I know that you had two names for Lower Manhattan. You added, I think, a member to the Lower Manhattan Redevelopment, there is none added here. I think on Waterfronts and one of the others, you read something different than is on the printed form. I just want to be sure that we're doing--

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CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you Council Member Fidler. I'd like to strike the record with the opening statement referring to the standing committees and make any necessary changes to the record concerning names associated to Lower Manhattan Redevelopment to remove Foster,

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2 concerning Waterfronts removing Crowley and
3 including Council Member Ferreras, Committee on
4 Transportation to include Council Member Brewer
5 and Ulrich. Indulge me for two more seconds, I'm
6 just trying to compare. Are there any comments or
7 other statements, questions? Seeing none, I'd
8 like to welcome Council Member Ferreras. Would
9 you like to say a few words?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: I
11 would just like to thank the Chairwoman and also
12 the members here today because this is really an
13 opportunity for me and my district. But more
14 importantly, as the first Latina elected in
15 Queens, it really is an honor to be with you all
16 here today sharing this. I'm looking forward to
17 working very diligently and hard on all of my
18 committees that I love. Thanks.

19 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: Thank you
20 Council Member Ferreras. I'd like to call a vote.

21 CLERK: William Martin, committee
22 clerk roll call on the Committee on Rules,
23 Privileges and Elections. Council Member Reyna.

24 CHAIRPERSON REYNA: I vote aye.

25 CLERK: Rivera.

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CHAIRPERSON REYNA: I vote aye.

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CLERK: Baez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BAEZ: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I'd just

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like to welcome the new Council Member Ferreras.

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I vote aye.

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CLERK: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: I would

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also like to welcome Council Member Ferreras and

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point out that she's the first Latina wholly

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elected Queens.

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CLERK: Weprin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

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CLERK: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS:

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Congratulations and I look forward to working with

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you with the new Council Member from Queens

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Julissa Ferreras and I vote aye.

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CLERK: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: I vote

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aye. Congrats.

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CLERK: Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

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CLERK: Council Member Katz.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KATZ: I vote aye on

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CHAIRPERSON REYNA: We're holding

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the vote open for our Speaker. She's on her way

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up. Thank you Committee members for joining us.

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CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Aye on all.

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CLERK: Current vote on the

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Committee on Rules now stands at 12 in the

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abstentions. And the roll will be held over.

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Council Member Jackson.

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I vote aye on all.

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CLERK: Final vote on the Committee

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on Rules, Privileges and Elections now stands at

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13 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no

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abstentions. Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: The Rules

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Committee of March 24, 2009 is hereby adjourned.

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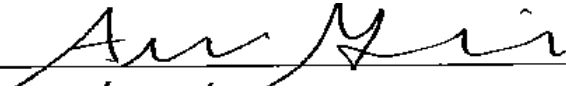
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Amber Gibson, certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

Signature _____



Date _____ April 6, 2009