

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FOR-HIRE VEHICLES

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January 8, 2019
Start: 11:18 a.m.
Recess: 11:30 a.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: RUBEN DIAZ, SR.
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Joseph C. Borelli
Costa G. Constantinides
Francisco P. Moya
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Deborah L. Rose
Paul A. Vallone

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

2 [sound check] [pause] [gavel]

3 CHAIRPERSON DIAZ: Good morning, ladies
4 and gentlemen and happy new year to all of you.

5 Welcome to today's hearing of the City Council For-
6 Hire Vehicles Committee. I am Ruben Diaz, Sr. the
7 Chair of the committee. First, let me recognize my
8 colleagues who are here with us today. We have
9 Council Member Rose, Council Member Vallone, and
10 Council Member Rodriguez. Today, we will be voting
11 on an important piece of legislation that will
12 provide greater enforcement of commuter vans.

13 Proposed Introduction 1299-A sponsored by Council
14 Member Williams would-would-would qualify that for
15 the purpose of enforcing against commuter van
16 services, the definition of for-hire vehicles and
17 community vans to not include a public or private bus
18 service operated pursuant-pursuant to a contract with
19 the city or any county within the state of New York
20 or any state or local government. I would like to
21 invite-I don't know if he's here- Council Member
22 Williams want him to speak related. So, ladies, with
23 that being said, now I would like to call a vote on
24 Proposed Introduction 1299-A. I myself recommend a

2 yes vote, and ask the Committee Clerk to please call
3 the roll.

4 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,
5 roll call vote Committee on For-Hire Vehicles. Chair
6 Diaz.

7 CHAIRPERSON DIAZ: Aye.

8 CLERK: Rodriguez.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Permission to
10 explain my vote.

11 CHAIRPERSON DIAZ: Permission granted.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

13 So, first of all, thank you, Chair for supporting
14 this bill. As you know, someone that had been
15 working addressing the New York commuter van, it is
16 so important to be sure that we continue supporting
17 the men and women who driver the commuter vans
18 especially those in Queens in places where they don't
19 have access to other sources of transportation. As
20 we are today standing to alleviate the situation with
21 the commuter vans, it is important also that we're
22 working with your leadership that we also continue
23 supporting our livery taxi drivers in the city of New
24 York. [Speaking Spanish] With that, I vote aye

25 CLERK: Rose.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

3 CLERK: Vallone.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on all.

5 CLERK: by a vote of 4 in the affirmative,

6 0 in the negative and no abstentions, the item has

7 been adopted by the committee. [background

8 comments/pause]

9 CHAIRPERSON DIAZ: Okay, so we will leave

10 the vote open until Council Member Moya gets here,

11 and he will take care of it. Thank you very much.

12 [background comments/pause]

13 CLERK: Continuation roll call, Committee

14 [pause] For-Hire Vehicles, Introduction 1299-A,

15 Council Member Moya.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

17 CLERK: The final vote, the item is now 5

18 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no

19 abstentions, Council Member Moya. [background

20 comments]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: The meeting is

22 adjourned. [gavel]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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Date January 25, 2019