

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL WELFARE

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September 30, 2009

Start: 11:00 am

Recess: xx:xx am

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
BILL DE BLASIO
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Gale A. Brewer
Julissa Ferreras
Helen D. Foster
Daniel R. Garodnick
Jessica S. Lappin
Annabel Palma
Thomas White, Jr.

A P P E A R A N C E S [CONTINUED]

Bill de Blasio
Speaking on Reso 2145
Chairperson
Committee on General Welfare

William Martin
Committee Clerk
Committee on General Welfare

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet please.

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CHAIRPERSON DE BLASIO: This

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meeting of General Welfare Committee is now called

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to order. I want to thank my colleagues for being

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here. We, today, are voting on Resolution 2145,

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co-sponsored by Council Member Mendez and the

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Speaker which supports the passage of State

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legislation that would cap the rent share of

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clients in the City's HASA [phonetic] programs a

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30%. And General Welfare held a hearing on this

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Resolution on September 23rd. And now we're

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proceeding to the vote.

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The bottom line here is we still

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have a tremendous problem in this City with HIV

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and AIDS and in fact the highest AIDS case rate in

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the nation among major cities. And we cannot be

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complacent in addressing this problem. So many

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people dealing with the challenge of HIV and AIDS

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also have to deal with the economic challenge of

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the high cost of rent in this City and our current

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programs are not fair because they require clients

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to pay such a substantial amount of their income,

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in many cases over 50% of their income, that's not

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2 acceptable so we're passing this Resolution today
3 in support of State legislation sponsored by
4 Senator Dwayne and Assemblywoman Glick that would
5 cap the client contribution at 30%. This is an
6 act of justice, a necessary act of justice,
7 particularly in this economic crisis. And we are
8 absolutely certain it will help make people
9 healthier in addition to being fairer.

10 If we can add to the momentum
11 started with the Senate passed this legislation in
12 July, hopefully it will lead to the say soon when
13 the Assembly passes legislation and the Governor
14 signs it. And we believe this will help over
15 10,000 HASA clients to live a better life.

16 So with that, the clerk can call
17 the roll.

18 MR. WILLIAM MARTIN: William
19 Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call on the
20 Committee on General Welfare. Resolution 2145,
21 Council Member de Blasio.

22 CHAIRPERSON DE BLASIO: I vote aye.

23 MR. MARTIN: Foster.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: I vote aye
25 and I applaud the bill and congratulations to you

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2 Bill.

3 MR. MARTIN: Palma.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: [No audible
5 response].

6 MR. MARTIN: Lappin.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

8 MR. MARTIN: Vote a vote of 4 in
9 the affirmative, 0 on the negative and no
10 abstentions, the item is adopted. Council
11 Members, please sign the Committee Report.

12 [Pause]

13 CHAIRPERSON DE BLASIO: The vote
14 will be held open for other members.

15 [Pause]

16 MR. MARTIN: Council Member Brewer.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye.

18 MR. MARTIN: The vote now stands at
19 5 in the affirmative.

20 [Pause]

21 MR. MARTIN: Ferreras.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

23 MR. MARTIN: The vote on General
24 Welfare is now 6 in the affirmative, 0 in the
25 negative, no abstentions.

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MR. MARTIN: Council Member White.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE: I vote aye.

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MR. MARTIN: Final vote on the

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Committee on General Welfare is now 7 in the

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affirmative, 0 in the negative, no abstentions.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Laura L. Springate 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura L. Springate". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Signature _____ Laura L. Springate _____

Date _____ October 8, 2009 _____