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2 SARGEANT AT ARMS: This is the Committee  
3 on Land Use in the Committee Room October 10th, 2019.  
4 This is Assistant Sargeant at Arms Owen Pitowski  
5 (SP?).

6 CHAIRPERSON RAFAEL SALAMANCA JR.: (gavel  
7 pounding). Alright good morning everyone and welcome  
8 to the Committee on Land Use. I am Counsel Member  
9 Rafael Salamanca, Chair of this Committee. I want to  
10 welcome my esteemed colleagues who are members of  
11 this Committee and are present here today. We have  
12 Council Members Gibson, Reynoso, Deutsch, King, Koo,  
13 Levin, Lancman, Grodenchik, Baron, Richards, Chair  
14 Adams and Miller. And we also have Council Member  
15 Treyger. First, we have a pre-considered resolution  
16 that we will hear today. I now move for an adoption  
17 of the pre-considered resolution, you have all  
18 received authorizing the filing of a Land Use  
19 Application for a City Map Change. The City Map  
20 Change would establish Riker's Island as a public  
21 place in addition to the designation public space,  
22 the City Map would be amended with the Use  
23 Restriction that Riker's Island shall not be used for  
24 incarceration of individuals after December 31 of  
25 2026. A vote of aye on this pre-considered

2 resolution is a vote for it to be considered by the  
3 full Council, does anyone second the motion?

4 ANTONIO REYNOSO: I second the pre-  
5 considered resolution.

6 CHAIRPERSON RAFAEL SALAMANCA JR.:

7 Alright so it is moved and seconded that the pre-  
8 considered resolution advance to the full Council. I  
9 will now open up the floor for a debate does anyone  
10 wish to debate this motion? Uhm, I recognize Council  
11 Member Barry Grodenchik.

12 BARRY GRODENCHIK: Thank you uhm I have a  
13 problem with this. I just received this at 11:30. I  
14 don't know why that we need to do this so quickly. I  
15 am on the record as being in favor of closing Riker's  
16 Island. I have not had a change to thoroughly review  
17 this, either myself or my staff. And I am concerned  
18 given the history of construction in the City of New  
19 York that these jails as they are proposed will be  
20 finished by the end of 2026, so I have great  
21 difficulty here and I am going ot have to abstain on  
22 this.

23 CHAIRPERSON RAFAEL SALAMANCA JR.: Thank  
24 you. Any other member wish to debate this? Council  
25 Member King?

2           ANDY KING: Thank you Mr. Chairman thank  
3 you for today's conversation. I know today I will be  
4 voting no consistently with the thinking of how to  
5 understand, how do we correct our Criminal Justice  
6 System? I have always said the closure of Riker's  
7 Island doesn't fix a criminal justice system that has  
8 been overworked and overwhelmed and people are,  
9 certain ethnicities in the City of New York have been  
10 mistreated when it comes to being arrested. So, I  
11 don't see how closing Riker's corrects the system,  
12 even though we have all of these forms that are  
13 scheduled to hit and go into effect. I would like to  
14 see that these reforms actually have a positive  
15 impact before we start putting jails in everyone's  
16 neighborhoods and seeing how we want to reablate  
17 people before they get into the incarceration system.  
18 So, I just wanted to note for the record again, the  
19 vote to go forward but I am a no vote today in  
20 regards to anything that has to do with, now  
21 correcting the criminal justice system but closing  
22 down a building is not the problem, but the system  
23 which is the problem. Thank you.

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2 CHAIRPERSON RAFAEL SALAMANCA JR.: Thank  
3 you. Uhm I would like to recognize Council Member  
4 Gibson.

5 VANESSA GIBSON: Thank you Chair and good  
6 afternoon colleagues and I too just want to make a  
7 quick point and share some of my, I appreciate that  
8 during the conversation about closing Riker's Island  
9 you have been consistent in ensuring that we also  
10 include the closing of the barge which has been a  
11 temporary vote that has set in Hunts Points for over  
12 20 years and so with that same spirit in mind, I want  
13 to ensure that whatever resolution this body puts  
14 forth, we have to ensure that no administration  
15 beyond this current Administration ever looks at  
16 housing individuals on a boat. Detainees and  
17 individuals and New Yorkers should not be housed in  
18 any facility that is considered a barge. And I also  
19 want to include the neighboring parking lot, of  
20 which, sits next to the barge as well. I think we  
21 have to be crystal clear with the matter before us  
22 and make sure that as much detail as possible is  
23 included in anything that we vote on. It is a  
24 declaration of our commitment, of our investment in  
25 New Yorkers and making sure that we are really about

2 fundamental criminal justice change and reform and so  
3 I am asking this committee and this counsel to  
4 consider our revision to make sure that we include  
5 language that does not allow any administration to  
6 ever build another barge, renovate the existing barge  
7 or create any barge in the City of New York to house  
8 individuals that are detained and I also again  
9 include the adjacent parking lot next to the barge.  
10 So, I would like that to be considered because I  
11 think that we can take nothing for granted and while  
12 we are having this conversation we have to make sure  
13 that we include all parts of criminal justice and so  
14 just as much as Riker's Island is a detention center,  
15 so is the barge and I think we should consider that  
16 as we move forward, so I thank you for your  
17 leadership and I know that you have been extremely  
18 passionate about the barge and making sure that we  
19 never forget it and certainly our Bronx residents  
20 remind us all the time and I want to make sure that  
21 we do not forget about the barge so I wanted to put  
22 that on record and make sure my colleagues are aware  
23 of that. Thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON RAFAEL SALAMANCA JR.: Thank  
3 you Council Member Gibson. Now I would like to  
4 recognize Council Member Levin.

5 STEPHEN LEVIN: Thank you chair. Uhm I  
6 just want to thank the speaker, the chair and land  
7 use staff for putting together this resolution that  
8 will allow us to move forward on initiating the Land  
9 Use Action to close Riker's Island ourselves.  
10 Throughout this conversation, especially over the  
11 last few months, New Yorkers, members of the public  
12 have rightfully asked us, we are going through this  
13 process investing all of this capital dollars in  
14 building new jails in communities across New York  
15 City in the four boroughs, what assurance do we have  
16 that it is not just an expansion plan? What  
17 assurance do we have that we are not just going to  
18 build these new jails and keep Riker's Island open in  
19 7 years when we are all out of office? And that's a  
20 legitimate question. That's a legitimate question  
21 because up to this point there has been nothing as  
22 part of this application that has assured us and the  
23 public that Riker's Island will actually close and  
24 that is what this resolution is going to do is to  
25 make sure that after January 1, 2027, there can be no

2 jail use on Riker's Island. Now I understand Council  
3 Member Grodenchik's point A) about how little time we  
4 have had to review this but also about construction  
5 timelines. This has been authorized as being a  
6 potential design build contract under the State Law.  
7 I can attest to the experience that I have had so far  
8 in my district of the Kosciuszko Bridge being a  
9 design build project. I know the Mario Cuomo Bridge  
10 design build project which did, which did move along  
11 a process much more quickly. Basically, the  
12 Kosciuszko Bridge got built in around the same  
13 timeline as a park bathroom by New York City Parks.  
14 That is a fact and that was over \$1 billion project.  
15 So, that does enhance the speed at which these  
16 constructions can happen and frankly we need to be  
17 able to set a deadline anyway to ensure that those  
18 happen with all deliberate haste and so by setting a  
19 date firm that is in law, codified in law, in Zoning  
20 Law, that we set a clear message to the public that  
21 Riker's is going to close. This is not an expansion  
22 plan. This is a reduction plan. This is going from  
23 probably over 14,000 bed capacity in the current jail  
24 system between the four boroughs and, and Riker's to  
25 a capacity that is going to be under and I think well



2 under 4,000 beds. So, we need to be mindful that  
3 that is what we are talking about here. That is what  
4 we are talking about here. We are giving the public  
5 an assurance that we are going to close Riker's for  
6 good. Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON RAFAEL SALAMANCA JR.: Thank  
8 you Council Member. I would like to recognize  
9 Council Member Reynoso.

10 ANTONIO REYNOSO: Thank you Chair. I  
11 want to thank Council Member Stephen Levin my  
12 colleague from Brooklyn. The time for justice is  
13 always right now. I want to thank the City Council  
14 for moving forward with ensuring that we close  
15 Riker's. This campaign is a Close Riker's Campaign  
16 since its inception and that is what we are going to  
17 be able to guarantee after this vote is that Riker's  
18 will close. There is going to be many discussions  
19 that we are going to have in the next couple of weeks  
20 but the one that I didn't think that we were going to  
21 have is whether or not Riker's should be closing by  
22 2026. That has been the bottom line. That has been  
23 the line that we have drawn in the sand. I believe  
24 it is a common denominator in what we are doing here  
25 is to close Rikers. The other discussions that we

2 are having you know, I have no issues with folks  
3 going at it but when it comes to Riker's it is about  
4 shutting it down. This today makes that happen. I  
5 am extremely grateful that we thoughtful enough to  
6 figure out a way to get this done before the vote on  
7 the new jails and I am grateful to the speaker, to  
8 the Chair and of course to all of the colleagues that  
9 are taking new jails in their district because I know  
10 this is a bold and tough decision that they are going  
11 to be making but closing down Rikers is a bare  
12 minimum so I am excited that we are voting on this  
13 today and that we are guaranteeing that it is going  
14 to be shut down before 2026.

15 CHAIRPERSON RAFAEL SALAMANCA JR.: Thank  
16 you Council Member. I just want to recognize that we  
17 have been joined by Chair Moya and Council Member  
18 Perkins. Next, up I am going to recognize Council  
19 Member Richards.

20 DONOVAN RICHARDS: Thank you Chair and  
21 it's a very emotional day for several reasons. For  
22 those of us who actually know people who served on  
23 Riker's Island, who have been to Riker's Island and  
24 spoken to many of the individuals who unfortunately  
25 are detained there. Today we are taking a major step

2 in addressing the New Jim Crow which is mass  
3 incarceration. You know we get caught up in these  
4 words around processes and beds and construction but  
5 this is about rebuilding people's lives who have  
6 never had an opportunity to have real rehabilitation.  
7 You know ask (INAUDIBLE) about process. Ask many of  
8 those men and women on the island what they think  
9 about process. They are living in a hell hole and we  
10 have an obligation. You know, we know there are  
11 people out there that are going to push back and we  
12 don't want to, listen this is about ensuring that we  
13 can really do something differently for once in New  
14 York City and just because Riker's is closing doesn't  
15 mean the work is done. We still have a police  
16 department right here in New York City that heavily  
17 criminalizes communities. We still have a justice  
18 system that unfortunately targets black and brown  
19 communities. That is why we are here today. That is  
20 why there are jails and that is why they are filled  
21 with people who look like me. Uhm, so I wanted to  
22 say just on the record this is much better than just  
23 about some new buildings and it has to fill  
24 different. You know we can't just slap paint on a  
25 new building and call it something different. We all

2 have an obligation to make sure that programming,  
3 real programming that is going to ensure that these  
4 young people who unfortunately are caught in the  
5 system that has kept them there and keeps them coming  
6 back because the system is feeding on young black and  
7 brown people who look like me. Somebody is getting  
8 paid off of that and we need to make sure that we  
9 crush this system, seriously, today is a major step I  
10 just have to underscore that. To people in my  
11 community, we want to see Riker's Island closed.  
12 Riker's Island, we have a chance right here to send a  
13 national message, national message that Riker's  
14 Island the most notorious jail in the country is  
15 closing. Do you know how much of an impact that this  
16 has? Anybody who sits here and doesn't think that  
17 this is going to have an impact on the criminal  
18 justice system nationally and if not internationally  
19 is sorely wrong and I am happy to vote for those  
20 young and women who I grew up with. Those people  
21 from my community who sat in those cells. You know  
22 when we visited we saw people who we know. And I  
23 could tell you that for each and every person that I  
24 spoke to in there, they talked about the need for  
25 more program and they talked about the need for

2 rehabilitation and they talked about the need to get  
3 out of that hell hole so I proudly vote on this first  
4 step obviously to close and I hope my colleagues  
5 follow. This is about ensuring that our young men  
6 and women could have a damn fighting chance at the  
7 end of the day.

8 CHAIRPERSON RAFAEL SALAMANCA JR.: Thank  
9 you. I would like to recognize Council Member Baron.

10 INEZ BARON: Thank you Mr. Chair. I  
11 agree with my colleague who indicated it is rather  
12 challenging to get statements on which we have to  
13 vote at the time of the meeting. It although this is  
14 very short and brief and can be read quickly it  
15 really does not allow for an opportunity to analyze  
16 what the unintended consequences might be. Having  
17 said that, I agree with the concept that Riker's  
18 should be closed. What I look like in the document  
19 that I just got and look at the whereas is, as to why  
20 they are closing it, it doesn't list those conditions  
21 that cause people to say that this is an inhumane  
22 system but what it does in the whereas is  
23 particularly number, whereas number three whereas  
24 closing Riker's Island and using only the new borough  
25 based jails will strengthen connection to families

2 and communities and number four, whereas the borough  
3 based jails will allow better engagement of  
4 incarcerated individuals and attorneys and whereas  
5 number five, whereas the borough based jails will  
6 improve inmates access to natural light, etc., etc.  
7 and whereas the borough based jails will enhance the  
8 well-being of uniform and civilian staff. Those to  
9 me should have been listed conditions existing at  
10 Riker's that needed to be addressed not say that  
11 borough-based jails are now going to be the solution  
12 to those things because many of you may know I'm not  
13 supporting borough-based jails. So, whereas the  
14 conclusion which talks about closing Riker's is  
15 something that I whole heartedly support, the  
16 infusion of borough-based jails into this resolution  
17 makes it somewhat problematic for me. Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON RAFAEL SALAMANCA JR.: Thank  
19 you Council Member Baron. I would like to recognize  
20 Council Member Miller.

21 DANEEK MILLER: Thank you Mr. Chair. I  
22 want to thank my, my colleagues for their thoughtful  
23 conversation on this issue and this matter here this  
24 morning and as Council Member Reynoso said, the time  
25 for justice is always now. Uhm but let me say this,

2 that, that when we start talking about criminal  
3 justice reform and I, I appreciate folk's commitment  
4 and this fear sense of urgency that we are  
5 experiencing here. I don't know how many of us, of  
6 my colleagues have spent time on the other side of  
7 the bars, have sons and daughters that have spent  
8 time on the other side of the bars, have constituents  
9 every day that you know ,that, it is just a different  
10 experience. That being said, what I know is, closing  
11 of Riker's Island when it comes to criminal justice  
12 reform is the absolute lowest part. The absolute  
13 lowest bar. What happens in the courts, what happens  
14 during sentencing, what happens holistically  
15 throughout this system that is criminal and, and we  
16 cannot walk away without addressing those issues. To  
17 address this, is just the lowest bar, when, when,  
18 when I witness and that is police officer get  
19 sentenced to 10 years for the murder of a young black  
20 man when the prosecutor asked for 28 years. I see a  
21 young man in my community get sentenced for 20 years  
22 for a first-time offense when the sentencing  
23 guideline said that a predicate felon gets 3 to 20.  
24 Something is absolutely wrong and we have to address  
25 those issues, unless we are addressing those issues

2 we are just wasting our time so we have to deal with  
3 this holistically. This is the lowest bar but it is  
4 a part of really addressing reform to our system so I  
5 just, need to say that and ask that my colleagues  
6 commit to reforming criminal justice holistically  
7 and, and, and not to say that this is the end all  
8 because certainly it is not. Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON RAFAEL SALAMANCA JR.: Thank  
10 you Council Member Miller, any other members wish to  
11 debate this? No. I see none. I will now call on a  
12 vote to adopt the motion which was seconded by  
13 Council Member Reynoso. A vote of aye is a favor, is  
14 a vote in favor of adoption of the motion. Those  
15 opposed say no. The Counsel please call the roll on  
16 this motion.

17 COUNSEL: Pre-considered resolution,  
18 Chair Salamanca?

19 CHAIRPERSON RAFAEL SALAMANCA JR.: Aye.

20 COUNSEL: Gibson?

21 VANESSA GIBSON: I vote aye.

22 COUNSEL: Baron? Deutsch?

23 CHAIM DEUTSCH: No.

24 COUNSEL: King?

25 ANDY KING: No.



2 COUNSEL: Koo.

3 PETER KOO: Aye.

4 COUNSEL: Lancman?

5 RORY LANCMAN: Aye.

6 COUNSEL: Levin?

7 STEPHEN LEVIN: Uhm, with particular  
8 thanks to Land Use staff that worked very diligently  
9 on this resolution, I vote aye.

10 COUNSEL: Miller?

11 DANEEK MILLER: Aye.

12 COUNSEL: Reynoso?

13 ANTONIO REYNOSO: With thanks to the  
14 advocates as well, I vote aye.

15 COUNSEL: Richards?

16 DONOVAN RICHARDS: Aye.

17 COUNSEL: Treyger?

18 MARK TREYGER: Aye.

19 COUNSEL: Grodenchik?

20 BARRY GRODENCHIK: Abstain.

21 COUNSEL: Adams?

22 ADRIENNE ADAMS: Aye.

23 COUNSEL: Moya?

24 FRANCISCO MOYA: Aye.

25 COUNSEL: Baron?

2           INEZ BARON: Noting the comments that I  
3 made earlier, with hesitation and reluctance and  
4 qualifications I vote aye and I also think that we  
5 needed to have perhaps had some kind of provision  
6 which would say that Riker's Island will in fact not  
7 become a land grab for greedy developers. Thank you.

8           COUNSEL: By a vote of 11 in the  
9 affirmative, two in the negative and two abstention  
10 the item is adopted.

11           CHAIRPERSON RAFAEL SALAMANCA JR.: Thank  
12 you. Now we will close the roll on that pre-  
13 considered resolution. Please, we have another vote  
14 to move forward on. So, today from our landmarks  
15 subcommittee where votes were approved for historic  
16 district designations in the Sunset Park neighborhood  
17 of Brooklyn, represented by Council Member Menchaca,  
18 LU496 is in Sunset Park South Historic District,  
19 LU497 is in Sunset Park North Historic District,  
20 LU498 is in South Park 50th Street Historic District  
21 and LU499 is essential Sunset Park 50th Street  
22 Historic District. We will also vote to approve  
23 LU528 the LPC Designation of the Bay Ridge Parkway  
24 Doctors' Row Historic District in Council Member  
25 Brandon's District in Brooklyn. We will also vote to

2 approve LUs 5-7, the U designation, project approval  
3 and disposition authorization for 776-780 Myrtle  
4 Avenue to facilitate an affordable housing  
5 development containing approximately 59 units in  
6 Council Member Cornegy's District in Brooklyn. From  
7 our Zoning Subcommittee we will vote to approve with  
8 modification LU529, an application for Prinkipas LLC,  
9 DBA Lola Taverna. This application requests approval  
10 for a revocable consent to operate an unenclosed  
11 sidewalk café including 24 tables, 48 chairs to be  
12 located at 210 6th Avenue in Manhattan in Speaker  
13 Johnson's District. We heard testimony at our zoning  
14 subcommittee and received 55 additional emails in  
15 favor of a reduced café with 16 tables and 32 chairs.  
16 Accordingly for the reasons stated at our zoning  
17 subcommittee, we have modified the application to  
18 allow the café to proceed with those reduced numbers  
19 of tables and chairs. We will also vote to approve  
20 LU items number 534 and 535 for the LeFrak City  
21 Parking Garage proposal in Chair, in Chair Moya's  
22 District in Queens. The proposal would amend the  
23 zoning resolution to revise our findings for certain  
24 parking, special permits and would also approve the  
25 special permit for the subject property under the

2 amended text. We will also vote to approve pre-  
3 considered items, LU items 540 the 91-05 Beach  
4 Channel Drive Rezoning proposal for property in  
5 Council Member's Ulrich's District in Queens. The  
6 proposal would establish C2-3 Commercial overlay  
7 within an existing R4-1 District to legalize an  
8 additional funeral home and its accessory parking  
9 lot. We will also vote to approve pre-considered  
10 items 541 for the 15-33 Clintonville Street Rezoning  
11 proposal for property in Council Member Vallone's  
12 District in Queens. The proposal would establish a  
13 C1-3 Commercial overlay within an additional R3-1  
14 District to legalize an existing commercial use on a  
15 property as well as to facilitate its future  
16 redevelopment and modernization. We will also vote  
17 to approve pre-considered items 542 for the 112-06  
18 71st Road Rezoning proposal for property in Council  
19 Member Koslowitz's District in Queens. The proposal  
20 would rezone an existing R1-2A District to an R3-2  
21 District and would bring into confirms two separate  
22 existing non-conforming use group 4 medical offices  
23 within the rezoning area. We would also vote to  
24 approve with modification pre-considered 531, 532,  
25 and 533 for the Vernon Boulevard Broadway Rezoning

2 proposal in Council Member Van Bramer's District in  
3 Queens. The application is for a zoning map  
4 amendment, a zoning text amendment and a special  
5 permit for a large skill general development which  
6 today would facilitate the construction of three new  
7 mixed use buildings and a total of approximately  
8 17,700 square feet of publicly accessible open area.  
9 The proposed zoning text amendment sought to  
10 establish and manage inclusionary housing utilizing  
11 option 1 and 2. Our modifications would be to remove  
12 option 2 and retain option 1. We will also vote to  
13 approve with modification pre-considered items 538  
14 and 539 for the 38th Street, 35th Avenue Rezoning  
15 proposal and property in Council Member Van Bramer's  
16 District in Queens. The application is for a zoning  
17 map amendment and a zoning text amendment to  
18 establish mandatory inclusionary housing area,  
19 utilizing option 2. Our modification would be to  
20 remove option 2 and add option 1. We will also vote  
21 to approve with modification pre-considered 543 and  
22 544 for the Terence Cardinal Cooke proposal for  
23 property in Council Member Ayala's District in  
24 Manhattan. The application is for a zoning map  
25 amendment to change an existing R7-2 District and R8

2 District and R7-2/C1-5 to an R8/C1-5 as well as a  
3 zoning text amendment to map the site, the mandatory  
4 inclusionary housing area utilizing option 2.  
5 Approval will facilitate the rehabilitation of the  
6 existing Terence Cardinal Cooke, Flower Hill Skilled  
7 Nursing Facility and redevelop to include 150 units  
8 of supportive housing, 379 units of residential  
9 housing and a pace medical facility. Our  
10 modification would be to remove option 2 and to add  
11 option 1. Are there any questions or remarks from  
12 members of the Committee? Seeing none, I will now  
13 call for a vote in accordance with the  
14 recommendations of the local members and the  
15 subcommittees to approve LU496-LU499, LU527, LU528,  
16 LU534, LU535, LU540, LU541 and LU542 and to approve  
17 the modifications have I have described LU529, LU531,  
18 LU532, LU533, LU538, LU539, LU543 and LU544. Would  
19 the clerk please call the roll?

20 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: William  
21 Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call vote on Land Use,  
22 all items are coupled, Chair Salamanca?

23 CHAIRPERSON RAFAEL SALAMANCA JR.: Aye on  
24 all.

1 COMMITTEE ON LAND USE 23

2 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

3 Reynoso?

4 ANTONIO REYNOSO: Aye on all.

5 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson?

6 VANESSA GIBSON: Aye on all.

7 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

8 Deutsch?

9 CHAIM DEUTSCH: Aye.

10 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: King?

11 ANDY KING: Aye on all.

12 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?

13 PETER KOO: Aye.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

15 Lancman?

16 RORY LANCMAN: Aye.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?

18 STEPHEN LEVIN: Aye.

19 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller?

20 DANEEK MILLER: Aye.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Baron?

22 INEZ BARON: Permission to explain my

23 vote?

24 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Council

25 Member Baron to explain her vote.

2           INEZ BARON: Thank you, uhm it is always  
3 difficult when I am told that you know members have  
4 really worked diligently and worked hard to make sure  
5 that they have gotten the best that they can but I am  
6 always concerned that we continue to allow projects  
7 to come in where we are supporting market rate  
8 housing as a part of that and I've said to my  
9 colleagues we need to go back and fix the rezoning  
10 land that we put together when we first came here and  
11 we really need to fix it before we leave. So, I  
12 think that having a project where more than the  
13 majority of the apartments are market rate and the  
14 others are so called affordable which we know can go  
15 up to 120 and 130% of the AMI is not a good thing.  
16 So, I am glad that it is option 1 but I am voting aye  
17 on all with the exception of 531 through 533 and 538  
18 through 539 for those very reasons. Thank you.

19           WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:  
20 Richards?

21           DONOVAN RICHARDS: Aye.

22           WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:  
23 Treyger?

24           MARK TREYGER: Aye.



2 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

3 Grodenchik?

4 BARRY GRODENCHIK: Aye.

5 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?

6 ADRIENNE ADAMS: Aye on all.

7 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya?

8 FRANCISCO MOYA: Aye on all.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: By a  
10 vote of 15 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and  
11 no abstentions all items have been adopted with the  
12 exception of Land Use items 531, 532, 533, 538 and  
13 539 have been adopted by a vote of 14 in the  
14 affirmative, 1 in the negative and no abstentions.

15 CHAIRPERSON RAFAEL SALAMANCA JR.:

16 Alright thank you. I would like to thank members of  
17 the public, my colleagues, Council and Land Use staff  
18 for attending today's hearing. This meeting is  
19 hereby adjourned (gavel pounding).

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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 OCTOBER 17, 2019