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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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December 19, 2019

Start: 11:23 AM

Recess: 11:33 AM

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: RAFAEL SALAMANCA, JR.  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne E. Adams  
Inez D. Barron  
Chaim M. Deutsch  
Ruben Diaz, Sr.  
Vanessa L. Gibson  
Barry S. Grodenchik  
Peter A. Koo  
Rory I. Lancman  
Stephen T. Levin  
I. Daneek Miller  
Francisco P. Moya  
Antonio Reynoso  
Donovan J. Richards  
Carlina Rivera  
Mark Treyger

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

2 (sound check) (pause) (gavel)

3 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Alright. Good  
4 morning, and welcome to the Committee on Land Use. I  
5 am Council Member Rafael Salamanca, Chair of this  
6 committee. I would like to welcome my esteemed  
7 colleagues who are members of the committee and are  
8 present today. We have Council Members Koo, Levin,  
9 Miller, Reynoso, Richards, Treyger, Grodenchik,  
10 Chair—and Chair Adams. I would like to thank chair  
11 Moya and Chair Adams for their work on our Land Use  
12 Subcommittees, and just thank you for what you guys  
13 have done throughout the year. This is the last Land  
14 Use meeting of 2019. Today we will vote to approve  
15 LU 590, an application submitted by the Department of  
16 Housing, Preservation and Development related MMN1902  
17 LEMLE West 117 Street Project. The application  
18 requests the approval of an Urban Development Action  
19 Area Project pursuant to Article 16 of the General  
20 Municipal Law and an exemption for a property—from  
21 real property taxes pursuant to Article XI of the  
22 Private Housing Finance Law. The project area  
23 consists of buildings located at 138-140 West 117<sup>th</sup>  
24 Street, Block 1901, Lot 51 and 52, and 264 West 117<sup>th</sup>  
25 Street, Block 1922, Lot 53, both located in Council

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2 Member Perkins' district in Manhattan. The proposed  
3 actions will facilitate the disposition and  
4 rehabilitation of the property—of the properties as  
5 two buildings comprised of affordable housing. Are  
6 there any questions or remarks from members of the  
7 committee? Alright, seeing none, I will now call for  
8 a vote in accordance with the recommendations of the  
9 Subcommittee and local Council Members to approve LUs  
10 590. Will the Clerk please call the roll.

11 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,  
12 roll call vote Committee on Land Use. Chair  
13 Salamanca.

14 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Aye.

15 CLERK: Koo.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

17 CLERK: Levin.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

19 CLERK: Miller.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

21 CLERK: Reynoso.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: (off mic) Aye.

23 CLERK: Richards.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Thank you to  
3 the hardworking Land Use staff. A lot of victories  
4 this year. I vote aye.

5 CLERK: Treyger.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: (off mic) Aye.

7 CLERK: Grodenchik.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

9 CLERK: Adams.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

11 CLERK: Rivera.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I echo Donovan.

13 Thanks everyone and to the Chair. You all agree.

14 Thanks.

15 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: (off mic)

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: No, no. I'm just-

17 I'm fine. Thank you. [pause] [background comments]

18 CLERK: Council Member Gibson.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote that (off  
20 mic/audio cut out) (pause)

21 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: ...to order.

22 CLERK: Council--(background comments).

23 Continuation Roll Call Committee on Land Use.

24 (background comments) Council Member Gibson.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye.

2 CLERK: By a vote of 11 in the  
3 affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions,  
4 the item has been adopted by the committee.

5 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: I would like to  
6 thank the members of the public, my colleagues,  
7 Counsel and Land Use staff for attending today's  
8 hearing. We'll leave the vote open for five minutes.  
9 (pause)

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye. (background  
11 comments)

12 COUNCIL MEMBER: Thank you all for coming  
13 today. Thank you.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Okay. Happy  
15 holiday. (background comments/pause)

16 CLERK: Continuation roll call Committee  
17 on Land Use, Council Member Deutsch.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

19 CLERK: The vote is currently at 12 in  
20 the affirmative. (pause) Continuation roll call vote  
21 Committee on Land Use. Council Member Lancman.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye. (pause)

23 CLERK: Final vote Committee on Land Use,  
24 Land Use Item 590 was adopted by the committee 13 in

2 the affirmative, zero in the negative and no  
3 abstentions.

4 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: I would like to  
5 thank all the members that attended today's hearing.  
6 We are hereby adjourned. (gavel)

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Date December 30, 2019