

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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January 23, 2020
Start: 10:53 AM
Recess: 11:04 AM

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: ROBERT E. CORNEGY, JR.
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Fernando Cabrera
Margaret S. Chin
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.
Mark Gjonaj
Barry S. Grodenchik
Farah N. Louis
Bill Perkins
Carlina Rivera
Helen K. Rosenthal
Ritchie J. Torres

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

2 (sound check) (pause) (gavel)

3 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: I'm Council Member
4 Robert Cornegy Chair of the Council's Committee on
5 Housing and Buildings. We're here to hold a vote on
6 three bills related to reducing childhood exposure to
7 lead hazards. Proposed Intro No. 873=A sponsored by
8 Council Member Chin would require schools operated by
9 the Department of Education to conduct regularly
10 scheduled surveys and inspections for lead-based
11 paint hazards. The results of which would be
12 publicly available and delivered to parents and
13 guardians. This bill would also require HPD when
14 conducting certain inspections to determine whether
15 there has been a violation of the requirement that
16 owners remediate lead paint-lead-based paint hazards
17 when a new tenant moves in. Finally, the bill would
18 establish a presumption that a building owner who is
19 unable to provide a record of having completed lead
20 hazard remediation upon turnover has violated such
21 requirements. Proposed Intro No. 891-A sponsored by
22 Council Member Levin would expand the meaning of
23 multiple dwelling for the purposes of the lead laws
24 to also include non-owner occupied private dwellings.
25 Finally, Proposed Intro No. 19-919-A sponsored by

2 Council Member Torres would require the owner of
3 certain dwellings to either within five years of the
4 bill's effective date or one year of a child moving
5 in arrange for a thorough inspection for lead-based
6 paint hazards to be conducted by an independent EPA
7 certified inspector. It would also require home
8 improvement contractors to be EPA certified to ensure
9 that they are prepared to follow lead related safety
10 standards. I'm joined today by Council Members
11 Perkins, Louis, Chin, Rosenthal, Grodenchik. I mean
12 Gjonaj, Cabrera and Grodenchik.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER EPSINAL: And me.

14 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Oh, and Espinal.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER EPSINAL: I'm already
16 forgotten.

17 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: No, no, no. Fresh-
18 fresh from Poland. (laughter) Council Member
19 Espinal. We'll now ask the Committee Clerk to call
20 the roll.

21 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,
22 roll call vote Committee on Housing and Buildings.
23 All items are coupled. Chair Cornegy.

24 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: I vote aye on all.

25 CLERK: Cabrera.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

3 CLERK: Chin.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

5 CLERK: Espinal.

6 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Oh, wait. I'm
7 sorry. Council Member Chin, would you like to speak
8 on your bill?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: (off mic) No.

10 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Okay, sorry.

11 CLERK: Espinal

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote aye on
13 all.

14 CLERK: Rosenthal.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: With gratitude
16 to the sponsors, aye on all.

17 CLERK: Grodenchik.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

19 CLERK: Perkins.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: (off mic) Aye on
21 all, and this is the third time that this bill has
22 come before me—(on mic) has come before me in the
23 past, and I've had the opportunity to sponsor it and
24 have it passed. So, I'm glad to see that the Council
25 is following up in that regard to make sure that our—

2 our young people especially are not subject to this
3 very, very serious problem of lead paint poisoning.
4 Aye on all.

5 CLERK: Gjonaj.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye.

7 CLERK: Louis.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

9 CLERK: By a vote of 9 in the affirmative,
10 zero in the negative and no abstentions, all items
11 have been adopted by the committee.

12 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: We will hold the-
13 the roll open for 15 minutes. (pause) (background
14 comments/pause)

15 CLERK: Continuation roll call Committee
16 on Housing and Buildings, Council Member Rivera.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye on all.

18 Thanks everyone for their support. (pause)

19 CLERK: Final vote Committee on Housing
20 and Buildings. All items have been adopted by the
21 committee 10 in the affirmative, zero in the negative
22 and no abstentions.

23 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Committee on
24 Housing and Buildings is closed. (gavel)

2 The hearing on Housing & Buildings was
3 re-opened by Chairperson Cornegy to permit Council
4 Member Richie Torres to cast a vote. The Committee
5 Clerk then called upon Council Member Torres to cast
6 his vote to which he responded "Aye on all." The
7 final vote on Introductions 873-A, 891-A, and 919-A
8 became 11 in the affirmative, Zero in the negative
9 and NO abstentions. Chairperson Cornegy then finally
10 gaveled the hearing closed at 11:04 AM.

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Date February 11, 2020