

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT
AND INVESTIGATIONS

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February 27, 2020
Start: 10:14 A.M.
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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Ritchie J. Torres, Chairman

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Diana Ayala
Ben Kallos
Rory I. Lancman
Keith Powers
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.
Mark Treyger
Kalman Yeger

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

William Martin
Committee Clerk

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2 CHAIRMAN TORRES: Good morning, I'm City Council
3 Member Ritchie Torres and I Chair the Committee on
4 Oversight and Investigations and I would like to
5 welcome you to our vote today on Intro (sic) 14-40-A.
6 I'm proud to be joined by Council Member Salamanca,
7 Council Member Ayala, Council Member Kallos and
8 Council Member Powers and I suspect, uh, a number of
9 our colleagues will join us shortly.

10 When the city unveiled a new Open Data Homepage
11 in 2017, Mayor De Blasio underlined the importance of
12 transparency and accountability in government. The
13 Mayor commented that quote, "Open Data is a window
14 into what's happening in every neighborhood in our
15 city bringing out dedication to transparency and
16 accountability to life." The city administration has
17 been lotted by good government goods (sic) and
18 advocates for its commitments to increase access to
19 information for New Yorkers.

20 The mayor's emphasis on transparency however, has
21 not extended to D-O-I or S-C-I. D-O-I and S-C-I
22 disclose very little to the public of what or whom
23 they are investigating and what recommendations they
24 are providing to city agencies as a result of these
25 investigations. D-O-I has infrequently, also

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2 infrequently provides (sic) details on an agency's
3 implementation of those recommendations. I am proud
4 of my bill Intro 14-40-A which will require D-O-I and
5 S-C-I to create a web application to track and access
6 agency cooperation and compliance with investigations
7 and recommendations.

8 While D-O-I has issued thousands of policy and
9 procedure recommendations since the start of the De
10 Balsio administration, city residents deserve the
11 right to be able to track agency implementation of
12 these recommendations at a time when government
13 transparency is under threat, especially at the
14 federal level, the city must lead the way in
15 reinforcing this critical aspect of American
16 democracy.

17 Uh, with that said, lets begin the vote.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: William Martin, Martin
19 (sic), Committee Clerk. Roll call, vote Committee on
20 Oversight and Investigations. Introduction 1-4-4-0-A.
21 Chair Torres.

22 CHAIRMAN TORRES: I vote 'Aye'.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Kallos.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: 'Aye'.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Salamanca.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: 'Aye'.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Ayala.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: 'Aye'.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Powers.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: 'Aye'.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: By (sic) order five in
8 the affirmative, zero in the negative and no
9 abstentions, item has been adopted by the committee.

10 CHAIRMAN TORRES: So, we will keep the vote open.
11 Thank you everyone for joining us. This was an
12 eventful hearing (sic). We're holding it just for
13 you, Carlina, so (sic). Okay, okay.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Continuation roll call,
15 Committee on Oversight and Investigations. Council
16 Member Rivera.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: 'Aye'.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Council Member Yeger.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: 'Aye'.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Vote is now seven in the
21 affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions.
22 Continuation roll call, Committee on Oversight and
23 Investigations. Council Member Lancman.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: 'Aye'.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Let me just (sic).

3 Continuation roll call, Committee on Oversight and
4 Investigations. Council Member Treyger.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Vote 'Aye'.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Final vote on
7 Introduction 14-40-A is now nine in the affirmation,
8 zero in the negative and no abstentions. Council
9 member Torres.

10 CHAIRMAN TORRES: This me-, this hearing is
11 adjourned.

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