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COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS AND ETHICS

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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June 22, 2020
Start: 12:14 p.m.
Recess: 12:17 p.m.

HELD AT: REMOTE HEARING (VIRTUAL ROOM 3)

B E F O R E: Steven Matteo,
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Margaret S. Chin
Vanessa L. Gibson
Karen Koslowitz
Stephen T. Levin

2 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Okay we are going to begin.

3 [GAVEL] Good afternoon everybody, my name is Steven
4 Matteo, I am Chair of the Committee on Standards and
5 Ethics. I just want to let everybody know I am
6 joined by my colleagues Karen Koslowitz, Margaret
7 chin, Stephen Levin, Vanessa Gibson was on our Zoom
8 check in but we had some technical difficulties to
9 move over to, so she is with us as well.

10 I would like to quickly announce our new Deputy
11 General Counsel Janine Gaylard as Counsel to the
12 Standards and Ethics Committee. Jim Caras, our
13 General Counsel is also with us.

14 So, the Committee on Standards and Ethics is
15 meeting today regarding a pending disciplinary matter
16 open pursuant to Section 10.80 of the Council rules
17 concerning Council Member Andy King.

18 First a housekeeping matter, I would like the
19 Committee to vote to continue Carrie Cohen, a partner
20 at the firm of Morrison & Foerster who is assisted by
21 Amanda Geyer, an associate at that firm as special
22 counsel for the hearing on this matter pursuant to or
23 Committee hearing procedures which have been provided
24 to Council Member King's Council.

25 Do I have motion?

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1 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Moved.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: A motion from Council Member
3 Levin. All in favor, please say aye.

4 MEMBERS: Aye.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: The motion is adopted.
6 Because it is necessary for the Committee to discuss
7 confidential personnel issues. I am making another
8 motion for the Committee to move into executive
9 session pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers
10 law. Do I have a second?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I second.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Recognizing a second, a
13 motion has been made in seconded and the Committee
14 moving to executive session. All those in favor of
15 the motion say aye.

16 MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL: Aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATTEO: Noting that the aye's have
18 it, I am now going to close this portion of the
19 meeting and reopen Executive Session. For members of
20 the press or public who may be viewing this public
21 portion of the hearing, I would note that it is
22 unlikely that we will return today to open session.
23 If and when this Committee adopts recommendations on
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2 the matter, we will return to public session to
3 publicly disclose those actions.

4 I would ask that all members of the Committee and
5 Committee Counsel, our General Counsel and our
6 Employment Counsel leave this meeting by clicking the
7 leave meeting tab and retrieve the link for the
8 executive session portion of the meeting sent to by
9 email and log onto the executive session portion of
10 this meeting in the next five minutes.

11 Thank you. I am going to close this portion of
12 the hearing. [GAVEL]

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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 July 6, 2020