

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON AGING

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October 13, 2020
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HELD AT: Remote Hearing

B E F O R E: Margaret Chin
CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Diana Ayala
Chaim Deutsch
Ruben Diaz, Sr.
Mathieu Eugene
Mark Treyger
Paul Vallone

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

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Recording?

3 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: PC recording started.

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: PC to the cloud is ready
5 to go.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Thank you. Good
7 morning, everyone, and welcome to today's remote New
8 York City Council hearing about on the Committee on
9 Aging. At this time, will all panelists please turn
10 on their videos for verification purposes? Once
11 again, please turn on all videos. Thank you. We ask
12 everyone to please place electronic devices on silent
13 or vibrate to minimize disruptions. Chair, we're
14 ready to begin. Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON CHIN: Thank you, Sergeant.

16 [gavel]

17 CHAIRPERSON CHIN: Good morning. I am
18 Council member Margaret Chin, Chair of the Committee
19 on Aging. Today, I am joined by my colleague,
20 Council member Diaz, Vallone, Ayala, and Council
21 member Deutsch. Today, the Committee will vote on
22 proposed Intro 2030 which I am proud to sponsor.
23 Proposed Intro 2030 increases the maximum qualifying
24 income level for those who are applying to the senior
25 citizen rent increase exemption and that disability

2 rent increase exemption or SCRE/DCRE program. The
3 SCRE and DCRE programs also referred to as the New
4 York City Brent Freeze Program, provides important
5 exemption from all or part of certain rent increases
6 for senior citizens and persons with disabilities who
7 live in qualifying subsidized housing. State law
8 allows New York City to provide the SCRE/DCRE
9 programs locally and to decide on income eligibility
10 requirements. In March 2014, the state passed a law
11 city to increase the income threshold for the
12 SCRE/DCRE program to \$50,000 per household. In May
13 and July 2014, the city Council passed a local law
14 authorizing this increase for the SCRE and DCRE,
15 respectively. The 2014 income eligibility level
16 increase expiring this past June. New York State
17 reauthorized the increase in June of 2020, expanding
18 it through June 2022 and now the city must also do
19 the same. Intro 2030 extends these increased
20 qualifying levels to June 30th, 2022. I support this
21 important piece of legislation that helps keep our
22 seniors and disabled persons in affordable housing.
23 Can I please call the clerk to call the vote?

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Good morning. William
3 Martin. Committee clerk. Roll call vote Committee
4 on Aging. Introduction 2030. Chair Chin?

5 CHAIRPERSON CHIN: I vote aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: I vote aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Well done,
10 Madam Chair. I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Diaz?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Yes.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. One second.

16 By a vote of five in the affirmative, zero in the
17 negative, and no abstentions, the item has been
18 adopted by the Committee.

19 CHAIRPERSON CHIN: Thank you, everyone. Do
20 we keep the vote open for--

21 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: No. no. I'm going to
22 stop the livestream now. Just give me one second.

23 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Chair, if you could just
24 adjourn the hearing?

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2 CHAIRPERSON CHIN: The hearing is now
3 adjourned.

4 [gavel]

5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Thank you.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Okay, guys. Thank you.
7 Thank you, Chair.

8 CHAIRPERSON CHIN: Thank you. Thank you,
9 everyone.

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Date October 24, 2020