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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: CHAIR ROBERT CORNEGY

COUNCIL MEMBERS: ROBERT CORNEGY
MARGARET CHIN
Mark Gjonaj
Barry Grodenchik
CARLINA RIVERA
HELEN ROSENTHAL

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

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3 CHAIR ROBERT CORNEGY: Good morning and

4 thank you for coming. I'm Council Member Robert

5 Cornegy, Chair of the city's Committee on Housing and

6 Buildings, and we're here to vote on a Bill that

7 would extend the expiration of certificate of no

8 harassment pilot program. Established by Local Law 1

9 of 2018, the city certification of no harassment

10 pilot program requires owners of certain residential

11 buildings to apply for an receive a certification of

12 no harassment from the Department of Housing

13 Preservation and Development. Property owners must

14 do so before applying to the Department for a permit

15 to change the use of occupancy of a building or to

16 demolish any part of that building. The program is

17 designed to ensure that property owners are not using

18 alterations or demolition as a way to harass lawful

19 occupants into leaving their apartments. The program

20 which is still currently a pilot is set to expire

21 September 27, 2021. The Bill we're voting on today,

22 sponsored by Council Member Lander extends the pilot

23 program through October 31st, of this year, one

24 month, as the city evaluates outcomes with the pilot.

25 I am joined today by Council Members Chin, Rivera,

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2 Grodenchik, and Rosenthal, and we as the Clerk to
3 call the roll. Thank you.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
5 morning, William Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call
6 vote, Committee on Housing and Buildings,
7 Preconsidered Introduction. Chair Cornegy.

8 CHAIR ROBERT CORNEGY: I vote I with a
9 slight explanation. This Bill allows us to look
10 closely at the pilot program to make sure that we're
11 taking into consideration all of the testimony that
12 we've heard and been hearing, and with that, I vote
13 I.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
15 you. Chin.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MARGARET CHIN: I vote I.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
18 Rosenthal.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HELEN ROSENTHAL: I vote
20 I.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
22 Grodenchik.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRY GRODENCHIK: Echoing
24 the Chair's comments, I vote I.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CARLINA RIVERA: I.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Council
4 member, are you good?

5 CHAIR ROBERT CORNEGY: I want to point
6 out that we've been joined by Council Member Gjonaj.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Council
8 Member Gjonaj.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK GJONAJ: No.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: By a
11 vote of five in the affirmative, one in the negative,
12 and no abstentions, item has been adopted by the
13 committee.

14 CHAIR ROBERT CORNEGY: Having voted, this
15 hearing is now commenced.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: So,
17 William Martin, Committee Clerk. This is a
18 continuation roll call, Committee on Housing and
19 Buildings on Preconsidered Introduction. Council
20 Member Cabrera.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER FERNANDO CABRERA: I vote
22 I.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: The
24 final vote now on the Preconsidered Introduction is
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3 six in the affirmative, one in the negative, and no

4 abstentions.

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Date October 25, 2021