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

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CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: Good afternoon

ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the City Council to our Public Safety Committee. I am Council Member Vanessa Gibson of the 16th district and I'm proud to serve as Chair of the Committee on Public Safety. I'd like to thank all of my colleagues and all of the members of the public for being here this afternoon as this committee votes on two important pieces of legislation. I'd like to recognize the members of the committee who are here with us; Council Member Vincent Gentile, Council Member Jimmie Vacca, Council Member Jumaane Williams, Council Member Robert Cornegy, Council Member Chaim Deutsch, Council Member Rafael Espinal, Council Member Rory Lancman, Council Member Ritchie Torres, and Minority Leader Steve Matteo. This afternoon this committee is voting on Proposed Intro 182-D and Proposed Intro 541-C. these bills were first introduced as part of the Community Safety Act of 2012 and have undergone several changes since being reintroduced in 2014. Intro 182-D, which is sponsored by Council Member Ritchie Torres would require police officers to identify themselves during certain police interactions such as when an officer

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2 questions a person not in custody who is suspected of
3 criminal activity during a home search or during a
4 check point stop. The other legislation, Intro 541-C
5 introduced by Council Member Antonio Reynoso would
6 require the department to create a policy and
7 procedure for officers to gain voluntary consent
8 prior to conducting a search and document the
9 interaction. These bills are collectively known as
10 the right to know act. The versions of the bills the
11 committee is voting on today represents several
12 years, almost four years of negotiations and truly a
13 compromise and represent an important effort to
14 increase accountability as well as improve police
15 community relationships. The Right to Know Act is
16 certainly the City Council's most publicized police
17 reform effort, but it is certainly far from the only
18 one. Over the past four years under our tenure of the
19 Speaker, Melissa Mark-Viverito, this committee and
20 this City Council have passed the Criminal Justice
21 Reform Act which drastically reduced by 90 percent
22 the number of criminal summons that are given for low
23 level and non-violent offences. In addition, we
24 amended the Nuisance Abatement Law to make the
25 outdated Draconian Law more fairer to all New

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2 Yorkers. We held safety summons in numerous sectors
3 across all five boroughs, increased coordinated
4 social services in high crime areas, created the
5 first ever office of crime victim's services,
6 increased transparency relating to school safety and
7 school discipline in our schools and that's just to
8 name a few, there's much, much more. This version of
9 the Right to Know Act will be yet another tool that
10 we can use to improve the relationships between our
11 communities and the NYPD, but it cannot and should
12 not be our only tool. I hope I speak for all of my
13 colleagues when I say that I look forward to
14 continuing to work with all of the advocates and
15 stakeholders as well as the NYPD and the
16 administration to truly protect public safety and
17 increase respect for every New Yorker. Finally, I
18 want to highlight the work of the legislative
19 division and the prime sponsors of both pieces of
20 legislation who have truly undertaken an incredible
21 amount of work to draft, compromise, negotiate, and
22 finalize many versions of these bills to truly adopt
23 a balanced approach, a delicate approach to achieving
24 today's bills. It has been an honor to serve as your
25 Chair of the Public Safety Committee and I remain

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2 fully committed to working with all of my colleagues
3 and the administration to improve police community
4 relationships in the new term and with that I want to
5 acknowledge the staff who've worked really hard.
6 Their labor of love has not gone unnoticed; our
7 Senior Legislative Council who sits next to me, Deepa
8 Ambekar; our Legislative Policy Analyst, Casie
9 Addison; our Senior Financial Analyst, Steve Riester;
10 our Deputy Chief of Staff, Laura Popa; my Chief of
11 Staff, Dana Wax and my Deputy Chief of Staff, Wendy
12 Gallegos. Thank you for countless hours not just on
13 today's agenda but certainly the past four years. To
14 all of my colleagues on this committee I hope and
15 truly pray that we will continue to work together in
16 the spirit of collaboration and partnership. Its been
17 an honor to work with you, it's been even more of an
18 honor to serve as the first woman and the first
19 person of color to Chair this committee, it is
20 something that I have never taken lightly, I've
21 recognized the great responsibility that I've carried
22 on my shoulders each and every day and many always
23 remind me of that responsibility and truly our
24 outgoing members I want to recognize on this
25 committee who are leaving us at the end of this

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2 month; Council Member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland of
3 Queens, Council Member Vincent Gentile of Brooklyn
4 and Council Member Jimmie Vacca of the Bronx, thank
5 you colleagues for your public service to your
6 districts and the city of New York, I look forward to
7 whatever God has in store for you in public service
8 in your next chapter. Thank you for your service and
9 we look forward to working with you in another
10 chapter. May God bless you and keep you and certainly
11 on the season of the holidays I wish each and
12 everyone of you, my colleagues and all the members of
13 the public an incredible and wonderful happy holiday
14 season, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy
15 Kwanzaa and I look forward to working with all of you
16 in the new year. Thank you so much and with that I
17 want to also call my colleagues attention in addition
18 to the committee report you have in front of you, you
19 also have from the finance division a fiscal impact
20 statement on the cost of both Intro 182-D and Intro
21 541-C. I also want to acknowledge for the record that
22 we've received testimony from Julia Carmel Salazar
23 representing the Communities United for Police
24 Reform, we've received that for the record. And as
25 both bills have gone through significant changes if

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2 any of my colleagues on the committee have any
3 questions please let us know and our Senior
4 Legislative Council Deepa Ambekar will be happy to
5 answer any of those questions. And now I want to ask
6 our prime sponsor of Intro 182-D to please bring his
7 statement forward, Council Member Ritchie Torres,
8 thank you colleagues.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Thank you Council
10 Member Gibson. Intro 182 is the most comprehensive
11 police reform that the city council has ever
12 undertaken. Never before has the council set
13 standards of accountability and transparency aimed at
14 improving the everyday street encounters between
15 police and civilians. Intro 182 once enacted will
16 require every single officer to have a business card,
17 the business cards will include the name, rank,
18 shield number and command of the officer, it will
19 include the number to 3-1-1 where a civilian can go
20 to express concerns, compliments or complaints about
21 the conduct of an officer. It will include the
22 website where a civilian can go to request video
23 footage of the street encounter. Every officer will
24 be required to provide a business card upon request
25 in every single interaction without exception. Every

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2 officer will be required to provide a business card
3 proactively regardless of request and every level
4 two, level three, and level four interaction. Level
5 two interactions consist of investigatory questioning
6 based on a suspicion of criminal activity. Level
7 three interactions consist of stop, question and
8 frisk. Level four interactions consist of searches.
9 These are the most intensive and intrusive
10 interactions that have long been the subject of most
11 civilian complaints. Asking for an ID card in the
12 midst of an escalating encounter carries the risk of
13 deepening tensions. The point of Intro 81.. 82 is to
14 demand proactive identification as a means of
15 deescalating the very street encounters that do
16 escalate. The moment a street encounter escalates to
17 the level of accusatory questioning or escalates to
18 the level of stop, question or frisk or escalates to
19 the level of a search that encounter immediately
20 becomes subject to a proactive identification
21 requirement. The historical context here is critical,
22 the Right to Know Act was originally part of the
23 Community Safety Act which emerged against the
24 backdrop of stop and frisk policing. At the height of
25 stop and frisk policing there were 700,000 stops in

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2 New York City. If Intro 182 had been the law back in
3 2011, every single one of those 700,000 stops would
4 have been subject to the proactive ID requirement. By
5 way of further illustration, compare Intro 182 to the
6 federal court decision in Floyd versus New York City.
7 In Floyd, the federal court required the NYPD to
8 provide tear offs for level three encounters. By
9 contrast, Intro 182 will require the NYPD to provide
10 free printed cards which are more reliable than
11 handwritten tear offs and it will require those
12 preprinted cards to be given not only at level three
13 but level two, level three and level four
14 interactions. We'll compare Intro 182 to the
15 Community Safety Act, the Community Safety Act
16 established an office which is something the council
17 does all the time, it created a private right of
18 action in court, which is something the council does
19 all the time. By contrast Intro 182 regulates the day
20 to day street encounters between police and civilians
21 which is something the council has never done before,
22 it is historic, it is unprecedented, it is real
23 reform in the truest sense of the word. We'll compare
24 Intro 182 to Intro 541, Intro 541 only applies to
25 consent searches which makes up a narrow subset of

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2 enforcement action. By contrast, Intro 182 affects
3 every single police civilian interaction and it has
4 the greatest deescalating effect on the very police
5 civilian interactions that do escalate. As the
6 youngest elected official of color in New York City I
7 know firsthand what it is like to be confronted by an
8 officer without knowing who is confronting me or why
9 and I know from my own lived experience as well as
10 from my own knowledge of three years of negotiations
11 that Intro 182 once enacted will bring greater
12 transparency to the very street encounters that I
13 experienced as an adolescent and as an adult. Now
14 there have been some controversy around these
15 bills, there's been several myths circulating Intro
16 182 and I want to address some of those myths. Myth
17 number one, Intro 182 is a backroom deal, this is a
18 lie. Intro 182 and Intro 541 were negotiated through
19 the same process by the same negotiators in the same
20 room. As far as I know there was no special secret
21 smoke-filled room in which Intro 182 was uniquely
22 negotiated. Myth number two, I am doing the bidding
23 of the NYPD, this too is a lie. Intro 182 and Intro
24 541 are both products of painstaking negotiations
25 with the NYPD and it took three years to get the NYPD

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2 to begrudgingly accept these bills as part of a hard-
3 fought compromise. Myth number three, I am doing the
4 bidding of the police benevolent association. Now I
5 will confess that I've been caught red handed and for
6 evidence I would direct you to look no further than
7 the supportive words of Patrick Lynch quote, "it is
8 almost unthinkable in our current environment that we
9 would discourage police officers from proactively
10 addressing the threats of crime and terrorism but
11 that is precisely what the Right to Know Bills would
12 accomplish," he said calling them harmful pieces of
13 legislation that present a dangerous distraction from
14 the very real threats to our city". Now these are
15 clearly the words of a glowing endorsement, clearly
16 the words of a man who is grateful to me for
17 allegedly doing his bidding. And myth number four,
18 Intro 182 guts protections, this is the single
19 biggest lie of them all. Local law presently offers
20 no protections for accountability or transparency in
21 police civilian interactions. Common sense dictates
22 that you cannot gut protections that do not exist.
23 Intro 182 creates new protections that will have the
24 force and staying power of law. And I want to address
25 concerns about traffic stops and I, I will make two

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2 points. As I noted before the Right to Know Act was
3 originally part of the Community Safety Act which was
4 developed against the backdrop of stop and frisk
5 policing, stop and frisk policing is fundamentally
6 about street encounters not traffic stops. And
7 second, the concern was the council has been going in
8 the direction of reducing contact with the criminal
9 justice system, reducing the number of arrests,
10 reducing the number of summonses. The Mayor's Office,
11 the NYPD, the Speaker's Office had concerns that if
12 we had included traffic stops in the legislation, the
13 PBA would have directed their officers to issue
14 summonses rather than informal warnings. And so I had
15 to make a decision about whether I was going to
16 derail an entire compromise over something that could
17 have the unintended consequence of generating
18 hundreds of thousands of summonses in the city of New
19 York and I concluded that a compromise that regulates
20 day to day interactions between police and civilians
21 to an extent we've never seen before was a strong
22 foundation that we could build on in the future. I
23 want to thank all my colleagues who have stood with
24 me. I want to give particular gratitude to Council
25 Member Johnson who actually defended me in a hearing

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2 and, and my colleagues who do defend me do so not out
3 of tribalism but out of trust. Those who know me know
4 that I'm a public servant who cares deeply about the
5 substance of what I do and I would not be moving
6 forward with this compromise unless I was... if it
7 were... if I was not absolutely certain that the
8 substance of what we have negotiated was
9 fundamentally strong and represents a historic and
10 bonafide breakthrough for police civilian
11 interactions. With that said that's the extent of my
12 comments.

13 CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: Thank you very much
14 Council Member Torres and with that as I mentioned
15 earlier if any of my colleagues on the committee have
16 any questions about the fiscal impact or the contents
17 of either pieces of legislation please reach out and
18 let us know so you can speak with Deepa Ambekar as
19 well as Steve Riester and with that we're going to
20 begin and I'm going to have our Committee Clerk,
21 William Martin call the roll. Thank you once again
22 for joining us colleagues.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: William Martin,
24 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on Public
25 Safety, items are coupled, Chair Gibson?

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CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: Pass.

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COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Matteo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Madame Chair may

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CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: Yes, you may.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Thank you. I'll

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be voting no today because at best these bills are an

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unprecedented intrusion into the NYPD's ability to

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handcuff our officer's efforts to prevent and solve

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a compromise between my council colleagues and the

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administration I cannot vote for legislation that

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job and potentially threaten the safe streets that so

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many residents, residents and businesses call home.

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With that said I'm voting no on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Gentile?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Madame Chair may

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I be excused to explain my vote?

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CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: Yes, you may.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: First of all let me thank you Madame Chair for your leadership over the... this term and certainly it's been a pleasure to serve with you on this... on this committee.

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CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: Thank you... [cross-talk]

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Let me just say that I have full confidence in my colleague, Ritchie Torres's ability to, to negotiate this final version of this bill and his ability to put something on the floor that not only is, is acceptable and good in his terms, in the terms of what he set out to do but also in the eyes of the New York City Police Department that this is something that they have agreed is, is a way to move forward and I congratulate Councilman Torres for his persistence, his perseverance and for his ability to get us to this point and with that I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Ferreras-Copeland?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND: I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Williams?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Pass.

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COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Cornegy?

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Deutsch?

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: No.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Espinal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Lancman?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANCOUNCIL MEMBERAN: Let
me just say this is a tough committee Madame
Chairwoman and you have put your heart and soul into
it these last few years and I want to commend you
for, for your effort and the way that you've
conducted yourself, with that I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Torres?

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Well Vanessa it's
an honor to have you not only as a colleague in the
Bronx Delegation but as Chair of the Public Safety
Committee. It's... as, as I've learned this past week
tackling police reform is a thankless task at times,
but I proudly vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACOMMITTEE CLERK MARTINA:
I commend the Chair of course, Vanessa Gibson for her

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2 service, I also commend Councilman Torres for his
3 hard work however I vote no on both bills.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Williams?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: May I please
6 explain my vote?

7 CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: Yes.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you very
9 much. First off, let me say I, I, I just want to make
10 mention of the hard work that both Council Member
11 Torres and Council Member Reynoso put into these
12 bills. I have a, a... in my eight years been in
13 disagreement with many of my colleagues and they've
14 been in disagreement with me, we've never resorted to
15 a personal attack, so I will not do so now, I know
16 how much work it goes into put a bill like this. I
17 won't respond to the diminished words of the
18 Community Safety Act, I think everyone knows the
19 herculean effort that it took to get that passed in
20 the time that they were in. I will say that this was
21 part of the Community Safety Act, at that time we
22 made a calculation because we couldn't get... we
23 couldn't cross the threshold that we wanted to cross
24 we would pass two of the bills and let the other two
25 go. I'm glad that I was able to give a, a young

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2 upstart an opportunity to show the leadership on, on
3 this particular bill. Just for me to clear up some
4 miscommunications, the first one is somehow this,
5 this bill 182 is being opposed because the advocates
6 and folks can't get 100 percent that is completely
7 not the right... is a complete mischaracterization,
8 none of the bills are 100 percent of what the
9 advocates want but in negotiation there is a
10 threshold with which folks believe there is a
11 diminished return if you move forward not getting a
12 certain amount and I believe that that threshold is
13 here at... with 182. For clarity I have disagreed with
14 advocates on a number of bills, Intro 119-D that was
15 recently passed was passed without the acceptance of
16 the advocates but as I... they... I explained why I'm
17 doing it and the mutual respect remained. This bill
18 was often talked about moving the ball forward, I
19 would say and add even if you took out level two
20 stops it would move the ball forward. We have to
21 always talk about the move... the ball being moved
22 forward in context of what has been put in pollical
23 capital wise and a discussion that has to be had
24 after. I believe a false celebration with this bill
25 will make it harder to have continued conversations

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2 that are needed going forward. Almost all advocates
3 who are in this bill including Community United
4 Police Reform and NWACP, the National Action Network,
5 the families some of which are in this room now who
6 have lost loved ones are all opposed to this bill not
7 because Ritchie has not put a lot of effort in here,
8 not because there's nothing good in the bill because
9 it has merit because the calculations of all those
10 folks that it will make the conversation harder in
11 the manner in which that was put into it's proper
12 context. The second one was this notion somehow that
13 folks are ceding to advocates or as one person put
14 it, advocating the responsibility to advocates, that
15 again is not true, and I find it ironic that that was
16 made about this one bill while using advocates to try
17 to shepherd through another bill that's also very
18 controversial, controversial at the same time. This
19 conversation is something people often look to, to my
20 voice to help push forward. I stayed out of it as the
21 negotiations were going forward and then was
22 presented with something that I was forced to comment
23 on, I assume in the next term I still will have a
24 voice and, and the others who were opposed to it. We
25 know how difficult it would be, it is... should be

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2 pointed out the only people who are supporting this
3 bill primarily are the people who bottled it up for
4 the last four years or the people who made an ill
5 conceived agreement a few years ago, everyone else is
6 opposed to it including the people who asked them not
7 to make the agreement and all they are saying is that
8 don't come to us with a zero sum ultimatum on the
9 absolute last time that we can make a decision and
10 let's have a, a better discussion going forward. I
11 might add the opposition includes black and Latino
12 law enforcement organizations who are routinely with
13 us as we make these decisions so... with that said and
14 a heartfelt acknowledgement of the work that was put
15 in by both of my colleagues I'm voting aye on... which
16 one is that five... is it 541? 541 and I'm voting no on
17 182.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Chair Gibson?

19 CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: Thank you. Thank you
20 very much to all of my colleagues who are here and
21 have served on this committee for the past four
22 years. Once again, it's truly been an honor to work
23 with you and I appreciate the confidence that you
24 have given to me to lead this committee to have very
25 important yet delicate conversations about policing

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2 the city of New York and obviously what happens on a
3 national level and how that impacts every day New
4 Yorkers. This committee has done a tremendous amount
5 of work and we've worked under limited circumstances
6 where we've had to navigate a process, look at
7 innovative and creative approaches in terms of
8 legislation not just talk the talk but walk the walk
9 in terms of what we've done in the crisis management
10 system, what we've done with anti-gun violence
11 advocates and certainly working with New Yorkers and
12 families who are impacted by police abuses each and
13 every day and so I want to join my colleagues in
14 acknowledging the work that has been done to get us
15 here today. It has not been easy, maybe we make it
16 look too good, but it has not been easy and I want to
17 thank Council Member Reynoso and Council Member
18 Torres for their leadership, critical leadership. As
19 legislators we are tasked with making decisions every
20 single day both here at city hall as well as in our
21 districts and at the end of the day we want to make
22 sure that we don't compromise our values, our
23 principles and the fundamental rights that we believe
24 every New Yorker should be afforded. And the climate
25 that we're working in with a national government that

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2 does not support our sanctuary status as a city we
3 have to fight like never before for the basic
4 protections that New Yorkers should rightfully
5 receive and so these bills come to this committee at
6 a very important time when we've made significant
7 progress working with the NYPD and working with all
8 of our stakeholders and at the end of the day we will
9 move forward and we will still work together for the
10 betterment of every New Yorker. None of the
11 legislation that we have advanced in this committee,
12 the world has not fallen apart. The sky has not
13 fallen apart but rather we have had really important
14 conversations that really serve to invest in our city
15 and make a difference. So, while I understand all of
16 the concerns, the phone calls, the emails, the
17 tweets, every level of communication that we have
18 been afforded to receive three years ago, last year,
19 this year, this entire weekend we've been flooded
20 with phone calls and I really appreciate all of the
21 advocacy. I hope that moving forward after these
22 bills we still continue to have these very important
23 conversations. We have New Yorkers that are living
24 with emotional disturbances, we have EDP calls all
25 the time that NYPD is responding to and that is an

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2 issue that we need to take up in the next session and
3 so with that I want to thank Council Member Reynoso
4 and thank Council Member Torres, all of the civil
5 rights group, the defense attorneys, the civil legal
6 services, organizations, the families impacted by
7 these measures and every single advocate, we have
8 heard you. At the end of the day we have a process
9 and we are going to move forward. I do hope these
10 conversations do continue in the new year and I'm
11 looking forward to working with all of my colleagues
12 and with that I want... okay, sure. And with that I am
13 voting aye on both with my congratulations to both
14 sponsors and my firm commitment moving forward to
15 continue conversations on building relationships with
16 the NYPD across our city. Thank you very much,
17 Council Member Torres.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Yeah, I just want
19 to respond to Council Member Williams and I just want
20 to... I respect whatever differences of opinion we
21 have, I have immense respect for you as a public
22 servant and you know that and look forward to
23 continuing our friendship for the next four years and
24 you're right, conversations about policing, about
25 race are hard, are always going to remain hard

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2 because that's the nature of American life and we all
3 have our thresholds and you might remember about a
4 year and a half ago I came out against the Speaker's
5 administrative agreement because it did meet... I did
6 not meet one of my thresholds which was especially
7 level two interactions and I was forcefully critical
8 and there were many who said at the time that that
9 agreement would foreclose the possibility of
10 progress. The fact that we're moving forward today I
11 think thoroughly disproves that argument. I think we
12 in the advocacy community just have to continue
13 advocating and agitating to move the ball further and
14 further and further and never relent, you know in my
15 mind progress is a floor not a ceiling, it's a
16 precedent. We're setting a precedent on something
17 we've never done before, and we should build on it in
18 the years to come. No one should pretend that this
19 legislation is going to fundamentally shift the
20 paradigm in policing, right, no one should pretend
21 that this legislation is going to solve
22 institutionalized racism either in policing or
23 elsewhere in American life, but does it move the ball
24 forward, I believe it does and I believe we should
25 continue that struggle in the years to come so..

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2 CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: Thank you very much
3 to all of my colleagues.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: By a vote of
5 seven in the affirmative, four in the negative and no
6 abstentions Introduction 182-D has been adopted by
7 the committee and by eight in the affirmative, three
8 in the negative and no abstentions Introduction 541-C
9 is also adopted by the committee.

10 CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: Alright, great.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Alright.

12 CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: Thank you colleagues
13 for joining us once again and to each and everyone of
14 you have a wonderful happy holiday and thank you so
15 much for joining us today. Good luck to all of my
16 colleagues who are leaving us at the end of the
17 month, god bless you all.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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December 31, 2017