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B E F O R E: Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Silence all electronic
3 devices at this time. Thank you so much.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: [GAVEL] Good
5 evening. Welcome to the Stated Meeting of June 13,
6 2022. I'm Majority Leader Keith Powers. I want to
7 thank everyone here today for joining us or watching
8 from home. If you would like to follow along, you can
9 follow along on the website where today's agenda is
10 posted.

11 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Would you please
12 join us for the Pledge of Allegiance?

13 CHAMBERS: I pledge allegiance to the flag
14 of the United States of America and to the Republic
15 for which it stands, one nation under God,
16 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Roll call.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Abreu.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present.

20 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Ariola.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Present.

22 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Aviles.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Presente.

24 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Ayala.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

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2 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Barron.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: They got the Black
4 Panther in the back here. Here.

5 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Bottcher.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Present.

7 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Brannan.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

9 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Brewer.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

11 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Brooks-Powers.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present.

13 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Caban.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Present.

15 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Carr.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Present.

17 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: De La Rosa.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

19 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Dinowitz.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.

21 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Farias.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: Present.

23 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Feliz.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Presente.

25 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Gennaro.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

3 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Gutierrez.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Presente.

5 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Hanif.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.

7 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Hanks.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present.

9 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Holden.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

11 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Hudson.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present.

13 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Joseph.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present.

15 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Kagan.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Present.

17 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Krishnan.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.

19 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Lee.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here.

21 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Louis.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.

23 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Marte.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present.

25 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Mealy. Menin.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Present.

3 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Moya.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.

5 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Narcisse.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present.

7 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Nurse.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present.

9 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Osse.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: Present.

11 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Paladino.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Present.

13 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Restler.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Present.

15 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Richardson Jordan.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN:

17 Present.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Riley.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

20 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Rivera.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

22 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Salamanca.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

24 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Sanchez.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.

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2 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Schulman.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Stevens.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here.

6 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Ung.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present.

8 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Velazquez.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Present.

10 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Vernikov.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Present.

12 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Williams.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'm here.

14 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Won.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present.

16 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Yeger.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Borelli.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Here.

20 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Powers.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Here.

22 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Speaker Adams.

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present.

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

25 Invocation.

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2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

3 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Adoption of
4 Minutes.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Messages and
7 Papers from the Mayor.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: M 74 City Debt and
9 Reserves.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, ordered,
11 printed, and filed.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Communications
13 from City, County, and Borough Offices.

14 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered M 71
15 Transfer of Funds between Agencies.

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Finance.

17 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered M 72 New
18 City Revenues Fiscal Year 2022.

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Finance.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Petitions and
21 Communications.

22 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Land Use Call-
24 Ups.

25 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We
3 will now have Communication from Speaker Adrienne
4 Adams.

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Good evening, everyone. As
6 a reminder, masks are encouraged to be worn
7 throughout the Stated Meeting in Council Chambers.

8 Today, we're voting on several items
9 related to adoption of the budget for Fiscal Year
10 2023. This budget invests in New Yorkers' health and
11 safety during a time of great challenges. It advances
12 this Council's vision of a balanced approach to
13 making our communities safer by strengthening them
14 through key investments in programs and services. As
15 I said on Friday during the budget handshake, none of
16 this could've been possible without the hard work,
17 dedication, and contributions of each and every one
18 of you so I thank you for helping us reach this
19 moment. I especially want to thank our Finance Chair,
20 Justin Brannan, our Budget Negotiating Team, and, of
21 course, the Finance Division staff led by Tanisha
22 Edwards. I also want to thank our terrific
23 Legislative Documents Unit staff. Let's give them all
24 a round of applause.

2 This City Council secured record amounts
3 of priority investments from our budget response
4 during negotiations with the administration. This
5 funding represents nearly 90 percent of our expense
6 requests, which is unprecedented. These investments
7 will benefit New Yorkers by supporting health and
8 safety, parks and sanitation services, protections
9 for tenants and homeowners, and expanded
10 opportunities for services for our young people and
11 seniors.

12 Reflecting the concerns expressed by many
13 of you, the Council also held its ground against
14 unnecessary spending growth on NYPD and additional
15 criminal justice system expenditures that do not make
16 us safer. We successfully pushed back against the
17 proposal to add more correction officers to the
18 Department of Corrections because we knew it was
19 unnecessary and would do nothing to solve the
20 agency's issues relative to managing the staff and
21 resources currently in place.

22 As stewards of our city's finances, we
23 took on the responsibility of preparing for the
24 budgetary challenges ahead by adding historic sums to
25 the city's reserves, including an additional 750

2 million dollars to the Rainy Day Fund, bringing the
3 total to just under 2 billion dollars. This
4 commitment will help cushion the city from budget
5 gaps in the out-years.

6 Another historic win for this Council in
7 the budget is the strengthening of our budgetary
8 powers to ensure more accountability and transparency
9 in city agency spending. We secured a record 18 new
10 units of appropriation including 4 in HRA to report
11 on Fair Fares and domestic violence services, 4 in
12 DOC to shed light on jail operations and health
13 programming, and 6 in the NYPD to ensure transparency
14 and accountability in their spending. We also
15 negotiated 60 terms and conditions which allow for
16 better oversight of spending for a host of service,
17 and I thank Special Counsel Jim Caras for his hard
18 work in doing that.

19 Notably, the Council will have more
20 insight on NYPD overtime spending, the level of sick
21 leave and unstaffed posts with the DOC, and a
22 breakdown of DSNY's litter basket pickups and other
23 sanitation services. These are significant victories
24 for this Council because we are now better positioned
25 to hold agencies accountable and exercise our

2 increasing authority within the budget. This is
3 especially important because we consider the budget a
4 year-round process, and we will continue to monitor
5 the impact of this budget will have on our
6 communities throughout the entire Fiscal Year. We
7 could not have secured these new powers for this
8 institution without the support and strong voices of
9 all of you, and I am grateful for your leadership,
10 Colleagues.

11 This budget includes so many critical
12 investments that make our communities healthy and
13 strong. I'd like to highlight just some of the areas
14 where the funding will make a tremendous difference
15 for New Yorkers. The Council fought hard for
16 additional investments in programs to benefit our
17 young people and families, including 277 million
18 dollars for the Summer Rising program to provide
19 academic enrichment over the summer, 79 millions
20 dollars to expand SYEP to a record 100,000 slots, and
21 nearly 20 million dollars to double the number of
22 Work, Learn, and Grow slots for year-round youth
23 employment. We're allocating 46 million dollars to
24 increase wages for special education, pre-K, and
25 daycare providers to support programs that serve our

2 young people, 33 million dollars to expand career and
3 technical education, and 30 million dollars for the
4 Fair Futures Initiative to uplift our foster care
5 youth. These are significant wins that will help
6 children and families across our entire city.

7 This budget also prioritizes the health
8 and safety of New Yorkers by investing in care and
9 those who provide it. We secured 60 million dollars
10 for a cost-of-living adjustment for our human service
11 workers. We secured this COLA for those who provide
12 critical services for New Yorkers but are not paid
13 what they deserve. The Council sought to change this
14 reality and ensure that the workers rightfully
15 receive an adjustment in their salaries. We also
16 prioritized increasing mental health support and
17 outreach for our unhoused neighbors through a 19-
18 million-dollar investment. We are allocating 5
19 million dollars for hate crime prevention and support
20 for impacted communities, 5 million dollars to help
21 students with mental health challenges across direct
22 services and schools, and a 2.5-million-dollar
23 investment to create New York State's first trauma
24 recovery centers to support victims of crime.

2 As I announced during Friday's budget
3 handshake, the Council will establish a new Speaker's
4 Initiative to provide each Member with 100,000
5 dollars to invest in holistic safety by supporting
6 community safety programs. You, my Colleagues, can
7 decide how to best advocate the funding for youth
8 services, housing support, mental health, or ways to
9 strengthen our communities.

10 On housing, this Council remains
11 committed to addressing housing insecurity and
12 affordability for New Yorkers. We are investing 237
13 million dollars to fully fund rental assistance
14 programs and increase the rate of City FHEPS vouchers
15 to match Section 8 levels. We're also expanding
16 funding for drop-in centers, safe haven beds, and
17 stabilization beds to more effectively help New
18 Yorkers experiencing homelessness with 171 million
19 dollars. More than 33 million dollars was provided to
20 support HASA for New Yorkers living with HIV/AIDS.
21 City agencies focused on housing issues must have the
22 necessary funding to do their job to protect New
23 Yorkers, and that's why this budget provides 19
24 millions dollars to HPD to hire additional staff,
25 569,000 dollars to expand the Office of the Tenant

2 Advocate, and 452,000 dollars to restore the Source
3 of Income Unit staff at the City Commission for Human
4 Rights.

5 This budget also protects working and
6 middle-class homeowners through a property tax rebate
7 that, combined with the state rebate, will be at
8 least 440 dollars per homeowner, and, for the first
9 time in history, the city's rebate which was proposed
10 by the Council will go towards small homeowners who
11 are behind on their bills. Additionally, the Council
12 will adopt tax rates that minimize impact on
13 homeowners, and the city will request the state to
14 amend the formula for property tax rates to safeguard
15 homeowners who are struggling. Taken together, most
16 small homeowners will see no increase in their
17 property tax burden and some will even see a
18 decrease.

19 Another way we're helping New Yorkers
20 through this recovery is by investing a cleaner and
21 greener city. This budget allocates 44 million
22 dollars for the Parks Department Maintenance and
23 Summer Workforce and includes additional funding to
24 support Urban Park Rangers, Green Thumb Gardens,
25 Forest Management, Tree Stump Removal, and much more.

2 We are also adding 22 million dollars to support
3 litter basket service pickup 6 days a week and twice
4 daily. The Council pushed to restore Sanitation
5 funding for various initiatives including 7.5 million
6 dollars for precision cleaning, nearly 5 million
7 dollars for lot cleaning, and almost 5 million
8 dollars for rate mitigation, and approximately 2
9 million dollars for street cleaning. The budget also
10 includes 9 million dollars to enhance the School
11 Organics Collection Program and also 3.5 million
12 dollars for organics drop-off sites. All of these
13 funding initiatives will make a tremendous difference
14 in the quality of life for our New Yorkers.

15 Finally, this Council is delivering on
16 our goal to expand access to services and
17 opportunities for New Yorkers who need it most,
18 starting with the baselining of 75 million dollars in
19 the budget for Fair Fares. The budget allocates 40
20 million dollars for emergency assistance grants for
21 low-income New Yorkers and 30 million dollars for the
22 Emergency Food Assistance Program, 15 million dollars
23 will go to transition our seniors using Get Food
24 Recovery Meals. We also know New York City is the
25 culture capital of the world, and our institutions

2 need support. That's why we secured 40 million
3 dollars to support our cultural institutions and 67
4 million dollars to provide infrastructure and funding
5 support for our 3 library systems. The Council has
6 advanced a total of 20 million dollars for adult
7 literacy, more than 8 million dollars to expand
8 language access, and 4 million dollars for the Low
9 Wage Worker Initiative.

10 In so many ways, this budget is a major
11 investment in New Yorkers to provide what they need
12 and deserve in our collective recovery. The Council's
13 work on the budget does not end here to be clear, and
14 we know there's more work to do. We will continue to
15 work hard to ensure all communities get increased
16 investments to become stronger and safer. That has
17 always been the focus and priority of this Council,
18 and this budget, our very first as a new Council,
19 delivers on that vision. With that, I turn back into
20 the hands of our Majority Leader.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you,
22 Speaker Adams. We're going to now move into
23 Discussion of General Orders.

24 Before we get started on this and then
25 voting, we want to just remind Members you have 2

2 minutes to explain your vote or on General
3 Discussion. We're going to be holding people to the
4 clock out of respect for everyone's time here and
5 giving everybody an opportunity to speak so please
6 keep your remarks to 2 minutes. Also, a reminder,
7 when you vote, make sure you state your vote and if
8 you have to do a disclosure also please disclose on
9 the record as well.

10 We're going to move now first into
11 Discussion of General Orders. We're going to first
12 call on Minority Leader Joe Borelli.

13 MINORITY LEADER JOE BORELLI: Thank you,
14 Majority Leader, and thank you, Speaker, on your
15 first budget. A hearty congratulations from my
16 conference and from I know a lot of the Members who
17 have been very eager to support you in this endeavor
18 so congratulations.

19 All of us in this Chamber, we get to go
20 home, and, over the next couple of days, we get to
21 talk to our constituents and let them know some of
22 the good things that we did. That's a part of this
23 job. This is politics. We get elected. We have to let
24 people know the job we did. Rest assured, my folks
25 will know they're going to get some Borelli bucks

2 coming in the mail. I urge you to get a moniker for
3 your name and your property tax rebates, but, before
4 we do that, there are some people who don't share in
5 our glory. There are some people who do the work of a
6 yeoman and for the past couple of months they worked
7 very hard so before I ramble on about something else,
8 would you all stand up and give our Finance Division
9 a round of applause?

10 Okay. I'm still on the clock guys so sit
11 down. I want to ramble just briefly about those
12 property tax rebates, which are very good, and 90
13 million dollars is a lot of money and I'm sure there
14 are a lot of other competing interests that folks
15 would've preferred they'd gone to in some cases. If
16 this is your first foray as new Members into the
17 property tax world and our property tax system, I
18 want to say welcome, and I want to remind some of you
19 guys that New York City, despite our rebate, will
20 continue to have the most regressive property tax
21 system of any municipality in the United States. Now
22 I made that up but I'm pretty sure it's true and
23 someone can fact check, but I challenge any of you to
24 find a system in any city of this country or really
25 anywhere else in the world for that matter where

2 millionaires and billionaires in fancy houses pay
3 lower effective tax rates than maids and bus drivers.
4 Find that anywhere in the world. I know many of my
5 friends here consider themselves progressives, and
6 that's great, but now when it comes to this tax I
7 hope you all really join this fight to push,
8 thankfully it's not all us, but to push our
9 Colleagues in Albany, to push the legislative leaders
10 in Albany and the Governor to reform this system so
11 that there is tax equity for all of us. I commend
12 some of my former Colleagues here who recognized that
13 their districts might actually see increases over
14 time in property taxes, and I hope some of you guys
15 would consider being vocal in this endeavor because
16 next year we may not have the money to do a property
17 tax rebate, although I hope we do because, again, the
18 Borelli bucks hopefully keep flowing guys. Have a
19 good night, and I urge all of you to vote yes on the
20 budget.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
22 now here from Council Member Ari Kagan.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ARI KAGAN: Thank you. I
24 would like to say that I strongly support this budget
25 because it improves public safety, and public safety

2 today is the biggest priority in New York City. It
3 improves sanitation services that residents of New
4 York City were complaining for the last 2 years at
5 the very least. It increased earned income tax credit
6 which helps anti-poverty programs that some people
7 are also talking about for a very long time. I'm very
8 happy to see not just Borelli bucks but everyone's
9 bucks for homeowner relief. Taxpayers' money going
10 back to taxpayers which is very good. I'm happy to
11 see additional funding for anti-violence programs
12 which definitely will improve public safety in New
13 York City. I'm definitely supporting significant
14 investments in the Rainy Day Fund because we need to
15 be responsible when we vote for a budget. Of course,
16 I strongly support additional investments in
17 childcare, and I love to see this cost-of-living
18 adjustment to human service workers. Finally, of
19 course, I love to see a system for renters because we
20 love homeowners, but we also love renters as well and
21 they're struggling in these difficult times. Of
22 course, handshake budget agreement, always a
23 compromise, tough compromise, but, all in all, most
24 of the things I see in this budget are very, very

2 good for New York City, and I strongly support it.
3 Thank you so much.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
5 now hear from Council Member Charles Barron who has
6 assured me he's going to stay within the 2-minute
7 limit.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: You can slide
9 over. I want to speak to the people. This is not a
10 good budget. This budget cuts just about every city
11 agency. What you heard from the Speaker was the
12 amount of money that the Council Initiatives and some
13 agency restorations, 1 billion. This is a 100 billion
14 dollar budget, and Wall Street made 58 billion
15 dollars profit which brought in another 3 billion
16 unexpected from this Council this year and another
17 1.5 billion unexpected. There should be no PEGs, no
18 agency cuts to vital services including for our
19 seniors and including for mental health. The police
20 budget, talking about they did something to the
21 police budget, 11 billion dollars for 50,000 police
22 officers and crime is going through the roof. The
23 Cure Violence Teams, the Crisis Management Systems
24 100 million dollars. They do better work in our
25 communities. We are getting cut all over the place.

2 We had an opportunity now with 10 billion dollars to
3 work with. We could've restored cuts. We could've
4 restored all of those federal dollars that's running
5 out, and they did nothing to deal with, most of your
6 communities have 30 percent poverty and 15, 14
7 percent, double digit unemployment. Most of you are
8 here for the first time so you went for the annual
9 budget dance where you just look at Council
10 Initiatives and not the rest of the budget. We really
11 need to look at, they didn't commit to the housing.
12 He's too busy moving the encampments of the homeless
13 than to provide permanent housing for the homeless.
14 You blew a golden opportunity to do 10 times more,
15 and you're not going to get it too often. This is not
16 a people's budget. This is the Adams' family budget,
17 and we should vote it down.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you,
19 Council Member Barron. I'm going to ask Members
20 please deliver remarks from your seats from now on.
21 Please. You have a name on your seat. Please deliver
22 your remarks that has your name on it. Would anybody
23 else like to speak on General Orders?

24 Okay. We're going to now move into the
25 Reports of Special Committees.

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2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

3 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Report of
4 Standing Committees.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report of the
6 Committee on Finance Intro 347 Tax Code Suspension.

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders
8 with Message of Necessity.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered Reso 221
10 Base Percentage.

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered Reso 222
13 Adjusted Base Proportion.

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered Reso 223
16 Current Base Proportion.

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered Reso 224
19 Transparency Resolution.

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: M 50 and Resos 225 and
22 226 Expense Revenue Contract Budget for Fiscal Year
23 2023.

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

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2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: M 51 and Resos 227 and
3 228 Executive Capital Budget Fiscal Year 2023.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: M 52 and Reso 229
6 Fiscal Year 2023 Community Development Program.

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered M 71 and
9 Preconsidered Reso 230 Transfer of City Funds.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered M 72 and
12 Preconsidered Reso 231 Appropriation of New Revenues.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

14 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: M 35 and Reso 232 DOE,
15 SCA 5-year Capital Plan.

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

17 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered M 73 and
18 Preconsidered Reso 233 Fixing the Tax Rate Fiscal

19 Year 2023.

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: M 21 through M 56
22 Various Budget Documents.

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled to be filed.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: General Orders
25 Calendar Intro 179-A.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Laid over, and I would now
3 ask that the Clerk take a roll call vote on all of
4 the items coupled on today's General Orders Calendar.

5 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Abreu.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission to
7 explain my vote.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Majority
10 Leader. It is often said that a budget is not just an
11 accounting document but a reflection of our values.
12 If that's the case, then this one represents a huge
13 step forward to turn our values into action. This
14 budget means progress, and, if we are true to our
15 principles, it is time to put progress over politics.
16 In this budget, we have secured over 1.1 billion
17 dollars in additional funding for our priorities.
18 That represents 90 percent of the Council's expense
19 funding requests. Where I went to school, we call
20 than A grade or AA for Adrienne Adams. By
21 prioritizing equity and funding historically
22 underserved communities, we are paving the way for
23 our city's success. I am especially proud of our
24 investments in youth employment, mental health
25 support, supplemental sanitation services, and

2 childcare for undocumented New Yorkers. Not only
3 that, I'm proud that this budget will bring back
4 serious investments to Upper Manhattan, historic
5 even. Supporting our schools, resource centers,
6 community groups, and families. Every single New
7 Yorker will benefit from this budget which was built
8 through a collaborative process that incorporated the
9 needs and know-how of Council Districts across this
10 great city. That's why we're able to vote on it
11 earlier than any budget in recent memory. I want to
12 thank Speaker Adrienne Adams and the Finance
13 Committee for their work on this transformative,
14 historic, progressive budget and Jalissa Quigley, my
15 Deputy Chief of Staff and Budget Director, for
16 helping me navigate this process. Joe bucks, Shaun
17 shekels are coming. I vote aye.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Council
19 Member, can you confirm your vote, please?

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member
21 Abreu. Please.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: I said I vote aye.

23 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you.

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member,
25 do you have any disclosures to make? Okay. Go ahead.

2 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Ariola. Aviles.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Permission to
4 explain my vote.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: First, many of you
7 know I'm fair, if nothing, and it is important to me
8 to acknowledge that there are some real advancements
9 in this budget. I know many of my Colleagues and
10 Central Staff worked very hard to negotiate those,
11 and I thank you. We are finally going to see more
12 than 1 unit of appropriation for the NYPD and the
13 agency that has ran wild with our tax dollars with 0
14 accountability. I recognize that this is a
15 significant first step that took political will. Let
16 me be clear that transparency without accountability
17 means nothing, especially around a lack of
18 curtailment of overtime and repeated use of failed
19 tactics that directly harm people. Under this budget,
20 NYPD resources will continue to grow and the
21 Department will continue to run roughshod over
22 whatever we allocate towards overtime among other
23 things. We have decades of receipts to know better.
24 Way before the pandemic, New York City public schools
25 were inequitable with poor communities experiencing

2 overcrowding and chronic underfunding. Our children,
3 families, and communities are in crisis so to call
4 the cuts to schools in my district that we are facing
5 a right-sizing due to dips in enrollment is a slap in
6 the face. This budget allows critical resources to be
7 sucked up by aggressive hiring of more safety
8 officers while principals in my district are
9 horrified to make decisions of excising staff,
10 afterschool programs, and necessary supports and
11 coaches that are needed. Mind you, these cuts are
12 compounding. It is not just fair student funding,
13 but, next year, our children will continue to face
14 bigger classes, no afterschool programs, and less
15 family supports. Yet, we invest in initiatives that
16 require individualized staff and celebrate them. This
17 is a mere contradiction. It is unconscionable to cut
18 school budgets right now while we sit on unspent
19 federal funds. How we spend money matters. I will say
20 one last thing. I will wrap it up.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Make sure you
22 state your vote as well, Council Member.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: We are facing an
24 unprecedented crisis in the housing arena. The number
25 one concern for New Yorkers as pointed out in the

2 Mayor's New York City Speaks Survey and what this
3 budget does about that is nothing. It commits a
4 paltry 2.5 billion over 10 years in capital dollars,
5 and the privatization of NYCHA is unconscionable as
6 the public housing Chair.

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member,
8 if we could get your vote.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Yes, you may. Our
10 work continues. Rest assured we are focused, we are
11 resolved, and like (INAUDIBLE) and unbought. I vote
12 no on this budget.

13 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Council Member, the
14 rest of the items?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Can you repeat the
16 question?

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: No on Expense and
19 Capital and aye on the rest.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you,
21 Council Member.

22 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. One
23 moment.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Hold on one
3 second. We'll stand at ease for one second. Go ahead
4 and make your disclosure.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Make my
6 disclosure. I am disclosing on the record of the
7 Council proceedings that the New York City Department
8 of Education is funded in the budget we are adopting,
9 and my 2 children are students at this entity and
10 that the New York City Parks Department is funded in
11 the budget that we are adopting, and my sister is an
12 employee of this entity.

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

14 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Ayala.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Permission to
16 explain my vote.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Thank you. First
19 and foremost, I want to disclose on the record of the
20 City Council proceedings that Park East High School
21 is funded in this budget that we're adopting and my
22 child is a student at Park East High School, and AHRC
23 is funded in this budget that we're adopting any my
24 partner is associated with this entity, the
25 Children's Aid Society is funded in this budget that

2 we're adopting and my son is associated with this
3 entity, Heritage High School is funded in the budget
4 that we're adopting and my son is associated with
5 that entity, and I don't have 100 sons, there are
6 just 2. They just happen to be everywhere.

7 Before I cast my vote, I just want to
8 give a heartfelt thank you to the entire Finance team
9 for all of their tireless work. I don't know that
10 many Members know, but they worked around the clock
11 for weeks and weeks on end going back and forth
12 negotiating this budget with the Mayor's team. No
13 budget is perfect. I don't think that you can erase
14 years and years of disinvestment in 1 budget, 2
15 budgets, 3 budgets even, and, yeah, we had a really
16 good year this year financially. However, I just want
17 people to know that we did the best that we could
18 with the resources that we had, and I think that we
19 walked out of budget negotiations with a really,
20 really good budget and that there are areas where I
21 am sure that people will find that we could've done
22 more. But the budget doesn't end, conversations don't
23 end with adoption. Conversations will continue
24 throughout the year, and this Body is willing and
25 looking forward to having more robust conversations

2 with the community, with stakeholders on how we can
3 do just that, but I am not one to throw the baby out
4 with the bathwater and I think this is an exceptional
5 budget and I think that you guys did an awesome job,
6 and I want to thank all of my Colleagues at budget
7 negotiating. With that, I vote aye on all.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you,
9 Council Member. Do you have any disclosures to make,
10 Council Member Ayala?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I did. I disclosed.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: You did? Okay.
13 Thank you.

14 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Barron.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Me?

16 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Council Member
17 Barron.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, thank
19 you. May I be excused to explain my vote?

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Yes.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I just want to put
22 on the record that my son works for BRIC, the
23 Brooklyn Information and Culture, funded by this
24 Council.

2 Let me say this to you. You're going to
3 hear over, for the people in the balcony, this is not
4 a perfect budget. Been here now for 12 years. They
5 shouldn't even use the word perfect with this budget.
6 You're also going to hear we did the best we can. No.
7 Much more could've been done. Let's take the rebate.
8 The rebate for 440 dollars. In November, they'll be a
9 hike in property tax, but they minimize the hike.
10 That rebate is going to be taken right back from them
11 in November. How about the capital budget? Did any of
12 you read the capital budget? Do you know that there's
13 billions in there for building more inner-city jails
14 for your people in black and brown communities?
15 Billions of dollars for jails. How about jobs? Did
16 you see the workforce development program? 1.7
17 million dollars. 1.7 million for workforce
18 development. I say jobs, not jails. Why would we do
19 that in our communities that have double digit
20 unemployment? 1.7 million for workforce development.
21 4 billion, 5 billion for jails. Do you know how much
22 overtime money police get paid? 513 million dollars,
23 and they added more in this budget for overtime. The
24 police overtime is 1/3 of the 1.4 billion that the
25 whole city pays for overtime. Our people don't commit

2 crimes because there's not enough police. There's not
3 enough jobs, too much poverty, and much, too much,
4 unemployment, and mental health issues. All cut. I
5 vote no on all items except Preconsidered Reso 224, I
6 vote yes. Everything else no.

7 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Bottcher.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Permission to
9 explain my vote.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Someone was
12 joking that I should take the B off my first name so
13 I won't have to follow Council Member Barron for the
14 next 7 years, but I am proud to serve with this body.
15 I'm very, very proud to serve with so many dedicated
16 public servants who are all doing such incredible
17 work representing your community here at City Hall
18 and out in your districts. We're not always going to
19 agree. Lord knows we won't, but I'm very proud to
20 serve with all of you. I'm also very proud of this
21 budget which is going to do so much to help us
22 address the various crises affecting our city. The
23 homelessness crisis, the mental health crisis, the
24 sanitation crisis. I'm very happy that we are
25 restoring corner basket service to not just pre-

2 pandemic levels but greater than pre-pandemic levels.
3 Overflowing waste baskets in all our communities.
4 It's a basic thing we have to do, and we're doing it
5 in this budget. One issue that isn't being resolved
6 prior to adoption that I do look forward to working
7 on is the issue of school funding and spending at the
8 Department of Education because schools in my
9 district are facing large cuts and we're talking
10 about a 38-billion-dollar budget. We're increasing
11 the budget of the DOE with this budget, but some of
12 my schools are telling me that they're going to have
13 to consolidate 3 classes per grade into 2 with over
14 30 kids in a grade. That's not okay with me so let's
15 work on that. Let's stop that from happening. Thanks
16 to my Finance Chair Winn Periyasamy, my Chief of
17 Staff Sean Coughlin, my co-Chair in the Manhattan
18 delegation Council Member Chris Marte, and Speaker
19 Adams, and all of you. I vote aye.

20 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Brannan.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Permission to
22 explain my vote.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I'll give you
24 permission.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Thank you. This
3 budget is a down payment on New York City's comeback.
4 Not the way it was but the way it should be. From day
5 one this Council said our recovery would require real
6 and meaningful investments in every community. We
7 knew we couldn't cut our way to prosperity so we
8 doubled down on what matters. We are city of
9 communities and now, more than ever, hardworking New
10 Yorkers from Soundview to Soho, from Dyckman Street
11 to Dyker Heights, they want to know their elected
12 officials are working overtime to make their lives
13 better. This City Council heard that clarion call and
14 fought hard to deliver a prompt budget with both
15 record investments and record reserves. A budget that
16 puts money directly into the communities and back
17 into the pockets of working families. I'm proud of my
18 Colleagues and the dedicated Finance team who spent
19 countless hours, late nights, and weekends working
20 behind the scenes on this Council's first budget. I
21 thank Speaker Adams for fostering an incredibly
22 transparent and collaborative negotiation process and
23 all of my Colleagues for working together to deliver
24 on our shared priorities of a stronger, fairer,

2 safer, and more prosperous city for all. I vote aye
3 on all.

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Brewer.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very
6 much. I too want to thank Speaker Adrienne Adams, the
7 Finance Staff led by Tanisha Edwards and including
8 Jonathan Rosenberg, Jim Caras, Eisha Wright, Paul
9 Scimone, James Reyes, Ray Majewski, and (INAUDIBLE)
10 Malcolm Butehorn for all of their work as well as
11 Chief of Staff Jeremy John, Carlos Beato, Special
12 Counsel to the Speaker, and all the Sergeants-at-Arms
13 for all of their responsiveness during this time. I
14 do want to thank Jeff Brodus (phonetic) on the
15 Mayor's side and Ivan Acosta at OMB because they used
16 to work for the City Council and they certainly did a
17 great job. On my staff, Leo Bullaro, Eddie Amador,
18 Jack Wild, and Shula Puder. There are so many
19 highlights, one of them, of course, is clean streets.
20 Six days a week is a major aspect for picking up
21 litter twice a day. Parks to be cleaned with
22 gardeners, horticulturists, not people at the
23 arsenal. Winning the appropriation for figuring out
24 how to get rid of hate. Violence prevention is
25 important. I definitely want to thank the Speaker for

2 the Community Safety Initiatives. Jim Caras, 30 years
3 trying to get those goddamn agencies to do what
4 they're supposed to do with the (INAUDIBLE)
5 appropriation. That's impressive.

6 As Chair of Oversight and Investigation,
7 something small, but I'm glad that the Department of
8 Investigation will have 18 new investigators to watch
9 for fraud, waste, and abuse. Affordable housing is
10 perhaps the number one issue in all of our districts,
11 and I'm pleased that there's 5 billion dollars, not
12 always spent in the right way in terms of NYCHA, but
13 5 billion dollars over 10 years. I do want to thank
14 the Speaker again for the Hotel Conversion bill that
15 passed in Albany, and I want HTC, that's the union,
16 to help us convert hotels in Manhattan to permanent
17 supportive housing. Thank you very much for seniors,
18 cultural libraries, youth, and COLAs. We need to make
19 sure that our human service agency staff get paid,
20 and this is the beginning. During the summer, we will
21 look with the Education Committee and Oversight
22 Investigation where the hell is that 4.5 billion
23 dollars of federal funding that nobody knows where..

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead. We're
25 ready for your vote, Council Member.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very
3 much. I vote aye.

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Brooks-
5 Powers.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Permission
7 to explain my vote.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: It's hard
10 to believe just a few short months ago we were
11 holding our first preliminary hearings, but today is
12 the culmination of our hard work as we vote to enact
13 this 101-billion-dollar budget. We have a new
14 administration, we have a new Speaker, and our new
15 slate of Council Members is more diverse than ever
16 before. That has granted us a profound opportunity.
17 Each of us has brought extensive experience and
18 knowledge to the table and offered fresh perspectives
19 in the negotiation process. I am deeply proud of the
20 work that my Colleagues have done to advocate and
21 contribute every day for the needs of our
22 communities. This is a people-centered budget that
23 puts New Yorkers first. We have made critical
24 investments to safeguard New Yorkers' health, keep
25 our neighbors housed, and build a safer, cleaner

2 public space for all. We were able to secure a record
3 900 million dollars towards safer streets, and, in
4 partnership with my Colleagues, we negotiated a 90-
5 million-dollar property tax rebate to help support
6 our working and middle-class homeowners. While there
7 is more work to be done to address the property tax
8 inequities, this property tax relief will make a
9 small contribution to homeowners I heard all across
10 Southeast Queens asking what about us. This
11 investment combined with fully funding City FHEPS
12 demonstrates working on behalf of New Yorkers does
13 not have to be an either/or. It can be an and. As the
14 City Council continues to open back up, many of our
15 community-based organizations are looking to return
16 to full capacity, and, in this budget, we also will
17 fund their vital work to help our city deliver
18 critical services to residents. I wish to
19 congratulate Speaker Adrienne Adams on her very first
20 budget as Speaker, and I thank her for her
21 transparency throughout this entire budget process as
22 well as Finance Chair Brannan. Also special thanks to
23 Tanisha Edwards and the phenomenal Finance team, the
24 folks that are in the background that we never hear
25 from but are doing the work. Chief of Staff Jeremy

2 John and also (INAUDIBLE). This is a budget that gave
3 each and every Member an opportunity to have a voice
4 in this process. Once again, I am proud to stand with
5 my Colleagues in government and see this budget
6 through, and I proudly vote aye. Thank you. I will
7 just also disclose. I am disclosing on the record of
8 the Council proceedings that Queens Alumni Chapter of
9 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated is funded in
10 the budget we are adopting and I am associated with
11 this non-profit, and that Queens Alumni Chapter of
12 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated is funded in
13 the budget we are adopting and a member of my staff
14 is associated with this non-profit. Eagle Academy is
15 funded in the budget we are adopting and a member of
16 my staff is associated with this entity, and that
17 Rochdale Village Social Services is funded in the
18 budget that we are adopting and a member of my staff
19 is associated with this entity. Thank you.

20 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Caban.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Permission to
22 explain my vote.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: First, I would like
25 to disclose that Elmjack Little League is funded in

2 the budget we are adopting and I coach Little League
3 alongside former Council Member Constantinides for
4 this organization every week.

5 Comparing this final budget to its
6 preliminary and executive predecessors, it's clear
7 that we as a Council have much to be proud of. We
8 prevented the worse cuts to homeless services,
9 sanitation, and parks. We brought some transparency
10 to the NYPD fiscal operations. We stopped an increase
11 in headcount for the NYPD and 500 proposed new
12 solitary confinement officers for Rikers Island. We
13 included some key investments including one I'm
14 especially proud to have fought for, funding to
15 extend childcare to our undocumented neighbors,
16 friends, and family. I'd like to congratulate the
17 Speaker and her team, Chair Brannan and the Finance
18 staff, and the Mayor's Office for working together to
19 accomplish these improvements.

20 I want to tell you why I'm casting a no
21 vote today. The people of the 22nd District elected
22 me with a mandate to fight for a dramatic shift of
23 our city's priorities away from policing,
24 prosecution, and punishment and towards community,
25 compassion, and care. This budget does not do that.

2 It contains big cuts to our public schools,
3 disproportionately affecting schools in low-income
4 communities of color which have been long underfunded
5 and overcrowded. Any decrease in enrollment should be
6 seen as right-sizing the budget, not warranting
7 further cuts. I agree with the Comptroller that this
8 budget falls well short of the investments we need in
9 housing, especially at a time when the average New
10 Yorker's rent is doubled the average New Yorker
11 income. Lastly, it keeps our current bloated levels
12 of funding for policing and incarceration intact and
13 fails to increase funding to data-driven community-
14 based violence prevention programs and so it's for
15 all of these reasons that I cannot in good conscience
16 vote for it. Without moving away from violent and
17 oppressive systems, we are undermining the very
18 investments I'm so glad that we managed to include in
19 this budget and ensuring that their potential
20 positive impacts are nowhere near as substantial as
21 they could and should be. In the coming years, I will
22 remain prepared to support a budget that reflects my
23 commitment to care, not cages, and it is because of
24 that commitment that the people of District 22 sent
25 me here. It is with their needs and their dreams in

2 my hear that I vote no on the Expense and Capital
3 Budgets, M 50 and M 51, and aye on the rest. Thank
4 you.

5 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Carr. De La Rosa.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Permission to
7 explain my vote.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: I would like
10 to thank Speaker Adams and the leadership team for
11 their hard work in shepherding this process forward
12 over the last several months, and, as the Civil
13 Service and Labor Chair, I must also acknowledge and
14 thank all of the staff, Finance staff and others, who
15 have spent countless hours working behind the scenes
16 to make today's vote possible.

17 Today's budget vote marks a historic
18 shift for our city in a multitude of ways. We did not
19 get everything we wanted, and, despite the many
20 concerns that some of us may still have, I
21 congratulate my Colleagues for pushing forward and
22 pushing hard to address the historic needs that have
23 existed in our communities for decades. I am proud to
24 support the unprecedented levels of transparency
25 measures to the NYPD budget through the new units of

2 appropriation that will strengthen the Council's
3 negotiating powers as we look to insert justice into
4 our criminal legal system. This budget delivers
5 significant investments for our youth like funding a
6 record number of summer youth employment positions
7 and year-round positions as well as investing in arts
8 and culture. We increased funding for essential
9 sanitation services, housing, and assistance for our
10 unhoused neighbors. This budget also makes
11 significant strides towards the inclusion and
12 investment of immigrant New Yorkers. I applaud the
13 investment and expansion of community school models.
14 Finally, I am proud that we will finally be
15 baselining the COLA for human service workers.

16 While I am proud of what we have
17 achieved, I also stand here with a heavy heart as we
18 are voting for a budget that will result in the loss
19 of millions of dollars for our classrooms. As a
20 District 6 parent, I understand and share the very
21 real concerns of parents and school leaders across
22 the city. This budget should safeguard the needs of
23 our schoolchildren who need support given the
24 realities of the last 2 years during the pandemic. I
25 am additionally concerned because we have an

2 important and long-awaited mandate from the state to
3 reduce class sizes. While we must work to ensure that
4 this problem is solved swiftly, I have the confidence
5 in the leadership of Speaker Adams and Education
6 Chair Rita Joseph to pursue every possible avenue to
7 address this issue of federal funding. Together, with
8 everyone in this Chamber, I commit to working to
9 guarantee oversight and accountability as budget
10 adjustments are made later this year.

11 Today's budget will not solve all our
12 challenges. This fight is far from over. Tomorrow, we
13 wake up and get back to work fighting for more
14 investment, transparency, dignity, and justice for
15 our community. I vote yes tonight to move this
16 forward but acknowledge that despite the many
17 transformative items in this budget, there are many
18 changes that we need to push for future budgets.
19 Thank you.

20 I would like to disclose on the record
21 for this Council proceedings that the New York City
22 Department of Education is funded in this budget we
23 are adopting, and my daughter is a student at this
24 entity. Uptown Stories is funded in this budget we
25 are adopting, and my daughter is associated with this

2 entity. Washington Heights Tennis Association is
3 funded in this budget we are adopting, and my
4 daughter is associated with this agency. She will be
5 very busy. Thank you, Madam Speaker and your
6 leadership team for all of your work.

7 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Dinowitz.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Permission to
9 explain my vote, Majority Leader.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Okay. First, I'm
12 disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings
13 that New York Presbyterian Columbia University Irving
14 Medical Center is funded in the budget we are
15 adopting and my mom is an employee of that entity.

16 I'm sure my mom is watching so whatever
17 camera is on, hi mom, love you. She loves me. What
18 can I do? I'll talk about my mom instead of the
19 budget. She'd be very proud, I think, of me and all
20 of us here. I know most moms are proud of their kids
21 but not my mom, not all the time. In Little League,
22 she wouldn't really say good swing. If I swing and
23 missed, she wouldn't say nice try, but this budget, I
24 think is like a homerun. There's a lot of good stuff
25 in this budget that I think, as a mother and

2 importantly as a resident of New York City, as a
3 constituent, as my kids' grandmother is really proud
4 of because I'm thinking so many of our investments in
5 education. I think about the city in which I'm
6 raising my children and our investments in CUNY.
7 Significant investments in programs like CUNY
8 Reconnect. Supporting people who have some of those
9 credits who really need to get back on track, support
10 for remedial education. Often budgets feel
11 intangible. We hear about budgets on the news and all
12 of these billions of dollars, where do they go, but
13 we are going to feel the impacts of this budget.
14 people are going to be reengaging in school. 33+
15 million dollars for CTE education programs, providing
16 more opportunities for our children, diversifying the
17 offerings of our public school system, and engaging
18 children in a system that is too often, I know, that
19 too often leaves so many of our children behind. I
20 just, before I tell you how I'm going to vote, which
21 is unclear I know at this point, I just have to thank
22 our Speaker first who did such an incredible job of
23 listening to all of us, really incorporating our
24 needs in this budget, everyone of my Colleagues,
25 especially those of my friends on the Budget

2 Negotiating team, and especially the Finance staff
3 who are sitting in these chairs in the corners. These
4 should be down...

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: How do you vote,
6 Council Member Dinowitz.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: I vote yes.

8 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Farias.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: That's me. I'm
10 disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings
11 that NYU Langone is funded in the budget we are
12 adopting, and my parent is associated with this
13 entity, and that New York City Department of
14 Education Junior High School 127 Castle Hill School
15 is funded in the budget and Transparency Reso we are
16 adopting and my sibling is associated with this
17 entity. Permission to explain my vote.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: While today marks
20 our city's budget adoption, it also means the
21 beginning of a new fiscal cycle with new
22 opportunities. We are fortunate enough to be standing
23 in a room with many Members who are born and raised
24 in their communities they now represent. Many of us
25 have seen years of divestment in our neighborhoods

2 and come ready to bring real investments back home,
3 myself included. This budget, though not free of
4 imperfections, is focused on all-year-round needs and
5 centered on recovery for all communities. Creating
6 pathways for employment is key to our city's recovery
7 and economic well-being. That is why the Council
8 fought for and secured 13.9 million for adult
9 literacy programs, IT education for older adults, the
10 Low-Wage Workers Initiative, and additional workforce
11 development centers. To me, recovery is also about
12 preparing for the future of our city and prioritizing
13 our youth. As federal funding has declined, the
14 Council has given a 700 million increase to the
15 Department of Education. Public safety and the
16 success of our children not only comes from inside
17 the classroom, and that is why it is crucial that we
18 invest in giving our kids and parents real options
19 for after school. The budget does so by investing a
20 collective 356 million for Summer Youth Employment
21 and Summer Rising Programs. We still have so much
22 work to do on the NYPD budget. Our students and
23 schools still need more investments. There's still a
24 housing and homelessness crisis on our streets, and
25 many of our highest revenue industries are still

2 struggling, including the hotel industry which
3 employed more than 50,000 people, predominantly
4 immigrants and people of color. We need to act now
5 and keep fighting for our workers and provide relief
6 to the industries that will fuel our city's recovery.
7 Balancing our fiduciary responsibilities with the
8 bold changes we want to make is not an easy task nor
9 one that is accomplished without a heavy heart. This
10 budget will serve as a framework and a first step as
11 we enter into a new fiscal year. Our work is not done
12 after tonight's vote, and I intend to work with our
13 partners at all levels of government to keep fighting
14 for investments in our workforce to ensure that we
15 are recovering equitably and that our outer boroughs,
16 especially those in the Bronx, are not left behind.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: How do you vote?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: Lastly, I'd like
19 to thank the Speaker, Adrienne Adams, for your
20 leadership, the hard work and dedication of Council
21 Finance division, and proud to have worked with
22 everyone in this room. In every room that I'm in and
23 every table I have a seat at, I wear the heart..

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member,
25 how do you vote?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: On my sleeve. I
3 vote aye on all for my community. Thank you.

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Feliz.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Permission to
6 explain my vote.

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Thank you, Majority
9 Leader. Our city faces many challenges, some of them
10 which have existed for a very long time and some
11 which only became worse due to the coronavirus
12 pandemic.

13 I am proudly voting yes on this budget, a
14 budget which will help resolve the many problems that
15 our city faces.

16 Our children have been asking for help.
17 They've been asking for resources so we expanded the
18 Summer Youth Employment Program so that it can cover
19 no less than 100,000 youth, 100,000 slots during the
20 summer. Our families have struggled with affordable
21 rents in the city of New York so we increased the
22 City FHEPS rent levels to match the federal Section 8
23 program to make finding affordable housing just a
24 little bit easier. Last but not least, far too often
25 victims of crimes go through the horror of being a

2 victim, and, even worse, they feel like they are left
3 out in the cold on their own. Not under our watch,
4 because we're going to be giving them the resources
5 that they need and they deserve to be able to
6 recover.

7 In this budget, we're investing in our
8 children, we are investing in our families, we are
9 investing in the city of New York so I want to
10 congratulate our Speaker, Adrienne Adams, and I also
11 congratulate this City Council on this historic
12 budget, and I am proudly voting yes.

13 Before I conclude, I'm disclosing on the
14 record of the Council proceedings that CUNY Hostos
15 Community College in the Bronx is funded in this
16 budget we're adopting, and I am a proud adjunct
17 professor at this entity. Thank you so much. I vote
18 yes.

19 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Council
20 Member Brooks-Powers.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Hi. I'd
22 just like to add to my disclosure that Martin De
23 Porres Youth and Family Services is funded in the
24 budget we are adopting and a member of my family is
25 associated with this non-profit.

2 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Gennaro.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Council
5 Member Gutierrez.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: Permission to
7 explain my vote.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All right. Go
9 ahead.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: I want to
11 before that, just disclosing on the record of the
12 Council proceedings that the New York City Department
13 of Social Services is funded in this budget we are
14 adopting and my husband is an employee of this
15 entity, and that New York City Health and Hospitals
16 is funded in the budget we are adopting and my sister
17 is an employee of this entity.

18 I want to recognize Speaker Adams,
19 Council Finance, and Council leadership for all of
20 your work. This budget secured unprecedented
21 transparency measures from the NYPD which includes
22 requiring the PD to share how they spend our money
23 and when they are paying out hundreds of millions in
24 overtime. This budget is serving those who are left
25 out of federal and state budgets year after year by

2 securing 10 million dollars for undocumented and
3 immigrant neighbors and the access that these
4 families have to childcare. Community's school's
5 funding will be restored, and, thanks to this budget,
6 opportunities for expansion is made possible because
7 of this budget. We'll have to fight again next year.
8 For my families of Bushwick, the Southside, the rest
9 of Williamsburg, and Ridgewood, this means something,
10 but we have to do more because we are consistently
11 asking New Yorkers to do more with less. We have to
12 do more because those that will continue to lose will
13 be tenants, our public schools, and black and brown
14 New Yorkers. If we don't push the DOE to change their
15 funding criteria based on enrollment, schools in
16 gentrifying communities and neighborhoods where
17 people have been pushed out, public schools will
18 always face enrollment issues. The city has supported
19 real estate and displacing our families faster and
20 more meaningfully than we've invested in our own
21 schools that are for everyone. Twenty-three of my
22 schools are facing cuts, and that's not nothing. We
23 must invest. Schools thrive, communities thrive when
24 we invest where it matters. Finally, I hope that
25 these monumental units of appropriation translate to

2 an end to abusive units that regularly harm New
3 Yorkers like the Vice Unit or the Strategic Response
4 Group.

5 Today, I am voting aye.

6 To my 6-month-old who I am not putting to
7 bed tonight because I am here on my first budget, I'm
8 coming home, baby. Thank you.

9 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Hanif.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Permission to
11 explain my vote.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: I vote aye, and I
14 do so with complicated feelings. There's a lot to be
15 proud of in this budget. Thank you, Speaker Adams,
16 Colleagues, and the Budget Negotiating team and
17 Council staff for your work to get us here.

18 The Mayor's executive budget included a
19 180 million-dollar increase to the NYPD's budget, and
20 we were able to get that removed. It also included
21 the hiring of 578 new corrections officers, and we
22 got that removed as well.

23 I'm proud that we were able to win the
24 Care For All campaign that I fought for alongside
25 Council Member Caban, Comptroller Lander, and our

2 incredible advocacy partners. That's 10 million
3 dollars for childcare for undocumented families, an
4 important step towards our vision of a feminist and
5 antiracist city. We also secured an increase of 6.7
6 million dollars for adult literacy programs, which
7 are a lifeline for immigrant New Yorkers and
8 communities like my home of Kensington in District
9 39. I'm also immensely proud that this budget will
10 fund the launch of a community language interpreter
11 bank and 3 worker co-ops for African, Asian, and
12 Indigenous Latinx languages of limited diffusion.
13 This is a damn big win for the language justice
14 community-oriented workforce development in our city,
15 but there are also aspects of this budget that I'm
16 deeply uncomfortable with. At more than 11 billion
17 dollars, the NYPD budget is embarrassingly bloated.
18 When we look at unaddressed needs in other agencies,
19 it's shameful to see 307 million dollars for police
20 in schools that traumatize our students of color,
21 12.7 million for the Vice Unit that harasses sex
22 workers, 68.1 million for the Strategic Response
23 Group that assaults peaceful protestors. We are
24 paying salaries of corrections officers who don't
25 show up for work while failing to meet the supportive

2 housing needs of people released from Rikers. This
3 budget also includes deeply flawed, reprehensible
4 cuts to the education budget. Quite simply, our
5 students and teachers deserve more. After 2 brutal
6 years, we need to be investing in the future of our
7 city, not asking them to make do with less. I'm
8 furious about these cuts. To my beloved public school
9 communities, know that I have your back. I will work
10 with everything that I have to prevent losing the
11 staff and programs that make our schools whole. I'm
12 committed to the schools in my district and my
13 Colleagues', and I will be working towards an
14 equitable budget for every school in this city. Our
15 city is struggling to recover from the economic and
16 personal toll that COVID-19 has caused. We were
17 elected with the mandate of seeing our city through
18 this unprecedented and difficult time and ensuring we
19 emerge better than we were before. This budget, while
20 it is far from perfect, is a step closer to getting
21 us there. Thank you.

22 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Council
23 Member Hanks.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Yes, I'll say
3 something I don't normally say which is permission to
4 explain my vote.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I would like to
7 extend a huge thanks to Speaker Adams, the incredible
8 Central staff and Finance staff, the Finance Chair
9 Justin Brannan, and especially my partners in the
10 Staten Island delegation, the Minority Leader Joe
11 Borelli and Council Member David Carr. My Colleagues
12 in New York City Council, thank you so much for this
13 incredible experience, the teamwork, the
14 collaboration, and leadership on a budget that serves
15 and prioritizes all New Yorkers. With that, I vote
16 aye.

17 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Holden.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I am disclosing on
19 the record of the Council proceedings that New York
20 Presbyterian Hospital is funded in the budget we are
21 adopting and my son is associated with this entity,
22 and that the City University of New York is funded in
23 the budget we are adopting and my son is a faculty
24 member at this entity.

2 I'd just like to thank Speaker Adams for
3 an on-time, early budget. Thank you, Finance Division
4 and all of my Colleagues who worked so hard, Justin
5 Brannan.

6 This budget, again, is one of the best
7 we've voted on, and it does a lot of good things,
8 especially for the victims of crime so that's why I'm
9 voting aye on all except for Reso 221, Reso 222, Reso
10 233, and the Preconsidered M 73 of which I vote no.
11 Thank you.

12 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. One
13 moment. Hudson.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: I'd first like to
15 commend Speaker Adams, Chair Brannan, Members of the
16 Budget Negotiating Team, and all of the staff for
17 working around the clock to craft a budget that
18 surpasses the administration's initial proposals and
19 gets closer to meeting the needs of our city's most
20 vulnerable. This budget has some big wins, 237
21 million dollars to expand City FHEPS, 79.4 million
22 dollars baselined for SYEP expansion, 75 million
23 dollars baselined for Fair Fares expansion, 40
24 million dollars to support our cultural
25 organizations, and 10 million dollars in childcare

2 for undocumented families among other
3 accomplishments. These achievements are the result of
4 the Council's tireless advocacy on behalf of our
5 communities and the often unrecognized hard work of
6 the advocates who have long pushed for these
7 investments. I came here to deliver for older adults
8 like my late mother, Carol, who could not get access
9 to the resources and services they needed. In my
10 mother's name and in her legacy, I'm proud to have
11 done that and deliver more than 80 million dollars in
12 new investments for older adults including 60 million
13 dollars for cost-of-living adjustments for human
14 service workers who provide essential services for
15 older adults, 15 million dollars to ensure a seamless
16 transition for older adults using Get Food Recovery
17 Meals, 3.5 million dollars for IT for older adults,
18 and 802,000 baselined for NYCHA Senior Social Clubs.

19 This budget isn't perfect. I wanted to
20 ensure that we did not add a single NYPD officer to
21 the force after we've seen an over-investment in
22 police and under-investment in our public hospitals,
23 public housing, and public schools, and we succeeded.
24 Even with a former cop as Mayor and the increasingly
25 misguided and boisterous calls for cities across the

2 country to revert to racist and ineffective punitive
3 measures to address public safety, we held the line,
4 but we need to do much, much more. Even with no
5 additional officers, the PD budget is still too high.
6 I will keep fighting to reduce the NYPD's budget and
7 reallocate it in programs that will support our
8 communities. Our fight isn't over. We haven't seen a
9 housing plan from the Mayor even though we're in the
10 middle of a housing crisis and need adequate funding
11 to build deeply affordable housing to ensure black
12 and brown New Yorkers aren't displaced. We see school
13 funding threatened, leading the Council to push the
14 Mayor to ensure schools are fully funded come the
15 next school year, and I will continue to fight to
16 ensure that happens. Simply put, this is our mandate.
17 This is why we were elected, to deliver. We're
18 fighting an uphill battle against a system that was
19 designed to protect the interests of the wealthy and
20 powerful to the detriment of marginalized communities
21 that have never been invested in. This budget is a
22 testament to the work we've done. Our charge as the
23 first majority female Council, the most diverse
24 Council ever, and the Council with the largest
25 progressive caucus to date, it is our responsibility

2 to continue moving forward year after year and
3 advancing the principles of equity and justice that
4 we have campaigned on. We will continue to raise...

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: How do you vote,
6 Council Member?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: I'm coming to you.
8 I'm disclosing on the record of the Council
9 proceedings that...

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Slow down.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Planned Parenthood
12 of Greater New York is funded in the budget we are
13 adopting and my domestic partner is an employee of
14 this non-profit, and that Museum of the City of New
15 York is funded in the budget we're adopting and my
16 domestic partner is affiliated with this entity.

17 With that, I vote aye and thank you for
18 the additional time.

19 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Joseph.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Permission to
21 explain my vote.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you. We know
24 that it will take more than one fiscal year to
25 recover. I believe that this budget set us on the

2 path towards an equitable recovery. As a teacher and
3 the Chairwoman of Education, I'm deeply heartbroken
4 that the schools are cutting 215 million dollars from
5 our classroom and plan to excise teachers while
6 voting for not allowing more police into the system.
7 We knew there would be a loss of federal funding that
8 should have led the Mayor to move the dollars to
9 cover the gaps. We spent far too much on policing. We
10 must shift the money from our criminal justice system
11 into our schools. That will keep all of us safe in
12 the long run. The fight is not over. We will be
13 watching the DOE budget like a hawk, conducting
14 thorough oversight and accountability to ensure that
15 every New York City public school student, teacher,
16 principal has what they need to thrive. I hope that
17 we will stand here next year having passed a budget
18 that puts kids before cops and making meaningful cuts
19 in the bloated NYPD budget. Thank you.

20 I'm going to disclose on the record
21 proceeding that my son is a student at Department of
22 Education and my son is also affiliated with UFT. I
23 vote aye on all.

24 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Kagan.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: I would like to
3 disclose that my daughter is a public school student
4 though she is graduating next week and budget will be
5 due on July 1st. She is planning to enroll in CUNY
6 College. She is not enrolled yet, but still she is
7 planning to enroll in CUNY College, and I just wanted
8 to disclose it.

9 I'm voting yes on the budget. I've
10 already explained my reasons. I believe it's a very,
11 very good budget, and it's a product of negotiation
12 so I support it. Yes, aye.

13 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Krishnan.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: I am disclosing
15 on the record of the Council proceedings that the
16 Bronx Defenders is funded in the budget we are
17 adopting and my wife is an employee of this entity,
18 and that, too, the New York City Department of
19 Education is funded in the budget we are adopting and
20 my son is a student at this entity.

21 There are major achievements in this
22 budget to be proud of. Brand new funding to provide
23 childcare for undocumented families that are so often
24 excluded from city services, a Low-Wage Worker
25 Initiative, and, of course, I'm proud that we've

2 achieved the historic investment in New York City's
3 parks. We won baselined permanent funding to protect
4 the jobs of hundreds of Parks workers that were on
5 the verge of losing their positions. Seared in my
6 mind are the conversations and the faces of the
7 workers I've talked to, the letters I've received
8 from Park workers deeply concerned about their jobs.
9 To all of them, these permanent investments in your
10 jobs is a result of your work. Thank you for all you
11 do to take care of our parks every single day. We
12 also won funding for our natural areas, forestry, and
13 Green Thumb Gardens. We restored funding for parks
14 equity. This is just the beginning, and we will keep
15 working with the Mayor to achieve his promise of 1
16 percent or 1 billion dollars for Parks for New York
17 City.

18 Beyond this historic investment, we've
19 also achieved unprecedented accountability measures
20 over the NYPD and the Department of Corrections,
21 reversing the proposal for roughly 600 officers
22 increased headcount. For the first time ever, the
23 Department of Corrections will have to open its books
24 and expose the full cost of sick leave abuse and the
25 full scale of the humanitarian disaster and crisis

2 that is Rikers Island. Our work ahead remains greater
3 Board of Corrections oversight among other measures,
4 closing Rikers Island, and finally ending solitary
5 confinement.

6 On a final note, I have to acknowledge
7 that I am deeply troubled about our schools with this
8 budget. Our students are our top priority. Thank you
9 to Speaker Adams, Oversight Chair Gale Brewer, and,
10 of course, Education Chair Rita Joseph for working
11 with all of us to make sure that the full weight of
12 the Council together we bring to fill the critical
13 gaps left by lost federal funding when we have the
14 final enrollment numbers in September. We will
15 continue to fight to ensure that every student,
16 parent, and public school teacher has the resources
17 they need to thrive.

18 Mindful of what we have achieved, with
19 our eyes fixed firmly ahead on the work, I vote yes
20 on this budget.

21 I would like to close by saying thank you
22 to Speaker Adams and Chair Brannan for your
23 leadership, thank you to each of my fellow Council
24 Members for unapologetically advocating for your
25 vision and values, and thank you to Chief of Staff

2 Jeremy, Tanisha, Fiza (phonetic), Carlos, Mandela,
3 Chima, Eisha, and all our Finance and Speaker staff
4 and all the staff of my office for your countless
5 hours behind the scenes right up until this Stated
6 Meeting to get us to this moment we are at right now.

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you,
8 Council Member.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Thank you.

10 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Lee.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Permission to explain
12 my vote.

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: First, I'm disclosing
15 on the record of the Council proceedings that the New
16 York City Department of Education is funded in this
17 budget that we are adopting and my child is a student
18 at this entity, who better be sleeping.

19 Good evening, everybody. It's been a long
20 road, but we now have a budget of which we can proud
21 that prioritizes public safety, public good, youth,
22 and seniors, long-time residents and new immigrants.
23 We secured wins on priorities like expanded language
24 access for all New Yorkers, which is a big deal,
25 investments in hate crimes prevention, restoring

2 sanitation services, historic increases in city
3 funding for public schools, and COLAs which are so,
4 so, so desperately needed that we've been fighting
5 for in the non-profit sector for forever. I want to
6 shout out in particular Minority Leader Joe Borelli
7 for helping secure property tax rebate for working
8 class homeowners who we know are also struggling
9 right now. As the Chair of the Mental Health,
10 Disabilities, and Aging Committee, the budget
11 includes wins that will help us turn the tide of the
12 current mental health crisis like mental health
13 supports and outreach for homelessness in New York,
14 behavioral health for students, geriatric mental
15 health, and I'm particularly proud that we secured
16 pay parity for special education, pre-K, and daycare
17 providers who do God's work each and every day and
18 too often do go unrecognized. Shout out to my 3-year-
19 old's daycare. This isn't the end of the road, and I
20 know Speaker Adams is committed to constantly
21 reviewing the city budget year-round and adjusting it
22 according to the needs of the city. That's why we
23 need to also continue fighting for education,
24 especially to make up for the gap that is looming as
25 we draw down on federal stimulus spending.

2 I am, therefore, proudly voting yes, aye
3 on all on this budget, and want to thank Speaker
4 Adams, Chair Brannan from the Finance Committee,
5 Deputy Speaker Ayala for their leadership as well as
6 all the staff, Jeremy John, Tanisha Edwards, all the
7 amazing Finance staff, Eisha, I'm going to miss
8 getting your calls, who worked all the long hours and
9 answered all the questions throughout this process
10 and especially to my staff as well, thank you so
11 much. Aye on all.

12 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Louis.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Permission to
14 explain my vote.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Majority
17 Leader. First, I want to disclose for the record
18 Coney Island Hospital and the MTA is funded in the
19 budget which we're adopting and my brother and sister
20 are both employees of these entities.

21 Second, I would like to congratulate
22 Speaker Adams and the leadership team for this
23 process and for your hard work. As shared by many
24 Colleagues, this budget is not perfect. We have to do
25 more for our schools, but we also have to celebrate

2 the major wins for human service providers to
3 childcare services, mental health services, enhanced
4 sanitation services, youth development, and much
5 more. We have many investments to get New York City
6 back and help address the many obstacles exacerbated
7 by COVID-19 pandemic.

8 Last, I want to extend my gratitude to
9 the Finance team and for their support and for
10 sacrificing sleepless nights, early mornings, and
11 providing support to the Brooklyn delegation. What
12 does that mean? I know it was not easy dealing with
13 us. I know we had millions of questions, but you
14 understood our concerns. You came back. You took the
15 pushback, and we are forever grateful for that
16 support. We are not difficult Brooklynites, but you
17 received a reminder on why we're fighting. We're
18 fighting for essential needs for our district, our
19 borough, our constituents, and, most importantly,
20 families. Thank you, Council Member Brannan, Malcolm,
21 Tanisha, Paul, Masis, (INAUDIBLE), Eisha, Jonathan
22 Yedin, Ivan, and May from Council Member Osse's team
23 for your support, for being ride-or-dies, and for
24 answering every call. I vote aye on all.

25 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Marte.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: I am disclosing on
3 the record of the Council's proceedings that the
4 Fortune Society is funded in the budget we are
5 adopting and my brother is associated with this
6 entity, and that Thrive for Live is funded in this
7 budget we are adopting and my brother is associated
8 with this entity, and that Lineage is funded in the
9 budget that we are adopting and my brother is
10 associated with this entity, and that (INAUDIBLE) is
11 funded in the budget we are adopting and my brother
12 is associated with this entity.

13 First, I want to thank my Budget
14 Director, Rene Castellanos, for all the hard work
15 that he's put into this. I vote aye, and, post-
16 budget, I look forward to ending the 24-hour workday
17 for home attendants.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Menin.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Permission to
20 explain my vote.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Okay, great. First,
23 I just want to disclose on the record that the
24 National September 11th Memorial Museum is funded in
25 the budget we're adopting and I'm a Board Member of

2 this not-for-profit, and, secondly, StreetSquash is
3 funded in the budget we're adopted and my husband is
4 associated with this not-for-profit.

5 This year's budget reflects our
6 commitment to an equitable recovery for all New
7 Yorkers and to New York City's hardworking families.
8 The budget provides essential funding to deliver fair
9 wages for human service workers and prioritizes
10 affordable housing, youth services, childcare,
11 sanitation, parks, small businesses, arts, and much
12 more. It was a pleasure working with my Colleagues
13 advocating for the needs of New York City and passing
14 this budget. I want to commend our Speaker, Adrienne
15 Adams, as well as all of my Colleagues who worked so
16 diligently to obtain these vital services for New
17 Yorkers as well as to the Finance Division and Chair
18 Brannan. Thank you so much. I'm voting aye.

19 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Moya.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Permission to
21 explain my vote.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: The last 2 budgets
24 saw our city battling a deadly pandemic, and this
25 year we find ourselves creating a budget that

2 acknowledges that people in the city are still
3 struggling, but this budget has been built to see us
4 to recovery and respond to the calls of our
5 constituents for cleaner streets, more summer jobs
6 for our youth, and more capital investment in
7 housing. We are for the first time investing 10
8 million for undocumented New Yorkers to access
9 childcare, an investment that will directly impact my
10 neighbors, taking a huge weight off of those parents'
11 shoulders, parents that live throughout my
12 neighborhood of Corona. We're increasing the City
13 FHEPS vouchers to keep renters in their homes, renters
14 like those living in LeFrak City. We're going to put
15 money back into the pockets of homeowners, homeowners
16 like those who live in East Elmhurst and in Corona
17 through a property tax rebate. Today, I'm proud to
18 stand here with my Colleagues to vote in favor of a
19 budget that rises to those challenges issued to us. I
20 want to thank Speaker Adams for her great and
21 tireless work on this budget, to the Mayor for
22 working to create a budget aimed at improving the
23 lives of everyday New Yorkers, and, of course, I want
24 to thank the Finance Division, Jeremy John, and also

2 to my Chief of Staff Meghan Tadio, and I will proudly
3 be voting in the affirmative. Thank you.

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Narcisse.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: May I have
6 permission to explain my vote?

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Even though this
9 is my first budget as a Member of the City Council, I
10 quickly learned there is no such thing as a perfect
11 budget, and equity will not be achieved in a single
12 budget. However, I am proud to be part of the Budget
13 Negotiation Team and vote to pass my first city
14 budget as a Member of the City Council under the
15 leadership of the first black female Speaker in the
16 history of this Body and 31 women strong. I am sure
17 all my Colleagues have items they would have liked to
18 see included or more funding providing to some
19 initiative, including myself. We didn't get it all,
20 but we scored major victories and made big investment
21 in our communities. We expanded access to crucial
22 physical and mental healthcare programs. As a nurse
23 for 3 decades, I sure appreciate that. By promoting
24 community-based safety solutions, we will deter crime
25 and violence and make our neighborhoods stronger and

2 safer. Like I always say, crime issues don't occur in
3 silence. It's a culmination of different issues, and
4 we did understand it and we got it. We got a holistic
5 approach to make sure the city is a better city and a
6 greater city that it's supposed to be. No doubt our
7 work continues. We must remain vigilant and keep a
8 close eye on the impact of our votes this evening and
9 (INAUDIBLE) ready to advocate for critical budget
10 needs for New Yorkers. We came here to defend and
11 advocate for our constituents, and we will continue
12 doing so. They need our assistance throughout the
13 year, but, before I go, I cannot stop myself to say
14 thank you to all the Finance team. You know what you
15 have done. You have patience with us. You have
16 understanding with us. As a rookie, I appreciate you.
17 Thank you to my Chief of Staff Saya Joseph, my Budget
18 Director Frank Shea, Kim, Stephanie, Bonnie, Irene,
19 Evens, and thank you for all the work. Madam Speaker,
20 you did it, and I appreciate your support and I'm
21 going to continue working and fight for my community.
22 Thank you so much. God bless you guys.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Let me disclose.

25 I'm disclosing on the record of the Council

2 proceedings that Knowledge Driven Foundation is
3 funded in the budget we are adopting, and my personal
4 CPA is associated with this non-profit. Making the
5 Impossible Possible is funded in the budget we are
6 adopting, and long-time friend and campaign volunteer
7 is associated with that non-profit. (INAUDIBLE)
8 Village, Incorporated is funded in the budget we are
9 adopting, and my campaign treasurer is associated
10 with the non-profit. Thank you so much. God bless you
11 all. I vote aye for everything.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: After all that,
13 we need your vote.

14 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Council
15 Member Nurse.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Permission to
17 explain my vote.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you. Two
20 years ago in the aftermath of George Floyd's death, I
21 helped organize and lead a series of actions that
22 culminated in the occupation of City Hall. One of the
23 proudest moments of my life was helping to usher a
24 mass movement into a specific set of municipal budget
25 demands to divest a tiny fraction of resources from

2 the NYPD and place it into life-saving social
3 services. Two years ago we set up a screen on Park
4 Row sidewalk and watched like a spectator sport as
5 Members, some of whom are here today, explained
6 votes, and so it is absolutely surreal to be here. As
7 I've contemplated my vote today, I have thought
8 deeply of that night, about why I'm here, and how far
9 the movements for police accountability and
10 transparency have taken us. The political environment
11 in which this body was able to win so much this cycle
12 is a direct show of strength and power of our
13 movements and the pressure we have created both
14 outside this institution and now within. Without
15 these movements, none of what has been gained this
16 cycle would be possible and many of us would not be
17 here, myself included. I believe in this body, and I
18 believe we will make incredible gains for New Yorkers
19 together with the varying viewpoints we have. I
20 believe this budget is the largest and arguably the
21 most progressive budget we have seen with significant
22 investments in youth programs, sanitation, Green
23 Thumb gardens, urban forestry, and city housing
24 vouchers. This body has secured significant and
25 unprecedented transparency within the NYPD and DOC

2 and funded childcare for undocumented families. I
3 applaud you, Speaker Adams, and your leadership and
4 as you lead this historic body.

5 At the same time, this budget falls short
6 on some basic needs. Some schools in my district are
7 facing 10 to 30 percent cuts, Sanitation is still
8 facing over 300 uniformed headcount cuts. We urgently
9 need more capital housing investments, and we truly
10 need more climate action through steeper investments
11 in renewable energy and energy efficiency efforts
12 that can create good green jobs. It is for these
13 reasons why I am voting no on M 50 and M 51. This is
14 not against the hard work that my Colleagues put in
15 for phenomenal wins. This is my way of registering
16 that the city budget is not where it needs to be and
17 acknowledging that for the record for my working
18 class black, Latinx, South Asian community that sent
19 me here overwhelmingly. I am so grateful to be part
20 of this historic body filled with incredible
21 passionate, talented, and immensely impressive women
22 of color, women and Colleagues, I take nothing here
23 for granted included the opportunity I've been given
24 to lead on issues I'm deeply, deeply passionate

2 about. I thank you all for all you do. I vote nay on
3 M 50 and M 51 and aye on everything else.

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Osse.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: Permission to
6 explain my vote.

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: This budget was
9 achieved through months of good faith negotiations. I
10 commend my Colleagues and most especially the Finance
11 team for their work and recognize that the plan
12 includes much to support, but it comes up short for
13 too many New Yorkers, especially those in my district
14 of Bed-Stuy and North Crown Heights. Since the first
15 day of my term in the Council, the top concern
16 brought to my office has been housing. Tenants call
17 us in tears facing eviction from apartments and
18 houses they have called home for decades. Homeowners
19 come in desperate for help in their uphill battle
20 against the sinister and growing practice of deed
21 theft. Rent is skyrocketing in a city whose people
22 struggle to get by. Most have no relief in sight.
23 This housing crisis subjects our neighbors to one of
24 the cruelest forms of violence known to New York
25 City, homelessness. New Yorkers asked for a 4-

2 billion-dollar investment in affordable housing. In
3 this budget, we were given 2.5 over the span of 5
4 years. This budget is too similar to those that have
5 defined New York City government for years. Many
6 before me have mentioned that the NYPD remains
7 bloated, and, to note, this is now the largest police
8 budget in our city's history while remaining among
9 our least efficient guarantors of public safety. The
10 activist in me stands with that 100 percent. As a
11 legislator with a say in this budget, I know that we
12 are depriving ourselves of billions of dollars that
13 could be invested in our schools, parks, and housing,
14 areas in which increased government spending has a
15 proven correlation to public safety. Our is a deeply
16 unequal city with neighborhoods like mine trapped in
17 generational affliction, I'm convinced that this
18 adopted budget will be a commitment to only march
19 slowly forward, placing our faith in incremental
20 progress and setting our sights on some distant date
21 to declare victory and liberation. I understand that
22 this budget will pass. I applaud and respect my
23 Colleagues whose tireless work achieved an agreement
24 to be proud of, especially the historic funding for
25 culture and libraries which I fought for, and I'm

2 happy for those who will receive deep capital housing
3 and infrastructure investments in their communities.
4 I cast this vote as a reminder of why we ran for
5 office, how much more we can do for our people, and
6 what I owe my own constituent neighbors who have been
7 failed by incremental change for too long. I was
8 elected to be one of 51 and to represent the 36th
9 District. Thus, 51 Members speak to the efficacy of
10 this budget for their respective districts. This
11 budget does not reflect the best for Bed-Stuy and
12 North Crown Heights. It's for these reasons that I
13 vote no, and justice delayed is justice denied. I
14 sought this office in pursuit of justice for New
15 York, for Brooklyn, for black life, and I was elected
16 to see justice delivered.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you,
18 Council Member.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: Today, that fight
20 continues, and I believe that we will win. I vote no
21 on the Capital and Expense Executive Budget and aye
22 on the rest. Thank you.

23 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Ariola.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Permission to
25 explain my vote.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: First, I'd like to
4 disclose that the DOT is funded in this budget and my
5 brother works for DOT, as well as Sanitation and my
6 son works for the Department of Sanitation.

7 I'm proud to have been part of this
8 Council as, together, we've prepared a budget that
9 will help all New Yorkers. There is so much in this
10 budget that we can be proud of as we move towards a
11 better, cleaner, safer New York City. We have
12 restored funding to the Department of Sanitation to,
13 once again, have e-waste recycling, added on-street
14 cleanings to mitigate the rat population that has
15 gotten out of control in our city, and precision
16 cleaning which will be our defense against the
17 illegal dumping that plagues so many our communities.
18 We're going to be helping homeowners for the first
19 time in 13 years with a property tax rebate check.
20 We've funded upgrades for schools, parks, libraries,
21 our city's infrastructure, funded cultural
22 organizations, veterans and seniors programs, and,
23 most importantly, we're restoring the NYPD budget to
24 what it was prior to the Defund the Police Campaign
25 which will give them the necessary tools to keep our

2 city safe. We've done all this while still adding 750
3 million dollars to our city's reserves so we can be
4 prepared for any tough times that may come our way
5 and 1.6 billion to our labor reserves.

6 Thank you, Speaker Adams, Minority Leader
7 Joe Borelli, Finance Chair Justin Brannan, the
8 Members of the Budget Negotiating team, City Council
9 Finance team, and staff as well as my amazing Budget
10 Director (INAUDIBLE) and the outstanding Chief of
11 Staff Phyllis Inzerillo, one of the hardest working
12 people I know. Therefore, I vote aye on all except
13 for Preconsidered M 73, Resos 221, 222, and 233 for
14 which I vote no. Thank you.

15 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Carr.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Permission to
17 explain my vote.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Thank you. First,
20 I'd like to disclose on the record of these Council
21 proceedings that we're funding CUNY in this budget
22 and my domestic partner is a student at CUNY. I just
23 want to thank Speaker Adams, Majority Leader, Chair
24 Brannan for leading such an accessible budget
25 negotiating process and for keeping borough equity at

2 the heart of all of our deliberations. In particular,
3 I want to thank my Leader and the Chair of our
4 Delegation in Staten Island, Minority Leader Borelli,
5 for championing our neighborhoods and communities and
6 all my Colleagues on the caucuses and delegations in
7 which I sit for your support of all of our
8 initiatives from Staten Island this year. I
9 particularly want to thank all the Finance Division
10 staff. School's almost out guys so congratulations on
11 your wonderful work this budget cycle, particularly
12 Tanisha Edwards and everyone on the Capital and
13 Discretionary Team and in particular thanks to my
14 Chief of Staff Giuseppe Deserio and Budget Director
15 Loren Marie Centineo. With that, I'm going to vote
16 aye on all except for Preconsidered M 73, Resolutions
17 221, 222, and 233 on which I vote no. Thank you.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Paladino.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Good evening,
20 everybody. I too want to echo the sentiments of my
21 Colleagues here tonight. This has been a very
22 exciting time for us all who entered in the freshman
23 class. I want to thank Speaker Adams for handling
24 this with such grace and such dignity under fire,
25 under pressure, you handled it amazing so I want to

2 say thank you. I want to say thank you to Chair
3 Brannan for the total transparency that you did
4 deliver on this budget as promised. I want to give a
5 shout-out to Joe Borelli, our Minority Leader, and I
6 want to also thank him for the property tax rebate.
7 I, also along with Linda Lee, I look forward to
8 serving. I cannot wait to serve with the Mental
9 Health Committee and move this city forward. We're in
10 dire straits, and I look forward to that. With that,
11 I'd like to say I vote yea on all except for
12 Preconsidered M 73 and Resolutions 221, 222, and 233.
13 Again, I thank you all. This is a body of unity.
14 Whether we agree or disagree, we come together when
15 it's more important and the heartbeat of this city is
16 what's important above all else. Thank you all very,
17 very much.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Restler.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Thank you,
20 Majority Leader. I'd firstly like to thank the
21 Speaker, Finance Chair Justin Brannan, all my
22 Colleagues, Jeremy, Tanisha, the whole Council staff,
23 and my own team, especially Mariana Alexander and
24 Jesse Townsen for their great work on so many fronts
25 in this budget.

2 We pushed back against the proposed
3 addition of over 500 new corrections officers and,
4 instead, kept the budget and the headcount of DOC
5 flat year over year. As the co-Chair of the
6 Progressive Caucus, we fought for many necessary
7 initiatives such as 60 million dollars to secure much
8 needed raises for human services workers, fully
9 funding City FHEPS at 237 million dollars to actually
10 move families out of shelter and into housing, 10
11 million dollars for childcare for undocumented
12 families, a major expansion of basic rights and
13 services for undocumented New Yorkers. I am thrilled
14 that we doubled litter basket pickup to twice per day
15 that will meaningfully help keep our streets cleaner.
16 These are all critical investments that will actually
17 make our city better. We're making local investments
18 in the 33rd that we urgently need. Resources to
19 support organizations that are organizing to stamp
20 out hate in South Williamsburg, increased homeless
21 outreach in Downtown Brooklyn to address high needs
22 area, investments in our schools, our parks, new
23 affordable housing initiatives, but there are real
24 gaps in this budget too that we will absolutely need
25 to address in the coming months. The affordability

2 crisis that has become increasingly untenable in our
3 city. We need better and more meaningful investments
4 in new affordable and supportive housing and in our
5 public housing developments. We need to reign in the
6 NYPD budget and invest in care. We need to center the
7 climate change in our budget more effectively. It
8 pained me though, most of all, to speak to principals
9 and parent leaders across my district and hear about
10 the awful choices, the challenging choices that they
11 now have to confront around larger class sizes, fewer
12 art teachers and guidance counselors that are a
13 result of this budget. I will do everything I can to
14 work arm-in-arm with the Speaker and the whole
15 Council to fight for restorations for our schools,
16 and I will lean on my school leaders for their best
17 ideas to help fix this. I know that we can help
18 support our schools in the months ahead to reverse
19 some of the Mayor's insistence on cutting our budgets
20 for schools. I do vote aye, and I want to thank the
21 Council for their work to make this budget happen.

22 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you.

23 Richardson Jordan.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN:

25 Permission to explain my vote.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: First,

4 I would like to disclose on the record that my mother
5 is an emergency room physician at Mount Sinai, which
6 is funded in this budget.

7 While most have focused on additional
8 funding for Member-designated initiatives, the stark
9 cuts across the board towards departments that
10 provide essential social services are the defining
11 element of this budget. The pattern is clear. The
12 city divests and underfunds our public services,
13 forcing Council Members and exterior organizations to
14 fight for initiative funding to fill the void
15 created. We should close the void. In this context,
16 it was deemed acceptable to cut 1 billion dollars in
17 funding from DOE including 245 million dollars from
18 our public schools and teachers. We did not increase,
19 and actually decreased, the number of support
20 services desperately needed for our children during
21 this tumultuous time. This budget cuts funding where
22 it is needed the most, our kids. Funding education is
23 how we actually stop crime. The Mayor's justification
24 for the cuts was the lower enrollment numbers from
25 this past year, but this was actually an opportunity

2 to reduce class size and provide the resources and
3 infrastructure needed to keep cops out of our
4 schools, not cut funding from our schools. We should
5 all be concerned about the children, and we should
6 all be paying them more than lip service and voting
7 no on this budget. The people should also know that
8 this budget cuts 98 million from DOHMH, around half
9 of such being taken from Child and Family Services,
10 and 461 million is being cut from DHS. Despite the
11 lip service around addressing the mental health
12 crisis and with the increased violence in our
13 communities, it was somehow deemed acceptable to cut
14 funding to the departments in charge of mental health
15 and homeless services. Mental health services and
16 homeless services are gravely needed and should not
17 be cut. How are we going to resolve the housing
18 crisis with a cut to homeless services? Investing in
19 mental health services actually reduces crime. The
20 cut to geriatric mental health creating a lack of
21 service to our older adults is also completely
22 unacceptable. We should not be patting ourselves on
23 the back for merely restoring just parts of this
24 budget. Restoring funding to just parts of what was
25 insufficient in the past and is still insufficient

2 today is not the progressive action that New Yorkers
3 demanded and expected or deserve from our leadership
4 body. I am voting yes on Preconsidered 224 because
5 it's about transparency and no on all the rest.

6 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Riley.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I'm just disclosing
8 on the record of the Council proceedings that
9 Montefiore Hospital is funded in the budget we are
10 adopting and my wife is an employee at this entity,
11 the New York City Department of Education is funded
12 in this budget we are adopting and my daughter is a
13 student at this entity, and the NYC Administration
14 for Children Services is funded in this budget we are
15 adopting and my sister is an employee at this entity.
16 I vote aye.

17 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Rivera.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Permission to
19 explain my vote.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you. I'm
22 disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings
23 that the New York City Police Department is funded in
24 the budget we are adopting and my mother is an
25 employee of this entity.

2 I want to thank Speaker Adams, my
3 Colleagues, and immense gratitude to the Finance
4 team, and the Committee on Criminal Justice. Above
5 all, I want to thank advocates, public defenders, and
6 impacted people for their diligent work in advocacy
7 against the Mayor's proposal to add 578 uniformed
8 officers to the Department of Correction whose
9 history of mismanagement has created a humanitarian
10 crisis on Rikers Island that demands urgent action.
11 We have an obligation to provide a safe and healthy
12 environment for corrections officers and those
13 detained on Rikers Island alike, and, for too long,
14 the Department of Correction has been allowed to
15 wield outsized budgets with little transparency and
16 accountability, and, while we still have significant
17 work ahead of us to address this systemic dysfunction
18 and close Rikers for good, we have taken a big step
19 by demanding data from the department and ensuring
20 they are meeting reporting requirements. With this
21 budget, we've also taken steps to invest in our
22 communities, and you've heard some of the wins, 237
23 million to fully fund City FHEPS housing vouchers, 40
24 million for our arts and cultural institutions, 30
25 million for the Emergency Food Assistance Program,

2 and over 50 million in restorations to the Department
3 of Sanitation for Zero Waste Initiatives among other
4 services. This budget is the first step to deliver
5 the resources New Yorkers urgently need right now for
6 their families, their children, our elders, and the
7 work does not end there. We can and must do better.
8 The Mayor can counting on hearing from me this
9 summer. I vote aye.

10 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you.

11 Salamanca.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Permission to
13 explain my vote.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I am disclosing
16 on the record of the Council proceedings that New
17 York City Department of Parks and Recreation is
18 funded in the budget we are adopting and my wife is
19 associated with this entity, and also that the Castle
20 Hill Little League is funded in the budget we are
21 adopting and my son is associated with this not-for-
22 profit. With that, I vote aye on all. Thank you.

23 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Sanchez.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Go ahead.

25 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: First, I'd like
3 to disclose on the record that I am pregnant and very
4 sleepy. In all serious, I'm disclosing that my
5 brother is associated with CUNY BMMC; he's an adjunct
6 lecturer.

7 Regarding the budget, I want to thank the
8 Speaker, the Finance Chair, and all of the Central
9 staff for all of the time that you put into creating
10 this year's budget. I also want to thank my
11 Colleagues. This is a historic day for me. I'm making
12 my own history, a lot of us are, by voting on our
13 first budget, and the first thing that I want to say
14 is that I am proud to vote in support of the budget
15 because it is going to do so much for young people,
16 record investments in Summer Rising, Summer Youth
17 Employment Project, more compensation for special
18 education and daycare providers, career and technical
19 education, the list goes on and on, and I am very
20 proud to be supporting those initiatives and those
21 budget items.

22 As the City Council's Chair of the
23 Committee on Housing and Buildings, I would be remiss
24 if I did not confront the reality that we are not
25 investing enough in the capital funding for the

2 city's housing crisis. This Council asked for 4
3 billion dollars to be invested per year, a campaign
4 promise made by the Mayor, and where the budget this
5 year is going to fall short. By investing 5 billion
6 dollars over the next 10 years, we're merely
7 scratching the surface at a 12.5 percent funding
8 rate, but I will acknowledge this via my vote as a
9 down payment on the future of housing in the city of
10 New York and also acknowledge that there is so much
11 good that is coming from this budget. City FHEPS
12 vouchers are being fully funded finally at an
13 unprecedented 237 million dollars. We're also funding
14 low-income vouchers. We're bringing up the cost-of-
15 living adjustment for our human service workers,
16 sanitation improvements, Fair Fares are being fully
17 funded. All of these are going to make an incredible
18 difference in a district like District 14. With that,
19 I vote aye, and thank you, Madam Speaker and all of
20 the leadership, for your hard work.

21 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Schulman.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Permission to
23 explain my vote.

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: I ran for office
3 because it was time for a change. The coronavirus
4 exposed the glaring inequities that exist within our
5 city, and this budget creates a robust pathway to
6 address the way we approach healthcare, housing,
7 public safety, and nearly every other aspect of how
8 city government interfaces with our lives. As a new
9 Member of a historic Council led by a majority female
10 body, I am proud of a budget that prioritizes such
11 vital issues as seniors, childcare, public safety
12 programs particularly for hate crimes in the Jewish
13 and AAPI communities, cleaner streets, youth
14 programs, parks, tax relief for homeowners including
15 those who live in co-ops and condos, and so many
16 other initiatives. I want to thank Speaker Adrienne
17 Adams for her leadership, and I want to say, Madam
18 Speaker, that I am proud to be considered a member of
19 the Adams' family, the Finance staff led by Tanisha
20 Edwards, Finance Chair Justin Brannan, Deputy Speaker
21 Diana Ayala, I will miss you keeping us in BNT in
22 line with your firm hand and loud gavel, my Chief of
23 Staff Facia Class who shepherded the budget for my
24 office, all of my staff, Seth, Javier, Kevin, and Ann
25 (phonetic) who kept things going in the district

2 while I was here at City Hall working on this
3 important investment in our communities, and I want
4 to thank all my Colleagues on the Council who helped
5 make this possible. Together, we will make our city
6 thrive again as we recover from COVID-19.

7 With that, I am disclosing on the record
8 of the Council proceedings that the Office of the
9 Mayor of the City of New York funded in the budget we
10 are adopting that my brother is associated with this
11 entity. With that, I vote aye on all.

12 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Stevens.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Permission to
14 explain my vote.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Good evening. I
17 want to say how proud I am of this Council and the
18 budget that we produced. Although this budget is not
19 perfect, it has taken major steps in the right
20 direction. We accomplished some major wins that I
21 want to highlight. 60 million dollars baselined in
22 the budget for human service workers, I'm so happy
23 and proud about this because I know firsthand that
24 this will make a significant impact for thousands of
25 families across the city, 19.7 million in doubling

2 the slots for (INAUDIBLE). This is another amazing
3 win as we reimagine the workforce for young people
4 all across the city, and 14 million for community
5 schools which will have a direct impact on students
6 and get them the services that they need on a daily
7 basis are all amazing wins. As Chair of Youth Service
8 Committee, I can't tell you how excited about the
9 additional terms and conditions in this budget that
10 will bring transparency and give me additional
11 information that I can use to hold DYCD accountable
12 and others accountable to ensure that our funding
13 allocated in our city for our youth is being made to
14 the largest impact.

15 I want to thank our fearless Speaker,
16 Adrienne Adams, who made some great efforts to make
17 the budget process inclusive and transparent and
18 getting input from all Members. Thank you.

19 I would like to also thank Finance Chair
20 Justin Brannan for all your hard work, the amazing
21 Financial team. I appreciate all of the long hours
22 that the Finance team put together to support all 51
23 of us through this process. I appreciate you taking
24 all the calls from me and my Chief of
25 Staff/Legislative Director/Budget Director Kate

2 Connolly for all the work that we've done and being
3 so responsive. I'm very proud to vote yes for this
4 budget and I on all.

5 I don't think I did my disclosures. Did
6 I? Okay.

7 I'm disclosing on the record that my
8 daughter works for Columbia Presbyterian Hospital and
9 she's also a student at CUNY, which is also
10 interesting because that was the same disclosures Bob
11 Holden had. I'm done.

12 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you, Council
13 Member. Council Member Ung.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: I vote aye on all.

15 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you, Council
16 Member. Velazquez.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: I'm disclosing
18 on the record of the Council proceedings that the New
19 York City Department of Environmental Protection is
20 funded in the budget we are adopting and my husband,
21 Mr. Jeff Lynch himself, I very much love you baby, I
22 know you're watching, is an employee of this entity,
23 and that Samaritans of New York is funded in the
24 budget we are adopting and my brother is a board
25 member of this entity.

2 I typically tend to say I like to be
3 short and sweet just like myself so I just want to
4 take the moment to recognize the incredible,
5 incredible Finance team. I've been in your shoes in
6 another life, and it's not easy, and thank you for
7 sharing your personal stories on how this will impact
8 us as a city. It was our guiding light. It was
9 important to hear about the different funding,
10 especially how it hits our community, black and
11 browns, and how we've been ignored for so long and
12 having a Speaker that got your back, Jim, and that we
13 have your back because you have our back. This wasn't
14 easy. It was never going to be, but we have an
15 incredible BNT team, and thank you, JB, you know how
16 much I love you. Diana, you scream at me because I
17 don't pay attention but I love you anyway. Selvena,
18 thank you for being you. Most importantly, thank you,
19 Speaker Adams, for believing in all of us, and I vote
20 aye on all.

21 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you, Council
22 Member. Vernikov.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Thank you.
24 Permission to explain my vote...

25 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Before everyone
3 falls asleep.

4 First of all, I want to thank the Members
5 of the Council Finance Committee team and Finance
6 Chair Brannan for putting in long days and nights to
7 make this budget happen. I also want to thank what I
8 call the best Minority Leader Joe Borelli and all my
9 Colleagues. I would like to thank Speaker Adams for
10 her generous support to capital projects that are so
11 vital to my district. Your support for the 2 parks
12 projects will greatly benefit many families and
13 children from diverse backgrounds in my district. I
14 also want to thank my office staff and especially my
15 Budget Director, Mary, who has been working day and
16 night to help our district for the last 20 years
17 while wearing so many hats. I know you're watching,
18 Mary. Given the amounts of complaints we get for
19 dirty sidewalks and rats, I'm especially ecstatic
20 with regard to Sanitation allocation of 22 million
21 more to increase litter basket service above pre-
22 pandemic levels, 20 million more to expand the
23 Organics Collection Program, 12.4 million more to
24 precision cleaning teams and lot cleaning, and 5
25 million for waste (INAUDIBLE) study and 1,000 rat-

2 resistant litter baskets. As I sit here tonight
3 voting on my first budget, I want to thank you,
4 Speaker, for your support for District 48 and for
5 showing us that working together we can get things
6 done.

7 With that, I vote aye on all except no on
8 Preconsidered M 73 and Resolutions 221, 222, and 233.
9 Thank you.

10 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Williams.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Last but not
12 least. I am disclosing on the record... What?

13 UNIDENTIFIED: Yeger.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Y'all better not
15 start that. I done listened to all y'all speak.

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: All right. I'm
18 disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings
19 that the City University of New York is funded in the
20 budget we are adopting and I'm a student at this
21 entity. Also, the Queens Alumni Chapter of Delta
22 Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated is funded in this
23 budget we're adopting and I'm associated with this
24 entity. Also, the New York City Department of
25 Education is funded in this budget we are adopting

2 and my niece is associated with this entity as well
3 as one of my members of my team. Jamaica Athletic and
4 Learning Center is funded in this budget and a member
5 of my team is also associated with this entity.

6 This city budget is not just about
7 numbers. It is about the lives of millions of people
8 that call New York City home. When I ran as Council
9 Member, I wanted to ensure that the community members
10 in the 27th Council District were properly served by
11 city government, and, while more work and resources
12 are always needed, this budget is a great path
13 forward. This budget funds so many groups that will
14 assist with homeownership, cure violence programs,
15 schools, and senior centers, the cost-of-living
16 adjustments for human service workers like my mom,
17 Linda. We delivered a budget that not only secured
18 funding but also increased our budget power to
19 advance accountability and transparency of our
20 agencies. Inside of the 27th is a community of
21 majority homeowners, and, as a homeowner myself, I'm
22 excited about the property tax rebates. As Chair of
23 the Civil and Human Rights Committee, I am also
24 excited that we restored funding the Source of Income
25 Unit. I am proud to be delivering on our promises to

2 bring a budget that reflects New Yorkers' priorities
3 and invests in our community. This budget is not the
4 end but the beginning, and I look forward to
5 continuing to work with city agencies, the
6 administration to identify and advocate for critical
7 funding needs where this budget might have come up
8 short. I also want to thank the Speaker, the Finance
9 Chair Justin Brannan, and also the Finance team and
10 my office for all your hard work, you did it for the
11 district, hashtag Queensgetthemoney. I vote aye on
12 all.

13 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Council
14 Member Won.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: As I reflect on the
16 last few months starting from the third trimester of
17 my pregnancy when this budget cycle started to a few
18 weeks after giving birth being on the phone with
19 Finance Members who were kind enough to debrief one-
20 on-one when I couldn't be here in person for BNT
21 after having a c-section. It is an amazing experience
22 that I was given and I'm so thankful to Speaker
23 Adrienne Adams and the leadership staff, Chief of
24 Staff Jeremy John, and it is not lost on me that I'm
25 sitting here before you, less than 20 years ago when

2 I could not read English myself, and with the
3 advocacy of those before like Council Member Carlos
4 Menchaca and other immigrants who have advocated I am
5 so incredibly grateful to all the Finance staff that
6 has worked with me and all of my Colleagues like
7 Council Member Shahana Hanif who has made sure that
8 we are continuing to fight for all people and that I
9 can safely vote yes on this budget even with its
10 shortcomings knowing that this is only the beginning
11 that marks the fiscal cycle where we will continue to
12 advocate for more transparency and accountability for
13 the NYPD and we will continue to advocate for fair
14 funding for education with our federal funding
15 continuing to be in flux. I know that the 6.7 million
16 dollars in adult literacy totally 20 million dollars
17 is only the beginning for parents like mother and my
18 mother who will learn to speak English here in this
19 country and 8.6 million dollars to support language
20 access and expansion as well as the 5 million dollar
21 commitment. Thank you to CFO Tanisha Edwards as well
22 as Jeremy John for allowing this to happen so that we
23 can have community interpreter banks and worker-owned
24 language co-ops so that those who are culturally
25 competent will be the ones who are providing

2 translations, especially in times of emergency like
3 COVID-19 and Hurricane Ida. Thank you to all of the
4 advocates, African Communities Together, Asian
5 American Federation, Masa, NYIC, Council Finance, my
6 Chief of Staff who brought me all the way here,
7 Lorena Lucero, my Legislative Director Kevin
8 Kiproviski, my Budget Director Nancy Corona, and just
9 the entire staff of Finance who have brought us all
10 the way here. I vote aye on all, and I'm so
11 incredibly grateful to be part of this budget for the
12 first time where I know that in all of this entirety
13 with housing access, affordability, and for our
14 education, for youth funding, and all that it is in
15 its entirety, I vote aye on all.

16 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you, Council
17 Member Yeger.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Mr. President, I
19 know you want a speech from me.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Do you want my
21 honest opinion on that one?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: I love this body
23 very much, and I'm very grateful to have the
24 privilege of serving here. I love most of my
25 Colleagues so I'm going to let you off easy.

2 I vote aye on all with the exception of
3 Resolutions 221, 222, M 73 and accompanying
4 Resolution 233, and I wish you all a good night.

5 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you, Council
6 Member.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: That's the historic
8 night, right?

9 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Borelli.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Permission to
11 explain.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Has anyone not
13 been thanked yet? I want to disclose on the record
14 that the New York City Department of Education is
15 funded in the budget and my wife is an employee of
16 this entity. She's a good teacher I'm told. The South
17 Shore YMCA is funded in the budget and my son is
18 associated. He's not a good student I'm also told.
19 That said, I will vote aye on all except
20 Preconsidered M 73, Resolutions 221, 222, and 233.
21 Thank you.

22 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Joe.

24 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. One
25 moment. Powers.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I am voting aye
3 on all and proudly. I want to say before I close this
4 down the very... hold on, we have Council Member Riley.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I just want to
6 disclose for the record that both my daughters are
7 associated with the YMCA as well. Thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. I am
9 going to resume. I just want to briefly say a very
10 big congratulations and thank you to many people here
11 who delivered a very powerful budget. First, I want
12 to thank my friend and Finance Chair who worked
13 really, really hard to get from the starting point to
14 the end and my friend Justin Brannan who deserves a
15 lot of credit for putting up with a lot of nonsense
16 but getting us to a really good place. I say often
17 we're all very, very lucky to be here. I've known
18 Justin for a very long time. I used to say I knew him
19 when he had hair and he played in a band. To watch
20 him do this work is really a proud moment for me. I
21 want to say a very big thank you to Tanisha and the
22 whole Finance team. You guys also, it's a lot of work
23 that we don't see and we don't get to experience or
24 feel, but it's work that gets us to this day and it's
25 year-round and I think you guys also deserve a very

2 big round of applause as well. Somebody who has
3 fielded more phone calls for me and many of us I
4 think than he would like to admit and is probably
5 glad this is over but has done it with patience, at
6 least in my end, I don't know about other people, but
7 I know he's been patient with me. I've known him for
8 years, and he's a genuinely great guy. Jeremy John,
9 thank you for everything you have done. I have
10 personally many other friends who are on the other
11 side too who worked on this. My friend Jeff Rodus,
12 Jess Carano, and other people who on that side also
13 deserve and the whole OMB team who deserve a lot of
14 applause as well. I have to just say to Speaker
15 Adrienne Adams. Having spent a couple of late nights
16 trying to talk through some issues in the last few
17 days and to watch this process from beginning to end,
18 I think everybody here, even if they disagree with
19 the final outcome of the vote, said the same thing
20 which is this is a budget that made significant
21 progress on the work that we've done here in the
22 past, that you've done as a BNT Member and as part of
23 this Council, it represents significant progress in
24 this city helping people. If you look, talk to staff,
25 you talk to Members, you're seeing the direct impact

2 of the work that we're voting on here today. I think
3 it's a great budget. I think you deserve a lot of
4 credit for it, and I really thank you for letting all
5 of us be part of building a process together so I
6 want to give you a big round of applause as well.

7 With that, I have to do my duties here. I
8 proudly vote aye.

9 I'm also disclosing on the record of the
10 Council proceedings that my mother is an employee of
11 Mount Sinai and we are voting to include them in the
12 adopted budget here today. With that I vote aye, and
13 congratulations.

14 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Speaker
15 Adams.

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: I'd like to disclose on
17 the record of the Council proceedings that Pearls and
18 Ivy Foundation of Queens is funded in the budget
19 we're adopting and that is a part of my chapter of
20 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated and I am
21 associated with that entity. Allen Senior Center is
22 funded in the budget we're adopting and I am
23 associated with this entity as is the Greater Allen
24 AME Cathedral of which I am a member and it is
25 associated with this entity.

2 With that, I am extremely overwhelmed at
3 this moment and humbled by my Colleagues who have
4 worked so, so hard for the interests of their
5 districts and the people of the city of New York.
6 Colleagues, this is your budget. This is something
7 that nobody what anybody says, this is something for
8 you to be proud of. We did this for you. This is not
9 the Speaker's budget, this is not the Finance team's
10 budget, this is the City Council's budget, this is
11 the budget for your district that you will be able to
12 be proud of with what you will have delivered tonight
13 in the adoption of this historic budget for the New
14 York City Council. This is your budget to be proud
15 of, and I stand on that. I thank you, Colleagues, so,
16 so much for your hard work. I want to say happy
17 birthday to Joann Ariola for tomorrow. I also just
18 want to give another special thank you to our CFO
19 Tanisha Edwards, Eisha Wright, Jonathan, the entire
20 time, oh my goodness, Paul Scimone, the late nights,
21 oh my gosh, and really everyone, Dr. Ray Majewski,
22 Masis, Imra (phonetic), everyone on the Finance
23 Division. Where would we be without you on this New
24 York City Council? I said every time we walked into
25 BNT we knew that we were getting a tremendous

2 masterclass in economics, and that is because of the
3 genius of the Finance team and I thank you and I
4 really appreciate you for that. I'd also like to
5 thank those that keep me together, Super Chief Jeremy
6 John, Faiza Ali, Special Counsel Carlos Beato, and
7 the person that keeps me glued together, my Executive
8 Assistant Nikki Smith. I thank you all so much for
9 your hard work. The Stated Meeting of June 13, 2022,
10 is hereby adjourned.

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I have to read
12 the vote. I have to read the vote.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye on all.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Not adjourned.
15 Please sit down. How do you vote, Madam Speaker?

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye on all.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All right. One
18 second, folks.

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Oh, we haven't adjourned
20 yet. I'm sorry.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All items, I have
22 to read the tally and we'll gavel out.

23 All right, folks. All items on today's
24 General Order... Guys, can we just have a quick minute
25 here, please?

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please.

3 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Quiet down.

4 Please take your seats.

5 All items on today's General Order
6 Calendar are adopted by a vote of 50 in the
7 affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0 abstentions
8 with the exception of M 50 and Resolution 225 and 226
9 with 44 in the affirmative, 6 in the negative, and 0
10 abstention, M 51 and Resolution 227 and 228 with 44
11 in the affirmative, 6 in the negative, 0 abstentions,
12 Intro 347 adopted by a vote of 48 in the affirmative,
13 2 in the negative, and 0 abstentions, Resolution 221
14 adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative, 9 in the
15 negative, and 0 abstentions, Resolution 222 adopted
16 by a vote of 41 in the affirmative, 9 in the
17 negative, and 0 abstentions, Resolution 223 adopted
18 by a vote of 48 in the affirmative, 2 in the
19 negative, and 0 abstentions, M 35 and Resolution 232
20 adopted by a vote of 48 in the affirmative, 2 in the
21 negative, and 0 abstentions, M 52 and Resolution 229
22 adopted by a vote of 48 in the affirmative, 2 in the
23 negative, and 0 abstentions, M 71 and Resolution 230
24 with 48 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative, 0
25 abstentions, M 72 and Resolution 231 adopted by a

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2 vote of 48 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative, M
3 73 and Resolution 233 adopted by a vote of 41 in the
4 affirmative, 9 in the negative, and Ms 1 through 26,
5 M 53 through 56 adopted by a vote of 48 in the
6 affirmative and 2 in the negative.

7 I now formally declare the Executive
8 Expense Revenue Contract Budget, the Executive
9 Capital Budget, and the Community Development Program
10 for Fiscal Year 2023 all as modified and all in
11 accordance with the New York City Charter have hereby
12 been adopted at 11:05 p.m. on the 13th day of June
13 2022.

14 I'll now call on Speaker Adams to close
15 today's Stated Meeting.

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: The Stated Meeting of June
17 13...

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Quiet, everyone.

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: 2022, is hereby adjourned.

20 [GAVEL]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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 17, 2022