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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS

B E F O R E: SPEAKER ADRIENNE ADAMS

MAJORITY LEADER KEITH POWERS

COUNCIL MEMBERS: SHAUN ABREU
JOANN ARIOLA
ALEXA AVILÉS
DIANA AYALA
CHARLES BARRON
ERIK BOTTCHEER
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ROBERT HOLDEN
CRYSTAL HUDSON
RITA JOSEPH
ARI KAGAN
SHEKAR KRISHNAN
LINDA LEE
FARAH LOUIS
CHRISTOPHER MARTE
DARLENE MEALY
JULIE MENIN
FRANCISCO MOYA
MERCEDES NARCISSE
SANDY NURSE
CHI OSSÉ
VICKIE PALADINO
LINCOLN RESTLER
KEVIN RILEY
CARLINA RIVERA
RAFAEL SALAMANCA
PIERINA ANA SANCHEZ
LYNN SCHULMAN
ALTHEA STEVENS
SANDRA UNG
MARJORIE VELÁZQUEZ
INNA VERNIKOV
NANTASHA WILLIAMS
JULIE WON
KALMAN YEGER
JOSEPH BORELLI

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: PC recording underway.
3 Good morning, and welcome to today's hybrid New York
4 City Council Stated Meeting. To minimize disruption,
5 please silence your electronic devices. Thank you
6 for your cooperation. We are ready to begin. Mr.
7 Majority Leader.

8 MAJORITY LEADER KEITH POWERS: Good
9 afternoon and welcome to the Stated Meeting of
10 February 10th, 2022. I'm Majority Leader Keith
11 Powers, and I'd like to thank everyone for joining us
12 here today. If you would like to follow along, the
13 agenda for today's meeting is posted on our website
14 for city council.

15 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Please join us
16 for the Pledge of Allegiance.

17 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

18 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: I pledge of
19 allegiance to the flag of the United States of
20 America, and to the republic for which it stands,
21 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Roll
22 call. Abreu.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SHAUN ABREU: Present.

24 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Ariola.
25 Aviles.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ALEXA AVILES: Present.

3 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Ayala.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DIANA AYALA: Present.

5 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Barron.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLES BARRON: Here.

7 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Bottcher.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ERIK BOTTCHEER: Present.

9 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Brannon.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER JUSTIN BRANNAN: Here.

11 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Brewer.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GALE BREWER: Here.

13 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Brooks-Powers.

14 Caban.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER TIFFANY CABAN: Present.

16 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Carr. De La

17 Rosa.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CARMEN DE LA ROSA:

19 Present.

20 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Dinowitz.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ERIC DINOWITZ: Present.

22 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Farias.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER AMANDA FARIAS: Present.

24 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Feliz.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER OSWALD FELIZ: Present.

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2 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Gennaro.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES GENNARO: Here.

4 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Gutierrez.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER JENNIFER GUTIERREZ:

6 Present.

7 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Hanif.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SHAHANA HANIF: Here.

9 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Hanks.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KAMILLAH HANKS: Present.

11 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Holden.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT HOLDEN: Here.

13 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Hudson.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CRYSTAL HUDSON: Here.

15 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Joseph.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RITA JOSEPH: Here.

17 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Kagan.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ARI KAGAN: Present.

19 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Brooks-Powers.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SELVENA BROOKS-POWERS:

21 Present.

22 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Krishnan.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SHEKAR KRISHNAN: Here.

24 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Lee.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LINDA LEE: Present.

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2 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Louis.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER FARAH LOUIS: Present.

4 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Marte.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CHRISTOPHER MARTE: Here.

6 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Mealy. Menin.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER JULIE MENIN: Present.

8 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Moya.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCISCO MOYA: Present.

10 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Narcisse.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MERCEDES NARCISSE:

12 Present.

13 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Nurse.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDY NURSE: Present.

15 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Osse.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CHI OSSE: Present.

17 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Paladino.

18 Restler.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LINCOLN RESTLER: Here.

20 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Richardson-

21 Jordan. Riley.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KEVIN RILEY: Present.

23 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Rivera.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CARLINA RIVERA: Present.

25 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Salamanca.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RAFAEL SALAMANCA:

3 Present.

4 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Sanchez.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER PIERINA ANA SANCHEZ:

6 Present.

7 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Schulman.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LYNN SCHULMAN: Here.

9 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Stevens.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ALTHEA STEVENS: Present.

11 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Ung.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDRA UNG: Present.

13 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Velazquez.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MARJORIE VELAZQUEZ:

15 Present.

16 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Vernikov.

17 Williams.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER NANTASHA WILLIAMS: Here.

19 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Won.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER JULIE WON: Present.

21 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Yeger.

22 Borelli. Powers.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KEITH POWERS: Present.

24 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Speaker Adams.

25 SPEAKER ADRIENNE ADAMS: Present.

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2 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Thank you.

3 We'll now have today's invocation which will be
4 delivered by Venerable You Wang, spiritual
5 leader at the International Buddhist Progress Society
6 located at 154-37 Barclay Avenue in Queens.

7 SGT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

8 VENERABLE YOU WANG: Good afternoon
9 council members and guests. Thank you for inviting
10 me to provide an invocation for today's meeting. May
11 I tell you about a Buddha, our teacher. He was a
12 very wise man, and much of what he shared with us is
13 coming in the spirits of all faiths. That is to be
14 kind to one another; to do no harm to one another in
15 the world, and to help relieve suffering. This
16 message to us was especially important in the time of
17 the COVID pandemic. Let us now pray, in his name and
18 the (CROSS-TALK). Today, we ask Buddha's wisdom to
19 help guide our community leaders, to use wisdom, to
20 govern amidst the conflicting interests and issues of
21 our times. To know the true sense of the welfares
22 and needs of the people in our community. To
23 understand the importance of justice for all, rich
24 and poor, powerful and struggling. To protect our
25 natural resources, understanding that all citizens,

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2 and in fact, all human beings are dependent upon open
3 spaces, pure water, and clear air. To have the
4 ability to work together in harmony even when there
5 is honest disagreement. Let's therefore pray that
6 this body deliberates in a manner that is without
7 rancor or ill-will, that brings comfort to the
8 citizens and the progress to the community, that all
9 decisions are made with the four signs and deep
10 understanding of the needs for all citizens, and that
11 this body leads the community in a manner that
12 celebrates our diversity, understanding that we are
13 all interconnected, that our welfare and happiness
14 are dependent upon respect and acceptance of all
15 people no matter their race, religion, sexual
16 orientation, and no matter their original home.
17 Leadership requires courage, courage to make
18 difficult and at times unpopular decisions. May our
19 council members have courage to lead our community
20 today and always. May our leaders find personal
21 peace and joy in their public responsibilities by
22 helping others and assuring a bright future for all.
23 We are now, hopefully, moving beyond the devastation
24 of serious illness and loss of life in our city.
25 2022, the year of tiger, may all beings live without

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2 fear and co-exists in peace. May we work diligently
3 to find a positive way to help our city regain its
4 strength and purpose and bring safety and hope to
5 all. We pray in the name of our spiritual leaders,
6 (Speaking a foreign language). Thank you.

7 MAJORITY LEADER KEITH POWERS: Thank you.
8 I now ask Council Member Sandra Ung to spread the
9 invocation upon the record.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDRA UNG: Thank you,
11 Majority Leader Powers. Happy Lunar New Year.
12 (Speaking a foreign language). My family has been
13 attending the Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple in
14 Flushing, Queens since I was a child. I'm excited to
15 have Venerable You Wang here in city hall. A birth
16 family like mine is a tradition to attend a temple
17 during Buddha New Year and pray for peace and health
18 for our loved ones for the upcoming year. Thus, I
19 want to take this opportunity to wish all my
20 colleagues and their families a happy, health, and
21 prosperous New Year. The past two years has been
22 clearly difficult for all New Yorkers, but we,
23 together, welcome the year of the tiger which
24 symbolizes strength and courage. We look forward to
25 new beginnings and a brighter future. One of those

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2 new beginnings is right here in the city council
3 where we not only welcome the first majority Woman
4 class of city members, but also the first black
5 Speaker of the Council. Together, I know we will
6 serve the people of New York with the tiger's bravery
7 and dedicate ourselves to uplifting all New Yorkers.
8 I would like to thank the Venerable You Wang for being
9 today and make a motion that invocation is spread in
10 full upon the record.

11 MAJORITY LEADER KEITH POWERS: Thank you,
12 Council Member Ung. We'll now have the adoption of
13 minutes by Council Member Carlina Rivera.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CARLINA RIVERA: I hereby
15 spread full upon the record the adoption of the
16 minutes for the meeting of February 5th, 2022.

17 MAJORITY LEADER KEITH POWERS: And
18 January 20th.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CARLINA RIVERA: And
20 January 20th, 2022.

21 MAJORITY LEADER KEITH POWERS: Thank you.
22 Messages and papers from the mayor.

23 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: M-12
24 appointment of Justice, Sylvia Hinds-Radix as
25 Corporation Counsel.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CARLINA RIVERA: Rules,
3 privileges, and elections.

4 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: M-13,
5 appointment of Jocelyn Strauber as DOI Commissioner.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CARLINA RIVERA: Rules,
7 privileges, and elections.

8 MAJORITY LEADER KEITH POWERS:
9 Communication from city, county, and borough offices.

10 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: M-14, Board of
11 Corrections.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CARLINA RIVERA: Received,
13 ordered, printed, and filed.

14 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: M-15 and M-16,
15 conflict of interest Board appointments.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CARLINA RIVERA: Rules,
17 privileges, and elections.

18 MAJORITY LEADER KEITH POWERS: Petitions
19 in communications.

20 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: M-17, Rule
21 2.75B Annual Report.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CARLINA RIVERA: Received,
23 ordered, printed, and filed.

24 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: M-18 and M-19,
25 districting commission appointments.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CARLINA RIVERA: Received,
3 ordered, printed, and filed.

4 MAJORITY LEADER KEITH POWERS: Land use
5 call-ups.

6 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: M-20.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CARLINA RIVERA: Coupled
8 on call-up vote. I would now ask that the clerk take
9 a roll vote on all of today's land use call-ups.

10 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Abreu.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SHAUN ABREU: I.

12 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Ariola.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN ARIOLA: I.

14 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Aviles.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ALEXA AVILES: I.

16 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Ayala.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DIANA AYALA: I.

18 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Barron.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLES BARRON: I.

20 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Bottcher.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ERIK BOTTCHEER: I.

22 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Brannan.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER JUSTIN BRANNAN: I.

24 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Brewer.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GALE BREWER: I.

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2 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Brooks-Powers.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SELVENA BROOKS-POWERS: I.

4 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Caban.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER TIFFANY CABAN: I.

6 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Carr. De La

7 Rosa.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CARMEN DE LA ROSA: I.

9 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Dinowitz.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ERIC DINOWITZ: I.

11 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Farias.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AMANDA FARIAS: I.

13 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Feliz.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER OSWALD FELIZ: I.

15 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Gennaro.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES GENNARO: Yes.

17 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Gutierrez.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER JENNIFER GUTIERREZ: I.

19 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Thank you.

20 Hanif.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SHAHANA HANIF: I.

22 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Hanks.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KAMILLAH HANKS: I.

24 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Holden.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT HOLDEN: I.

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2 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Hudson.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CRYSTAL HUDSON: I.

4 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Carr.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID CARR: I.

6 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Thank you.

7 Joseph.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RITA JOSEPH: I.

9 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Kagan.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ARI KAGAN: I.

11 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Krishnan.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SHEKAR KRISHNAN: I.

13 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Lee.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LINDA LEE: I.

15 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Louis.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FARAH LOUIS: I.

17 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Marte.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CHRISTOPHER MARTE: I.

19 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Mealy.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DARLENE MEALY: I.

21 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Menin.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER JULIE MENIN: I.

23 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Moya.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCISCO MOYA: I.

25 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Narcisse.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MERCEDES NARCISSE: I.

3 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Nurse. Osse.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CHI OSSE: I.

5 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Paladino.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VICKIE PALADINO: I.

7 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Restler.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LINCOLN RESTLER: I.

9 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Richardson-
10 Jordan. Riley.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KEVIN RILEY: I.

12 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Rivera.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CARLINA RIVERA: I.

14 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Salamanca.

15 Come back. Sanchez.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER PIERINA ANA SANCHEZ: I.

17 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Schulman.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LYNN SCHULMAN: I.

19 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Stevens.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ALTHEA STEVENS: I.

21 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Ung.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDRA UNG: I.

23 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Velazquez.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MARJORIE VALAZQUEZ: I.

25 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Vernikov.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER INNA VERNIKOV: I.

3 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Williams.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER NANTASHA WILLIAMS: I.

5 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Won.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER JULIE WON: I.

7 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Yeger.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KALMAN YEGER: I.

9 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Richardson-
10 Jordan. Salamanca. Borelli.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER JUSTIN BORELLI: I.

12 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Powers.

13 MAJORITY LEADER KEITH POWERS: I vote I.

14 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Speaker Adams.

15 SPEAKER ADRIENNE ADAMS: I vote I.

16 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Today's land

17 use call-ups are adopted by a vote of 49 in the

18 affirmative, zero in the negative, and zero

19 abstentions. We will now have communications with

20 Speaker Adrienne Adams.

21 SPEAKER ADRIENNE ADAMS: Good afternoon,

22 everyone. Happy Thursday. I hope you and your

23 families are well. I'd like to remind all members

24 that masks are required to be worn throughout the

25 meeting, even when speaking. I'm going to begin the

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2 stated meeting by taking a few minutes to remember
3 two of our young public servants that we recently
4 lost. We are all mourning the deaths of Jason Rivera
5 and Wilbert Mora, who ultimately lost their lives in
6 their commitment to improving and protecting our
7 city. They were both promoted posthumously to
8 detective first grade, the highest rank for a
9 detective in the New York City Police Department.
10 Detective Rivera was the son of Dominican immigrants
11 and fulfilled his childhood dream by becoming the
12 first person in his family to become a police
13 officer. The letter he wrote detailing why he wanted
14 to join the NYPD was a testament to his commitment to
15 our city. Detective Rivera wrote about his past
16 encounters with the NYPD including a situation when
17 his brother was stopped and frisked for no reason.
18 He wanted to improve the NYPD and public safety by
19 serving. Detective Mora also a native of the
20 Dominican Republic, left his homeland at the age of
21 seven for New York City. Police Commissioner Sewell
22 rightly called him, "Three times a hero", first for
23 choosing public service, a second time for protecting
24 others, and a third time for being an organ donor.
25 He saved five more lives through his selfless organ

2 donation. Detective Rivera was 22 years old.
3 Detective Mora was 27 years old. We are forever
4 grateful for their service and our hearts are with
5 their families, colleagues, and communities.

6 It is clear that our city and cities
7 across this nation are facing increased violence,
8 largely driven by gun violence. We must confront
9 this challenge now and always, but this crisis is not
10 new, particularly in communities of color, but it has
11 only worsened throughout this long pandemic. We
12 honor and mourn the lives of all those New Yorkers
13 who have lost their lives to violence, making our
14 city safer and bringing an end to this violence will
15 require a multifaceted approach that requires
16 collaborative and comprehensive solutions. Public
17 safety is a shared responsibility, and we must treat
18 it that was to keep our communities safe. There is
19 an important role for all stakeholders. The NYPD has
20 an important role to play, and we must support good
21 policing that keeps people safe in partnerships with
22 communities. True safety requires an equal role from
23 all the relevant city agencies, communities, and
24 other stakeholders as well. We have to focus on
25 preventing violence before it even occurs by

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2 investing in community-based safety solutions,
3 violence prevention programs, mental healthcare, and
4 crisis resistance, youth programing, and a range of
5 other community investments that promote the well-
6 being of all our neighborhoods. Communities that are
7 healthy and well are best equipped to address
8 underlying challenges that prevent crime and
9 violence. We must invest in the health and stability
10 of New Yorkers, especially those at greatest risk of
11 experiencing violence because of where they live. We
12 need to provide our young people with education and
13 employment opportunities and support. Public safety
14 is a top priority for this council and a top priority
15 for me. It is necessary for the present and the
16 future of our entire city. We also cannot confine
17 ourselves to efforts to gun violence because the
18 reality is that people across our city and country
19 are experiencing various forms of violence.
20 Throughout the pandemic, our city and nation have
21 experienced a deeply disturbing rise in hate
22 violence. Hate, in all of its pernicious forms must
23 be rooted out and unequivocally condemned. Last
24 week, two alarming antisemitic incidents occurred in
25 Brooklyn, in both Council Member Osse's district and

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2 in Council Member Restler's district. This is
3 completely unacceptable, and we must stand in
4 solidarity with our Jewish neighbors to confront this
5 antisemitism. Our Asian-American communities are
6 still dealing with anti-Asian hate violence. New
7 Yorkers must feel safe as they walk our streets, take
8 public transit, and go about their everyday lives,
9 and hate has no place in our city. It has not been
10 confined to the boundaries of our city. Across the
11 country, many historically black colleges and
12 universities, including my alma mater, Spellman
13 College, have received repeated bomb threats. These
14 threats and violence may be intended to instill fear,
15 but instead will only strengthen our resolve to
16 combat hate together. COVID continues to impact our
17 way of life. The Omicron variant hit us hard in New
18 York City. Since we last met here, colleagues, 1754
19 New Yorkers lost their lives to the Coronavirus.
20 Each of those lost lives is tragic and has a rippling
21 effect on loved ones and communities. We are
22 encouraged to have passed the peak of Omicron with
23 the case numbers now receding, and we look forward to
24 a brighter future. Let us now stand and pause for a
25 moment of silence for all those lost New Yorkers now

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2 gone due to the pandemic, violence, and other causes.
3 Thank you. You may be seated.

4 February is black history month. A time
5 to observe and reflect on the legacy and the
6 enumerable contributions that black Americans have
7 made to our nation, and those contributions in New
8 York City alone are immense. We honor, learn from,
9 and pay tribute to those who have helped paved the
10 way for us to be here today. We are ancestor's
11 wildest dreams. We also look ahead to the work in
12 front of us to create a better and more equitable
13 future. As the first black Speaker of the New York
14 City Council, I am proud to stand on the shoulders of
15 giants who came before me, including those whose
16 names don't get remembered and who labored in the
17 trenches for justice, progress, and equality out of
18 immense love. This city council is committed to
19 continuing the fight for justice and equality and we
20 have our work cut out for us. Happy Black History
21 Month.

22 On another note, I want to wish a Happy
23 Lunar New Year to all who celebrated last week. We
24 said good-bye to the year of the ox, and we welcomed
25 the year of the tiger, which stands for courage and

2 ambition; two indispensable qualities we need to
3 recover from this pandemic. I enjoyed celebrating
4 with so many of you at events in different parts of
5 our city over this past week. Have a happy and
6 prosperous Lunar New Year.

7 Now, before we delve into our agenda for
8 the day, I would like to formally announce new
9 members of my Senior staff, including the promotion
10 of long-time council staff to new leadership
11 positions. It's an impressive group of government
12 professionals and leaders who are excited to lead to
13 this body and serve this body, and I'm so proud to
14 elevate into these various positions. Jeremy John
15 (SP?) has joined us as First Deputy Chief of Staff.
16 Carlos Beato (SP?) is Special Counsel. Tanisha
17 Edwards (SP?) is our Chief Financial Officer and
18 Deputy Chief of Staff of Finance. Faisa Ali has
19 been promoted to Deputy Chief of Staff of Community
20 Engagement. Jeff Baker (SP?) has been promoted to
21 Deputy Chief of Staff of Legislation and Policy.
22 Andrea Vazquez (SP?) has been promoted to Director of
23 the Legislative Division. Charles, Chuck, Davis
24 (SP?) has been promoted to Director of the
25 Administrative Services Division, and I also want to

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2 acknowledge Raju Mann (SP?) being promoted to Deputy
3 Chief of Staff of the Land Use Division.
4 Congratulations to you all.

5 Colleagues, we have one land use item
6 we're voted on at today's stated: 415 Madison Avenue,
7 in Majority Leader Keith Power's district. It is a
8 proposed new office building in east Midtown of
9 approximately 300,000 square feet with a new ground
10 floor of public space and a new entrance to the LIRR
11 eastside access project. Thank you very much, and I
12 now turn it back over into the hands of our Majority
13 Leader.

14 MAJORITY LEADER KEITH POWERS: Thank you,
15 Speaker Adams. I also want to add my congratulations
16 to all the folks for their new titles and promotions
17 and thank them for all the hard work they do here
18 everyday to make this place what it is. We are now
19 moving to discussion of general orders. Is there any
20 members signed up for general orders? None, okay.
21 We'll now move to the report of special committees.

22 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: None.

23 MAJORITY LEADER KEITH POWERS: Reports of
24 standing committees.

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2 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Report on the
3 Committee on Land Use, Pre-considers LUs 5 and 6, 415
4 Madison Avenue.

5 SPEAKER ADRIENNE ADAMS: Approved with
6 modifications and referred to the city planning
7 division pursuant to Section 197-D of the New York
8 City Charter.

9 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: General orders
10 calendar, Pre-considered LU 5 and Reso 15 and Pre-
11 considered LU 6 and Reso 16, 415 Madison Avenue.

12 SPEAKER ADRIENNE ADAMS: Coupled on
13 general orders.

14 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Resolution
15 appointing various person, Commissioner deeds.

16 SPEAKER ADRIENNE ADAMS: Coupled on
17 general orders. I will now ask that the clerk take a
18 roll call vote on all of the items coupled on today's
19 general orders calendar.

20 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Abreu.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SHAUN ABREU: I on all.

22 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Ariola.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN ARIOLA: I on all.

24 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Aviles.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ALEXA AVILES: I on all.

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2 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Ayala.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER DIANA AYALA: I on all.

4 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Barron.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLES BARRON: I on all.

6 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Bottcher.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ERIK BOTTCHEER: I on all.

8 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Brannan.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER JUSTIN BRANNAN: I.

10 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Brewer.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GALE BREWER: I on all,

12 and I want to say regarding 415 Madison Avenue is an

13 example of what we can do as we did with east Midtown

14 rezoning. I want to thank Majority Leader Powers,

15 certainly former Council Member Dan Garodnick and the

16 city because this particular building will contribute

17 mightily to improving our subway system and other

18 things, but it's an example of really good rezoning.

19 Thank you very much. I vote I.

20 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Thank you.

21 Brooks-Powers.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SELVENA BROOKS-POWERS:

23 Permission to explain my vote?

24 MAJORITY LEADER KEITH POWERS: Permission

25 granted.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER SELVENA BROOKS-POWERS:

3 Thank you, Majority Leader, and good afternoon,
4 everyone. I'd like to acknowledge some of the recent
5 pedestrian deaths that have occurred over the last
6 week in our city. On Saturday, in Manhattan Beach,
7 Jack Mikulincer (SP?), a 99-year-old holocaust
8 survivor was killed crossing the street on his way to
9 synagogue service. Yesterday in Midwood, a 5-year-
10 old boy was critically injured by a vehicle pulling
11 out of a nearby driveway. Both in Council Member
12 Vernikov's district, and yesterday in Far Rockaway,
13 in my own district, a vehicle hopped the curb and
14 struck three pedestrians, injuring two, and killing
15 Davina Afokoba, a 10-year-old girl. Today, I met
16 with her family who are completely devastated by this
17 loss. I ask that we keep each of these victims in
18 our thoughts and prayers. New Yorkers from all walks
19 of life deserve safe streets. One traffic death is
20 one death too many, and with District 31 having 11
21 traffic fatalities in 2021, leading all other council
22 districts, there's a lot of work to be done to ensure
23 that communities that have been underinvested in and
24 neglected receive the proper resources that they
25 need, and I just wanted to make those

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2 acknowledgments. Thank you, and with that, I vote I
3 on today's land use items.

4 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Thank you.
5 Caban.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER TIFFANY CABAN: I on all.

7 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Thank you.
8 Carr.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID CARR: I on all.

10 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: De La Rosa.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CARMEN DE LA ROSA: I on
12 all.

13 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Dinowitz.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ERIC DINOWITZ: I on all.

15 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Farias.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER AMANDA FARIAS: I on all.

17 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Feliz.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER OSWALD FELIZ: I on all.

19 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Gennaro.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES GENNARO: I.

21 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Gutierrez.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER JENNIFER GUTIERREZ: I on
23 all.

24 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Thank you.

25 Hanif.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER SHAHANA HANIF: I on all.

3 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Hanks.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KAMILLAH HANKS: I on all.

5 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Holden.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT HOLDEN: I vote I.

7 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Hudson.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CRYSTAL HUDSON: I on all.

9 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Joseph.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RITA JOSEPH: I on all.

11 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Thank you.

12 Kagan.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ARI KAGAN: I on all.

14 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Thank you.

15 Krishnan.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SHEKAR KRISHNAN: I.

17 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Lee.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LINDA LEE: I on all.

19 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Thank you.

20 One moment. Louis.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER FARAH LOUIS: I on all.

22 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Marte.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CHRISTOPHER MARTE: I on

24 all.

25 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Mealy.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER DARLENE MEALY: I on all.

3 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Menin.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER JULIE MENIN: I on all.

5 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Moya.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCISCO MOYA: I vote I.

7 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Thank you.

8 Narcisse.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MERCEDES NARCISSE: I on
10 all.

11 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Nurse.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDY NURSE: I on all.

13 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Osse.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CHI OSSE: I on all.

15 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Paladino.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VICKIE PALADINO: I on
17 all.

18 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Restler.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LINCOLN RESTLER: I.

20 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Richardson-
21 Jordan. Riley.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KEVIN RILEY: I on all.

23 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Rivera.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CARLINA RIVERA: I.

25 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Salamanca.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RAFAEL SALAMANCA: I on
3 all.

4 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Thank you.
5 Sanchez.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER PIERINA ANA SANCHEZ: I on
7 all.

8 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Schulman.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LYNN SCHULMAN: I on all.

10 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Stevens.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ALTHEA STEVENS: I on all.

12 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Ung.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDRA UNG: I on all.

14 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Velazquez.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MARJORIE VALAZQUEZ: I.

16 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Vernikov.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER INNA VERNIKOV: I vote I
18 on all.

19 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Williams.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER NANTASHA WILLIAMS: I.

21 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Won.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER JULIE WON: I.

23 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Yeger.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KALMAN YEGER: I.

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2 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Richardson-
3 Jordan. Borelli.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER JUSTIN BORELLI: I on all.

5 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Powers.

6 MAJORITY LEADER KEITH POWERS: I on all.

7 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Speaker Adams.

8 SPEAKER ADRIENNE ADAMS: I on all.

9 NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: All items on
10 today's general order calendar are adopted by a vote
11 of 50 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and
12 zero abstentions. Now, move on to the Introduction
13 and the reading of Bills.

14 SPEAKER ADRIENNE ADAMS: All Bills have
15 been referred to committees as indicated on today's
16 agenda.

17 MAJORITY LEADER KEITH POWER: Thank you.
18 There are no Resolutions on today's calendar. So,
19 we're now move into the general discussion. We're
20 going to first call on Council Member Rivera.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CARLINA RIVERA: Thank you
22 so much. Introduction 0030, the Bill I am
23 introducing today requires the Department of
24 Correction to develop a plan for insuring individuals
25 incarcerated at Riker's Island are still able to

2 access their medical appointments and care in the
3 event of an emergency lock-in. Yesterday afternoon,
4 I toured Riker's Island with Commissioner Molina and
5 my colleagues in the Committee on Criminal Justice.
6 We visited the tragic punitive segregation unit at
7 the George R. Vierno Center and a youth housing unit
8 and school floor at the Davoren complex. While at
9 GRVC, we spent time at the on-sight correctional
10 health services clinic where we discussed Sit-Call,
11 the process by which incarcerated individuals can
12 request medical care. We were told lock-ins are few
13 and far in between. We were told appointments are
14 not missed or delayed, but testimony from a currently
15 incarcerated individual shared at Tuesday's meeting
16 at the Board of Corrections, says calls for medical
17 care to the dedicated nurse hotline went unanswered.
18 Cases were only responded to on a seemingly arbitrary
19 basis. Currently, this nurse hotline is the only way
20 someone can access medical care during a lock-in and
21 lock-ins are not rare. While at GRVC, we found that
22 the last lock-in at the facility was that very
23 morning. I cannot fathom anything less than swift
24 action towards addressing the critical needs and
25 providing medical care services at Riker's Island.

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2 This keeps everyone on the island safe, and nothing
3 is more important than the health of every New
4 Yorker. I urge my colleagues to join me in signing
5 onto this legislation. Thank you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER KEITH POWERS: Thank you,
7 Council Member Rivera. We'll now hear from Council
8 Member Barron.

9 SGT-AT-ARMS: Times begins.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLES BARRON: Thank
11 you. I just wanted to appeal to my colleagues once
12 again that we saw a very disingenuous display by the
13 mayor when it came to the no-cash bail Bill. Mayor,
14 you should be ashamed of yourself to use the blood of
15 an 11-year-old child, the blood of police officers,
16 and other innocent people who were killed to try to
17 push back on no-bail, no-cash bail. Let's stick with
18 the facts. This is data-driven. The fact of the
19 matter, 98 percent of the people that got no-cash
20 bail, did not commit another crime. Nobody in this
21 city can get no-cash bail if you're charged with a
22 violent felony. So, for the mayor to get up there
23 and use the blood of innocent people to manipulate
24 you emotionally, and to tell us to debate the mother,
25 not him; that was unconscionable and totally

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2 unacceptable. Raise the age keeps young people in
3 family court so that they can be rehabilitated and
4 not in adult courts and jails, so they can become
5 hardened criminals and punished, and recidivism goes
6 high. So, I'm calling on us. I'll be putting a
7 Resolution forth to support the no-cash bail. It's
8 for non-violent offenses pre-trial detainees that got
9 exorbitant bails like Kalif Bradda (SP?), I'll remind
10 you, thousands of dollars' worth of bail, spent three
11 years in jail for allegedly taking a backpack that he
12 didn't take and put in solitary confinement which the
13 mayor wants to (CROSS-TALK) ...

14 SGT-AT-ARMS: Time expired.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLES BARRON: ... and
16 lost his life afterwards.

17 MAJORITY LEADER KEITH POWERS: Thank you,
18 Council Member Barron. We're now going to call on
19 Council Member Kalman Yeger.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KALMAN YEGER: Thank you,
21 Mr. President. You know, if we're going to condemn a
22 particular person for the words that he said and ask
23 that he be ashamed of himself, at least, let's get it
24 right. The mayor has not said, to my knowledge, and
25 I watched the budget testimony yesterday to the state

2 legislation that he wants to reimpose something that
3 had changed. What he said is that he wants there to
4 be a dangerousness standard that a court can look at
5 whether or not somebody is too dangerous to put back
6 out on the streets. That is not the same
7 conversation about bail. The bail conversation had
8 been about the question of the other fairness or the
9 lack thereof of a wealthy defendant with access to
10 resources and a poor defendant without access to
11 resources; both having been charged with the same
12 crime, one gets locked up, one doesn't because one is
13 rich, and one isn't. That's the conversation.
14 Public safety is a conversation that we have to be
15 having in the city. The mayor being accused of
16 wanting to lock people up, and the mayor being
17 accused of using the blood of a child and using the
18 victimhood of the child's parents, anybody who knows
19 Eric Adams (SP?) and I know the gentleman does, knows
20 that that's just a not a fair and accurate
21 description of what the mayor's position is or what
22 the mayor's been saying. The mayor has been crystal
23 clear on this and he's right across the hall and if
24 anybody is in this building and feels like showing up
25 and having a conversation with the mayor, this mayor

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2 has shown that he's going to have a conversation with
3 the members of this council. He's shown that he's
4 willing to have a conversation with the members of
5 the state legislature. A real conversation or we can
6 sit at home and we can Zoom in and we can talk about
7 who should be ashamed of themselves and the
8 condemnation of a particular word or fact, but at
9 least, let's get it right, and I would just throw in
10 Josh Sewell (SP?), as the gentleman said, let's just
11 look at the words and make sure we're condemning
12 exactly what was exactly said. Thank you very much,
13 Mr. President.

14 MAJORITY LEADER KEITH POWERS: Thank you,
15 Council Member Yeger. Any other folks signed up
16 today for general discussion? Okay, I now call on
17 Speaker Adrienne Adams to close today's stated
18 meeting.

19 SPEAKER ADRIENNE ADAMS: Stated meeting
20 of February 10th, 2022, is hereby adjourned.

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