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Wednesday, December 20, 2023

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker  
Keith Powers, Majority Leader

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Justin L. Brannan

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Julie Won  
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NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING  
A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION: Bishop Darue Bryant,  
The Bible Church Of Christ Inc., located at 1358  
Morris Avenue, Bronx NY 10450

2 SERGEANT PETUVI: This is a microphone check for  
3 the Stated Meeting; recorded on December 20, 2023;  
4 located in Chambers; recorded by Nazly Petuvi.

5 [AUTOMATION]: Recording in progress.

6 CITY CLERK: Ladies and Gentleman, at this time,  
7 please place all electronic devices, all electronic  
8 devices to vibrate or silent mode.

9 Mr. Majority Leader?

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: [GAVEL SOUND] [GAVELING  
11 IN] Good afternoon, and welcome to the Stated Meeting  
12 of December 20, 2023. I am Majority Leader Kieth  
13 Powers, and I would like to thank everyone for  
14 joining us here today. If you would like to follow  
15 along, the agenda for today's meeting is posted on  
16 the City Council website.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Please join us for the Pledge of  
18 Allegiance.

19 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

20 ALL: [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Roll call

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: [NO RESPONSE]

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presente

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Here

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Barron?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Here

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: [NO RESPONSE]

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: [NO RESPONSE]

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Carr?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Present

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Farías?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: [NO RESPONSE]

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [MEDICAL]

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presente

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Holden?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Kagan?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: [ABSENT]

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Lee?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Louis?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Here

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Marte?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [MEDICAL]

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Menin?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Moya?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: [NO MIC] Present

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: [NO MIC] Here

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Restler?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Richardson Jordon?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Present

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Riley?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ung?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: [ABSENT]

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Velázquez?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: Presente

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Present

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Williams?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'm here.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Won?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: [NO RESPONSE]

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Here

8 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Speaker Adams?

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, we have a  
11 quorum. We will now have today's invocation, which  
12 will be delivered by Bishop Darue Bryant, The Bible  
13 Church Of Christ Inc., located at 1358 Morris Avenue,  
14 in the Bronx, welcome.

15 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

16 BISHOP DARUE BRYANT: Distinguished Council  
17 Members and honored guest, it is a privilege and  
18 honor to be here before you today to do this  
19 invocation. Let's bow our heads, please. Heavenly  
20 Father, Our Father which art in heaven, as we gather  
21 today on the threshold of the new year, let us join  
22 in unity, transcending the turbulence of global  
23 conflicts, anchoring our focus on fortifying the  
24 bonds within our community. Let us foster an  
25 environment of unwavering solidarity, keeping fervent

1 prayers for global peace while dedicating ourselves  
2 to contemporary and proactive solutions as we address  
3 the challenges that have plagued our municipality.

4 Our Father, considering our city a tapestry of  
5 diversity ambition faces entrenched issues that  
6 demand our collective resolve from homelessness to  
7 the pursuit of affordable housing, from battling  
8 domestic abuse to innovative mental and health  
9 resources, from education reforms to nurturing safe  
10 spaces for our unattended children, from violence and  
11 thoughtfulness to assisting our seniors and  
12 empowering low income families with healthy food  
13 options and opportunities for the creation of new  
14 small businesses. These are not merely just hurdles,  
15 but rather these are calls to action demanding our  
16 united efforts. In these chambers where decisions  
17 mold our City's destiny, our gratitude extends to our  
18 mayor, borough presidents, and dedicated council  
19 members. Also, to the newly elected officials, your  
20 responsibility to champion truth guided by morality  
21 and love is both an honor and sacred duty as you  
22 represent your constituents. Let our actions today,  
23 and in the coming year, be guided by an unwavering  
24 commitment to morality, ethics, and love. Our faith  
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1 based organizations, let us set aside differences  
2 and stand together ecumenically laboring with our  
3 communities, casting aside cultural divides and  
4 biases embarking together on the pursuit of common  
5 purpose, as we look forward possessing an unbreakable  
6 unity surpassing the dividing and fostering and  
7 atmosphere where progress thrives. Oh, Heavenly  
8 Father, with humility and with faith, we invoke  
9 divine guidance upon this meeting, may decisions be  
10 made in decency and in order, echoing the voice of  
11 compassion and justice for all. Let unity prevail  
12 over division, love over hate, peace over conflict,  
13 as we speak these aspirations into existence,  
14 invoking blessings in the name of the holy son, my  
15 lord and savior and the savior of others, Jesus  
16 Christ, we pray, amen.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. I am now going  
19 to call Council Member Althea Stevens to spread the  
20 invocation on the record.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: It is my honor to have,  
22 Bishop Darue Bryant, a distinguished individual who  
23 is Bronx born and southern raised, who started his  
24 journey in ministry in 1998. Starting with outreach  
25 in nursing homes, hospitals, and prisons, Bishop

1  
2 Bryant's commitment to spreading the word of God and  
3 providing solace through his anointed ministry became  
4 evident. Over the course of 12 impactful years, he  
5 served as pastor at the Bible Church of Christ in  
6 Kingston, North Carolina. Under his leadership, the  
7 congregation actively engaged with the community  
8 offering food programming, helping to pay utility  
9 bills, with clothing initiatives, and health services  
10 and partnering in rehabilitation efforts. Bishop  
11 Bryant's commitment to education and [INAUDIBLE] is  
12 commendable. Bishop Bryant graduated from University  
13 of Mount Olive in 2007, with a B.S. in Theology and  
14 in the same year received an honorary degree,  
15 Doctorate of Divinity from the International  
16 Institute of Church Management. In 2021, after  
17 serving in Clinton, North Carolina's City Council,  
18 and as a pastor and distinguished businessman, Bishop  
19 Bryant stepped down to return back to the Bronx to  
20 serve as pastor of Bible Church of Christ, where his  
21 dedication and commitment to serve is unmatched; and  
22 where he brings knowledge and best practices from his  
23 experience with integrity, ministry, and public  
24 service to the heart of District 16, with a flair of  
25 southern hospitality. I am truly honored to have a

2 partner like Bishop Darue Bryant who is truly a value  
3 and an asset to New York City, and much more  
4 importantly, to District 16 and the Bronx. Please  
5 join me in extending a warm thank you to Bishop  
6 Bryant for joining us for our last Stated of 2023. I  
7 would like to make a motion to Spread the Invocation  
8 on the Record, thank you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

10 We will now have the adoption of the minutes from  
11 City Council Member Justin Brannan.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: I make a motion that the  
13 minutes of the Stated Meeting of December 6, 2023 be  
14 adopted as printed.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, we will now  
16 have Messages & Papers from the Mayor?

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Communications from  
19 Communications from City, County & Borough Offices?

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: M 182 and M 183, budget  
21 modifications?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Finance

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: M 184, board of elections  
24 certification?

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, Ordered, Printed and  
3 Filed.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Petitions and  
5 Communications?

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Land Use Call-Ups?

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, we will now  
10 have Communication from Speaker Adrienne Adams.

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority Leader, and  
12 good afternoon, everyone. I want to begin by  
13 acknowledging the horrifying death of a child from a  
14 migrant family in an Upper West Side shelter. My  
15 heart goes out to the family and loved ones as they  
16 grieve. This tragedy underscores the need for more  
17 culturally competent care and mental health resources  
18 in facilities and schools serving asylum seekers.

19 Last week's partial building collapse in Council  
20 Member Sanchez's district was frightening for all New  
21 Yorkers, especially the dozens of residents who  
22 remain displaced. While we are grateful that no one  
23 was seriously injured, this should have never  
24 happened. It is critical that our City takes

1  
2 proactive measures to keep New Yorkers safe in their  
3 buildings.

4 And, next, I would like to take a moment to  
5 remember the lives of Ommatt Cruz, Frederick D.  
6 Whiteside, and Hilarion Warren Eusta Joseph, three  
7 New Yorkers who died while on the job last month.  
8 Our hearts are with their families, their friends,  
9 and communities as they grieve the loss of their  
10 loved ones.

11 Today the commercial cleaners of 32 BJ are taking  
12 a strike vote. This council has a history of  
13 standing with workers, and we are proud to stand in  
14 solidarity with them in their fight for fair wages  
15 and better working conditions.

16 Before I continue, I want to briefly discuss how  
17 this Council has approached public safety in a  
18 comprehensive and holistic way. Public safety is  
19 ensuring access to secure housing, which has been a  
20 priority. Public safety is when we confront the  
21 City's mental health crisis with best practices and  
22 greater investments in evidence based solutions.  
23 That is what our Mental Health Roadmap focused on,  
24 and today we will pass legislation from its second  
25 part. Public safety is when we truly meet the

1 recovery needs of crime victims rather than simply  
2 talking about crime victims. We have passed bills to  
3 provide services for domestic violence victims. I  
4 created a new Crime Victim and Community Safety  
5 Services Initiative with \$100,000 for each council  
6 district. And we established New York State's first  
7 trauma recovery centers in our city to help survivors  
8 of violence and communities recover and stop cycles  
9 of violence. These and so much more are essential to  
10 ensuring our communities are safe. But, we know the  
11 disparate impacts on Black communities, Latino  
12 communities, and other communities of color. Police  
13 accountability and transparency are also  
14 prerequisites to public safety in our city.  
15 Increasing access to policing data has been at the  
16 center of making our city safer for decades. Police  
17 transparency is also pivotal to the trust with  
18 communities that is necessary to improve safety and  
19 help solve crime. Yesterday, the Governor signed  
20 into law the bill creating a reparations commission,  
21 acknowledging the legacy of slavery on City and  
22 communities and starting efforts to address it.  
23 Similarly, we also must realize the legacy of  
24 policing in certain communities and how experiences  
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1 with policing *differ* from other communities. The  
2 City's use of Stop and Frisk that disproportionately  
3 effective Black and Latino communities and was ruled  
4 *unconstitutional* by a federal court, was a  
5 recognition of these experiences. As the federal  
6 monitor established by this court decision has  
7 repeatedly reported, the NYPD continues to  
8 underreport stops and unlawful stops where severe  
9 disparities among Black and Latino communities  
10 persist. We cannot ignore these realities and the  
11 work that remains for us to address them. People in  
12 our communities are conditioned to be stopped by  
13 police at the various levels, including what are  
14 considered to be Level 1 stops, where ID can be  
15 requested *without* an individual having done something  
16 wrong or even *suspected* of doing something wrong.  
17 They reality is that these different levels of stops  
18 can be experienced without any practical distinction  
19 for the person who is stopped. The trauma and  
20 conditioning related to these stops have an impact on  
21 the relationships and trust communities have with  
22 police, particularly when they occur with no  
23 transparency. They can be intrusive and disruptive  
24 to the daily lives of residents, students and  
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1 essential frontline workers like teachers and nurses,  
2 and this should not happen in the shadows. We have  
3 to realize and respect those experiences even if they  
4 are not our own. And we cannot ignore the impact  
5 they have on public safety. It is our job to contend  
6 with the legacies of harm in our communities that  
7 impact of lives of generations of Black and Latino  
8 New Yorkers and repair them. Accountability and  
9 transparency are important pathways to advance that  
10 goal, and we must foster thoughtful conversations to  
11 facilitate progress, rather than those that disregard  
12 these serious experiences and issues. As the most  
13 diverse council in our city's history, it is  
14 important that our actions are consistent with what  
15 our communities need. That is why we have advanced  
16 solutions to address longstanding issues in our city  
17 that hinder the health, safety, and well-being of too  
18 many communities. We must not trap ourselves into  
19 maintaining a status quo that fights change and does  
20 not benefit the diverse communities of the City.  
21 Progress is the sign of a healthy democracy. It is  
22 what New Yorkers deserve and what this council has  
23 focused on delivering.

2 December 12th marked 12 years since the mass  
3 shooting tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in  
4 Newtown, Connecticut. The loss of 26 people,  
5 including 20 children, is still incomprehensible. We  
6 owe it to their memory and to the countless other  
7 lives cut short by gun violence to work together to  
8 end gun violence that devastates our communities.

9 Before we continue, on a happy note, I want to  
10 wish a very Merry Birthday to Council Member Carmen  
11 De La Rosa, whose birthday [APPLAUSE] falls on  
12 Christmas day.

13 [APPLAUSE and CHEERING]

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: We hope that you have a wonderful  
15 celebration, Carmen.

16 Finally, I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays,  
17 whether you have just celebrated Hanukkah or you're  
18 celebrating Christmas or Kwanza, I hope you have a  
19 wonderful holiday season spent with your families and  
20 loved ones.

21 As this is the last Stated Meeting of 2023 and  
22 this *entire* session, I want to thank each and every  
23 one of you for your hard work, your dedication, and  
24 your service on behalf of all New Yorkers. Together  
25 we accomplished so much in our term, creating and

2 enacting legislation that will improve the lives of  
3 working families, women, and children across our  
4 city. At the end of the day, that is what our work  
5 is all about - making life more equitable and just  
6 for New Yorkers and creating new opportunities for  
7 all. We were able to achieve so much because of this  
8 council. Our first majority women and most diverse  
9 council to date chose to invest in our communities,  
10 especially those that had been historically  
11 overlooked. And while there is so much more ahead  
12 for us, I am so proud of the foundation we all built  
13 together, which will help future generations of New  
14 Yorkers build upon our success. Thank you all for  
15 your hard work. Happy New Year!

16 Now, let's move onto our Stated Agenda.

17 First we will vote on the following Finance  
18 Items:

19 A transparency resolution approving new  
20 designations and changes of certain organizations  
21 receiving funding in the Expense Budget. An  
22 amendment to an existing Article V exemption and  
23 renewal of a partial 40-year Article V exemption for  
24 three buildings in Council Member Abreu's district;  
25 a full 40-year Article XI exemption for the

1 presentation of eight buildings in Council Member  
2 Richardson Jordan's District and Council Member De La  
3 Rosa's districts - the buildings collectively contain  
4 195 units.  
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6 Next, we will vote on the following Land Use  
7 items. 506 West 135th Street ANCP, a Urban  
8 Development Action Area Project (UDAAP) approval  
9 disposition of City owned property, and an Article XI  
10 tax exemption to facilitate the renovation and  
11 preservation of three City owned buildings into  
12 approximately 63 affordable cooperative homeownership  
13 units in Council Member Abreu's district.

14 West 120-126th Street ANCP Cluster, a UDAAP  
15 approval disposition of City owned property and an  
16 Article XI tax exemption to facilitate the renovation  
17 and preservation of four City owned buildings. It  
18 will include approximately 48 affordable cooperative  
19 homeownership units, along with commercial and  
20 community space in Council Member Richardson Jordan's  
21 district.

22 Linden Gardens, a UDAAP approval disposition of  
23 City owned property and an Article XI tax exemption  
24 to facilitate 37 affordable cooperative homeownership  
25 units in Council Member Nurse and Barron's districts.

1           New Penn Article XI, an Article XI tax exemption  
2  
3 request to facilitate the development of 10 new  
4 residential buildings with 71 affordable rental units  
5 in Council Member Barron's district.

6           We are also voting on the site selections for a  
7 new approximately 696 seat primary school in Council  
8 Member Ung's district. And a new approximately 676  
9 seat high school, including District 75 Special  
10 Education seats in Council Member Brannan's district.

11           And 541-545 Bay Street rezoning will facilitate  
12 the development of a new mixed-use building that  
13 includes approximately 81 housing units, 25 of which  
14 will be permanently affordable, as well as ground  
15 floor commercial space and approximately 42 parking  
16 spaces in Council Member Hank's district. The  
17 Council is modifying the application to remove the  
18 MIH Workforce option.

19           Today we will vote on the following resolutions:

20           Resolution 837, sponsored by Council Member  
21 Robert Holden, calling on the New York State  
22 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
23 S.4717/A.3149, to authorize the New York State  
24 Department of Veterans' Services to provide eligible  
25 veterans with financial assistance for purchasing,

2 training, and the upkeep of service dogs and  
3 emotional support dogs. Thank you to our staff  
4 members David Romero and Anastasia Zimina.

5 Resolution 584, sponsored by Council Member Linda  
6 Lee, Resolution calling on the New York State  
7 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
8 legislation to enter the Interstate Medical Licensure  
9 Compact, the Nurse Licensure Compact, and the  
10 Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, to enhance  
11 the portability of medical and mental health  
12 providers to become licensed in multiple  
13 participating states. Thank you to our staff members  
14 Cristy Dwyer, Sara Sucher, Anastasia Zimina, and  
15 David Romero.

16 Resolution 863, that I am sponsoring, is a  
17 resolution condemning recent attacks on members of  
18 the Sikh community in the City of New York and  
19 seeking a swift end to any discrimination against  
20 Sikh New Yorkers. Thank you to our staff member  
21 Regina Paul.

22 Resolution 473, sponsored by Council Member  
23 Tiffany Cabán, calling on the New York State  
24 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
25 S1099/A1963 which would protect youth during

1  
2 custodial police interrogation. Thank you to our  
3 staff members Robert Calandra, Joshua Kingsley, and  
4 Jeremy Whiteman.

5 Resolution 556-B, sponsored by Council Member  
6 Crystal Hudson, calling on the New York State  
7 Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign  
8 A.170/S.999, also known as the Access to  
9 Representation Act, which establishes the right to  
10 legal counsel in immigration court proceedings and  
11 provides for the administration thereof. Thank you to  
12 staff members Nicole Cata, Rebecca Barilla, and Robert  
13 Calandra.

14 And Resolution 241, also sponsored by Council  
15 Member Crystal Hudson, calling upon the New York  
16 State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
17 the Fair and Timely Parole Act (S307/A162) which  
18 would ensure that the parole release process is based  
19 on rehabilitation and risk to public safety, and  
20 Elder Parole Act (S2423/A2035), which would establish  
21 parole consideration for people at least 55 years old  
22 who have served 15 consecutive years in prison. Thank  
23 you to staff member Natalie Meltzer.

24 Today we will also vote on the following pieces  
25 of legislation:

1 Introduction 532-A, sponsored by Council Member  
2 James Gennaro, his bill would require the Department  
3 of Environmental Protection to report on the  
4 additional construction and installation needed to  
5 establish the city's coastal bodies of water as  
6 vessel no-discharge zones, to install at least two  
7 pumpout facilities per year until all coastal bodies  
8 of water in the city are designated as no-discharge  
9 zones. Thank you to staff members Andrew Bourne,  
10 Ricky Chawla, and Claire McLaughlin.  
11

12 Introduction 1139-A, sponsored by Council Member  
13 Amanda Farías, would allow advertising on the  
14 interior of for-hire vehicles. Thank you to staff  
15 members Mark Chen, Kevin Kotowski, John Basile, and  
16 Connor Mealey.

17 Introduction 1278, sponsored by Council Member  
18 Shekar Krishnan, would co-name 117 thoroughfares and  
19 public places, based on requests of Council Members.  
20 Thank you to staff members Kristopher Satori,  
21 Patrick Mulvihill, and Michael Sherman.

22 Introduction 1048-A, sponsored by Council Member  
23 Julie Won, would require the City Procurement Officer  
24 to establish a secure electronic document vault to  
25 store procurement related records. Thank you to

1  
2 staff members Alex R. Paulenoff, Alex Yablon,  
3 Florentine Kabore, and Nia Hyatt.

4 Introduction 563-A, sponsored by Council Member  
5 Gale Brewer, would add the right to file a private  
6 civil action to the Earned Safe and Sick Time Act  
7 (ESSTA), which allows most private employees in New  
8 York City to earn paid Safe and Sick Time from their  
9 employers. Thank you to staff members Rie Ogasawara  
10 and Elizabeth Arzt.

11 Next, Introduction 145, requires the Department  
12 of Sanitation (DSNY) to assist the Department of  
13 Parks and Recreation with the removal of such fallen  
14 tree debris after severe weather. Thank you to staff  
15 members Kristopher Sartori and Ricky Chawla.

16 Introduction 1131-A, sponsored by Council Member  
17 Rafael Salamanca, would require the New York City  
18 Department of Consumer and Worker Protection to  
19 perform six months of outreach to anyone operating a  
20 mobile carwash regarding licensing requirements and  
21 related penalties.

22 Introduction 1161-A, sponsored by Council Member  
23 Shaun Abreu, would prohibit professional and  
24 collegiate sports venues from barring ticket holders  
25 from bringing in a reusable beverage container that

1  
2 is made of aluminum or stainless steel and holds 24  
3 fluids ounces or less. Thank you to staff members  
4 Morganne Barrett and Ricky Chawla.

5 Introduction 946-A, sponsored by Council Member  
6 Crystal Hudson, bill would require each city agency  
7 to have a mental health coordinator to assist and  
8 perform outreach to city employees about mental  
9 health services and support services available to  
10 them. Thank you to our staff member Sara Sucher.

11 Next, we will be voting on a package of  
12 legislation aimed at addressing the mental health  
13 needs of veterans. These bills are the second part  
14 of the Council's Mental Health Roadmap, a  
15 comprehensive and ongoing plan to improve mental  
16 health outcomes for New Yorkers.

17 Introduction 1241, sponsored by Council Member  
18 Mercedes Narcisse, would require the department of  
19 veteran services to submit to the Council, and post  
20 on its website, an annual report summarizing the  
21 mental health services offered and provided by city  
22 agencies to veterans, and the number of veterans who  
23 have applied for and received mental health services.

24 Introduction 1237, sponsored by Council Member  
25 Eric Dinowitz, would require any City agency that

1 collects demographic information through form  
2 documents from individuals seeking social services in  
3 the city to offer all such individuals a standardized  
4 and voluntary survey form that contains a demographic  
5 questions related to veteran status.  
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7 Introduction 1244, sponsored by Public Advocate  
8 Jumaane Williams, would require the Department of  
9 Veterans Services (DVS) in coordination with relevant  
10 agencies, to develop and distribute and informational  
11 pamphlet that describes the department's resources  
12 and services.

13 Introduction 1239, sponsored by Council Member  
14 Linda Lee, would require the Department of Veteran  
15 Services, in coordination with Mayor's Community  
16 Affairs Unit and the Mayor's Public Engagement Unit,  
17 to conduct outreach and a targeted public education  
18 campaign regarding the mental health resources  
19 available to veterans in the City. Thank you to our  
20 staff members David Romero and Sara Sucher.

21 Introduction 632-A, sponsored by Majority Leader  
22 Keith Powers, would amend the City's Human Rights Law  
23 to prohibit housing discrimination on the basis of  
24 criminal history in New York City with limited  
25 exceptions for certain crimes that are considered

1 reviewable. Thank you to our staff members Rachel  
2 Cordero, Jessica Boulet, and Wiam Diouri.

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4 Next, Introduction 1203-A, sponsored by Council  
5 Member Kevin Riley, would require the Department of  
6 Correction to provide a letter of incarceration to  
7 all individuals as they leave the Department's  
8 custody that they can use to apply for benefits.

9 Thank you to staff members Jeremy Whiteman and  
10 Natalie Meltzer.

11 Introduction 1153-A, sponsored by Council Member  
12 Sandy Nurse, bill would require the Commissioner of  
13 Social Services to produce two quarterly reports, in  
14 consultation with the Police Commissioner, the  
15 Commissioner of Sanitation, and the Commissioner of  
16 Parks and Recreation. The first report would track  
17 each time a city agency worked to remove a person  
18 experiencing homelessness from a public space,  
19 including when the removal was coordinated among  
20 multiple agencies and when a person was asked to  
21 vacate a public space by a police officer. The second  
22 report would track how many individuals were affected  
23 by the removal, what housing services they were  
24 offered and whether there were any involuntary  
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2 removals or arrests. Thank you to our staff member  
3 Aminta Kilawan.

4 Introduction 542, sponsored by Council Member  
5 Mercedes Narcisse, requiring the department of  
6 education and the administration for children's  
7 services to report on educational programming for  
8 juvenile delinquents, juvenile offenders, and  
9 adolescent offenders and to post such reports on  
10 their respective websites. Required reporting would  
11 include statistics on educational programming  
12 enrollment, available services, rates of violence for  
13 juvenile and adolescent delinquents and offenders,  
14 and other related indicators.

15 Introduction, Introduction 0003, sponsored by  
16 Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala, would regulate the Police  
17 Department's response to children in emotional crisis  
18 within public schools. Specifically, the bill  
19 establishes procedures for department personnel  
20 responding to children in emotional crisis and limits  
21 the use of mechanical restraints on children in  
22 emotional crisis. Thank you to staff members Nadia  
23 Jean-Francois, Smita Deshmukh, Nicholas Connell  
24 (sp?), and Sara Liss.

1 Introduction 1011-A, sponsored by Majority Whip  
2 Selvena Brooks-Powers, would require the City's Human  
3 Resources Administration to develop informational  
4 materials on all reduced fare transit programs, such  
5 as Fair Fares, and for The Mayor's Office Criminal  
6 Justice to distribute the materials to people who  
7 have been arrested or issued a summons for fare  
8 evasion.  
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10 Introduction 948-A, sponsored by Council Member  
11 Farah Louis, would expand the scope of certain NYPD  
12 reporting and ensure most of its existing reports are  
13 posted on the NYPD's website, including those on  
14 stop-question-and-frisk, its deployment of officers  
15 and use of overtime spending, and other data.

16 Introduction 944-A, sponsored by Council Member  
17 Kamillah Hanks, would enhance current reporting  
18 requirements on civil actions filed against the NYPD  
19 to resolve a gap in the data.

20 Introduction 638-A, sponsored by, Council Member  
21 Althea Stevens, would require an annual report on the  
22 donations for all donors who, in aggregate, donate  
23 more than \$1 million in value to the New York Police  
24 Department within a year. It would also require  
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1 information on programs or projects to which the NYPD  
2 applied those donations.  
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4 Introduction 538-A, sponsored by Council Member  
5 Crystal Hudson, which is part of the How Many Stops  
6 Act, would require the New York City Police  
7 Department to report on instances in which an  
8 individual denies an officer's attempt to obtain  
9 consent to conduct a search, for which no legal  
10 justification besides consent exists, and provide  
11 information pertaining to the circumstances involved.

12 Introduction 781-B, sponsored by Public Advocate  
13 Jumaane Williams, would require the New York City  
14 Police Department to report on the justification for  
15 vehicle stops.

16 Introduction 585-A, sponsored by the Public  
17 Advocate, would require the New York City Police  
18 Department to share all body-worn camera footage with  
19 the Department of Investigation's Inspector General  
20 for the NYPD within 10 days of the receipt of a  
21 request for footage, unless disclosure is prohibited  
22 by law.

23 Introduction 586-A, sponsored by the Public  
24 Advocate and Council Member Alexa Avilés, and part of  
25 the How Many Stops Act, bill would require the NYPD

1 to provide quarterly reports detailing information on  
2 level one and two stops. Currently, the NYPD is only  
3 required to record level three or reasonable  
4 suspicions stops, but according to the federal court  
5 monitor, there has been an inconsistency that has  
6 contributed to severe under reporting and data gaps.  
7 Level one stops allow officers to engage in  
8 investigative questioning with an objective credible  
9 reason that is not necessarily indicative of  
10 criminality. New Yorkers and communities can  
11 experience this as being asked for identification or  
12 where they may be going by an officer. This is not  
13 when officers have casual conversations or  
14 interactions with civilians or community members  
15 about their families, their communities, or about  
16 their weekends; it is *not* when an officer gives  
17 directions to a tourist, asks a local bodega owner  
18 about the Knicks game, or helps someone to get across  
19 the street. They NYPD's own training guide makes it  
20 clear that these community engagement interactions *do*  
21 *not* classify as level one. We even went further to  
22 add language to the bill that explicitly exempts them  
23 as well. Level two stops allow officers to ask more  
24 pointed questions based on a founded suspicion that  
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1 criminality is afoot, permitting them to ask consent  
2 for a search that a civilian can decline and walk  
3 away from. The federal court monitor in a stop-and-  
4 frisk case and the NYPD's own audits have repeatedly  
5 shown that level three stops are being under reported  
6 and officer confusion about the levels contribute to  
7 this. These audits and reports have also shown  
8 continued unlawful stops occurring, particularly in  
9 *certain* communities. Regardless of the level, New  
10 Yorkers who are stopped often cannot distinguish  
11 between levels and the experience for them can be the  
12 same. This legislation would improve transparency  
13 and create a uniformed standard of reporting on  
14 investigative stops. At a time when every officer is  
15 issued a smart phone and NYPD maintains *advanced*  
16 technology, this kind of reporting can be completed  
17 without added burden. Level three stop reporting is  
18 already happening on smart phones, and the use of the  
19 term *paperwork* is inaccurate. NYPD indeed offered  
20 language changes to this bill to align it with  
21 current reporting, and we accepted *all* of those  
22 changes. Again, I want to reiterate how important  
23 transparency is to improving public safety and  
24 community trust. Unfortunately, there has been  
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1 significant miscommunication about this bill  
2 circulated in meetings and media which have created  
3 such an inaccurate conversation with people opposing  
4 things that are not even in the legislation. We  
5 believe and are confident that there is an  
6 opportunity in an collaborative implementation  
7 progress with the Administration and other  
8 stakeholders to alleviate the greatest concerns being  
9 voiced. Access to this data can help our city and  
10 communities become safer. And I just want to be  
11 clear, this is not about individual officer behavior,  
12 it is about having the broader data on policing that  
13 helps inform public safety policy. We thank our staff  
14 members Robert Calandra, Joshua Kingsley, and Jeremy  
15 Whiteman.  
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17 And, finally, Introduction 594-A, sponsored by  
18 Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, would ban solitary  
19 confinement in City jails. All people in City  
20 custody would have at least 14 hours of out of cell  
21 time in shared spaces. The new disciplinary process  
22 established by this bill would allow temporary  
23 separation from the general population in instances  
24 where an individual engages in an act of violence in  
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2 custody. Thank you to staff members Jeremy Whiteman  
3 and Natilie Meltzer.

4           Thank you all for your attention. I turn it back  
5 over to our Majority Leader.

6           MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Speaker Adams.

7           We are now going to move into the Discussion of  
8 General Orders. We are going to begin with Public  
9 Advocate Jumaane Williams.

10          PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thanks so much, peace  
11 and blessings, love and light to everyone. First of  
12 all, this room looks very familiar, so it is good to  
13 be here with everyone. This is a pretty momentous  
14 day, as we are passing a lot of pieces of  
15 legislation. Thank you, Madam Speaker, for your  
16 leadership on so many of these. I fist just want to  
17 talk briefly about solitary, which is also getting  
18 some misinformation. I just want to make it clear  
19 that this is about safety at Rikers. This allows for  
20 the separation, and even a short term isolation, for  
21 people who are dangers to themselves or others. What  
22 it does prevent is the isolation that is known for  
23 torture, and known as torture for hours at a time,  
24 and it causes physical tolls that are lifelong and  
25 makes someone likely to be rearrested, commit

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2 suicide, or die by an overdose two weeks after they  
3 are released. Also, I want to make sure I am lifting  
4 up some of the things that correction officers are  
5 bringing up, which is the amount of violence that  
6 occurs to them, and particularly sexual assault when  
7 it comes to female corrections officers. That is  
8 happening right now while they are using isolation  
9 and solitary, which means that it is not working.  
10 And if we want to do something, if we want something  
11 different, we have to actually try something  
12 different. And, so, this is a response to that to  
13 try to have a safer jail.

14 Lastly, I want to speak to - although, I am  
15 running out of time - 586, which has a lot of  
16 miscommunication. And my hope is that during the  
17 six-month implementation period, hopefully this  
18 Council this passes, is that the Administration will  
19 come to the table in earnest to really talk about how  
20 we can implement this to get the data we all say that  
21 we need, like the remedial process asked us to do  
22 when we passed the Community Safety Act and we talked  
23 about the abuses of stop-question-and-frisk. As the  
24 speaker said, this is not an administrative burden.  
25 And I am very thankful to this council, and hope we

1 will be passing, uh, not the bill the Mayor is  
2 talking about, because I don't know what bill that  
3 is, but a bill [TIMER CHIMES] that actually helps us  
4 have better policing and safer streets. If I can  
5 just thank my staff very quickly, and the  
6 cosponsors, Council Member Cabán, Council Member  
7 River, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Avilés,  
8 and, of course, the Speaker for their leadership. I  
9 want to thank all of my staff starting with early on,  
10 Nick Smith, and I want to thank Solomon Acevedo,  
11 Justice, Health and Safety; Rance Huff, Senior  
12 Legislator of Policy, some may be familiar to this  
13 council; Elizabeth Guzmán, my General Counsel, who  
14 stepped in to really help push this forward, and a  
15 special shoutout to two people in particular, who  
16 really in the past few months have worked day in and  
17 day out to make sure that this crossed the finish  
18 line, so a special shoutout to Veronica Aveis, Chief  
19 Deputy Public Advocate for Policy, and Rosie Mendez,  
20 Director of Legislation and Policy. Thank you so  
21 much also to the council staff.

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23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We are now  
24 going to call on Council Member Schulman, followed by  
25 Council Member Dinowitz.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you, Majority  
2 Leader. Today we are voting on a street co-naming  
3 for Hamod Ali Saeidi. Mr. Saeidi was an 86-year-old  
4 Muslim man who was ambushed and shot from behind on  
5 his way to mosque services in July of this year in  
6 his neighborhood of Richmond Hill. Mr. Saeidi  
7 immigrated from Yemin in the late 1960's, he was as  
8 father and grandfather, and great grandfather who  
9 settled in New York City in the late 1970's and  
10 opened his first grocery business in Manhattan and  
11 worked double shifts to provide for his entire  
12 family, including his brothers' families, and the  
13 families in his village back in Yemin. Mr. Saeidi  
14 was a person full of energy who loved to walk daily  
15 for miles. His walks included stops to visit friends  
16 and where random people would stop him, giving him  
17 handshakes and greetings around the neighborhood of  
18 Richmond Hill and Kew Gardens. His daily walks  
19 concluded at the mosque where he read the Koran and  
20 prayed. Today with the street co-naming, Mr.  
21 Saeidi's legacy in the community will always be  
22 remembered, thank you.  
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1 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We will now call on  
2 Council Member Dinowitz, followed by Council Member  
3 Riley.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Thank you, Majority  
5 Leader, good afternoon, today the City Council is  
6 voting in Introduction 1237-A, which is part of stop  
7 two of the Mental Health Roadmap, and I am proud to  
8 part of this legislative initiative focused on  
9 ensuring that our city's veterans have access to the  
10 mental health resources that they may need. 1237-A  
11 requires that our city agencies receiving application  
12 forms for Social Services to include a voluntary  
13 survey of veteran status in the demographic  
14 collection. This legislation was crafted with the  
15 consultation of city veterans and The Department of  
16 Veteran Services, with the goal of ensuring that our  
17 city's veterans have access to the resources and  
18 services most specific to their needs, and to gain a  
19 better understanding of the scope of hardship facing  
20 New York's large veteran community. While we have  
21 knowledge of the many obstacles that veterans face  
22 throughout the boroughs, we do not know the exact  
23 number or locations of our veterans. This bill  
24 addresses this issue without impeding on privacy of  
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1 veterans who would not choose to self-identify. This  
2 bill is a meaningful step toward addressing the  
3 mental health needs of our city's veterans. I would  
4 like to thank Speaker Adams for her leadership, and  
5 Council Member Linda Lee in developing the Mental  
6 Health Roadmap, a crucial initiative for our city's  
7 overall well-being. I would also like to thank my  
8 staff Jenna Klaus, Adam Staropoli, and, of course, my  
9 many colleagues who have already signed on to this  
10 bill and who have supported its advancement, thank  
11 you.  
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13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, we are now  
14 going to hear from Council Member Riley, followed by  
15 Council Member Louis.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority Leader.  
17 I am proud to be voting on my bill today,  
18 Introduction 1203-A. This piece of legislation will  
19 undertake transparency and accessibility concerns  
20 faced by formerly incarcerated people looking to  
21 access public services that are vital to rebuilding  
22 their livelihoods. Individuals leaving custody at the  
23 Department of Correction should be receiving holistic  
24 services in their communities to help them advance  
25 and thrive as well as avoid future criminal justice

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2 contact. Unfortunately, this is not always the case  
3 due to a lack of connection to prove their discharge  
4 from DOC custody. This is where letters of  
5 incarceration prove to be indispensable. This  
6 highlights the need to reform the New York City  
7 Criminal Justice System, and it begins with  
8 increasing oversight measures to ensure access and  
9 fairness exists in and outside the DOC facilities.  
10 With the demand to improve process and advance post  
11 detention resources, like housing, mental health  
12 support and health care, Introduction 1203-A is  
13 crucial to ensure that we are staying on course to be  
14 sustainable in closing Rikers Island without delay  
15 through support of reentry navigation and reducing  
16 recidivism. I encourage, and continue to encourage,  
17 the support for Intro 1203-A, legislation that works  
18 to reform our criminal justice system and support  
19 equity for all. Thank you to Speaker Adams and my  
20 colleagues for joining me in passing this resolution,  
21 thank you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We will now  
23 hear from Council Member Louis, who I believe is  
24 remote, followed by Council Member De La Rosa.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Today our body will be  
2 voting on a bill I am proud of, Introduction 948-A, a  
3 bill that requires the NYPD to report information and  
4 data regarding their operations. This bill will  
5 expand the scope and frequency of the current  
6 reporting required by the NYPD to include information  
7 about their use of stop-question-and-frisk, its  
8 deployment of officers and use of overtime spending,  
9 and crime status information, such as data on  
10 criminal complaints, arrests, and summons issued.  
11 Additionally, all such reports would be required to  
12 be publicly posted on the NYPD's website. To keep New  
13 Yorkers safe there must be a level of trust that the  
14 NYPD is doing everything they can to enforce the law  
15 without discrimination and utilizing the proper  
16 protocols and resources. Overall, this bill aids in  
17 bolstering and repairing the public's confidence by  
18 promoting accountability and supporting evidence  
19 based decision-making. With greater insight into  
20 problematic operation, it compels the agency to  
21 improve their training, best practices, and  
22 performance measures to better serve the needs of New  
23 Yorkers. Our collective objective as a body is to  
24 improve public safety and this bill supports those  
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2 efforts. I want to thank Speaker Adrienne Adams for  
3 her leadership, Joshua Kingsley, Senior Counsel, and  
4 my staffers Blake Shaw and Daniel Heredia for their  
5 work and support on this bill. And I want to  
6 encourage my colleagues to vote for Intro 948, thank  
7 you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We will now  
9 hear from Council Member De La Rosa, followed by  
10 Council Member Brewer.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Thank you so much. I  
12 am proud to sit with this body that has worked  
13 tirelessly to pass bills to reform our criminal  
14 justice system from reporting civilian interactions  
15 with the NYPD to the treatment of incarcerated  
16 individuals in our corrections facilities. I want to  
17 thank Speaker Adrienne Adams for her leadership,  
18 Public Advocate Williams for his leadership, and all  
19 of my colleagues who are getting these bills passed  
20 today.

21 I also want to take the opportunity to recognize  
22 a street co-naming that we are passing in honor of  
23 Dominique Alexander in my district; a young Black man  
24 who was found deceased in a local park in my district  
25 at the height of the most recent wave of Black Lives

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2 Matter protests across our nation. Dominique had a  
3 bright future and a bright life ahead of him, and was  
4 a beloved member of our community. His name will  
5 soon enshrined in our uptown streets, giving space  
6 for our community to mourn his irreparable loss and  
7 an inspiration for positive social change. The  
8 location of his death has become a place where our  
9 community has come together to organize and mobilize  
10 against the racial profiling of Black New Yorkers  
11 across our city. My thoughts and my prayers are with  
12 the Alexander family and all of Dominique's friends  
13 who will now be able to celebrate his legacy of  
14 uptown. Thank you

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, we will now  
16 hear from Council Member Brewer, followed by Council  
17 Member Abreu.

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19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We will hear from Council  
20 Member Abreu.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Majority Leader.  
22 I would like to thank Speaker Adams for supporting  
23 our bill Introduction 1161, which is passing today.  
24 It is about time that we can bring reusable water  
25 bottles to our sport venues to make sure that folks

1 can hydrate, enjoy themselves, and also take on the  
2 war against plastic. We know it is better for our  
3 environment, and it is better for our fans. And, so,  
4 Go Planet, I want to thank everybody who has  
5 supported this bill - a special shoutout to Eric  
6 Goldstein from Natural Resource Defense Council, who  
7 brought this bill to our attention. And I want to  
8 thank the Speaker and Sanitation Chair, Sandy Nurse,  
9 as well for her strong support, and all of our  
10 colleagues. Thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you we will now  
13 hear from Council Member Brewer.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much. I am  
15 talking about 563, and I am pleased that the City  
16 Council is voting to add a Private Right Of Action to  
17 the Earned Safe and Sick Time Act. Two thirds of the  
18 Paid Sick Time laws across the country have a private  
19 right of action - including New York State. Today's  
20 vote coincides with the tenth anniversary of the  
21 passage of the City's Earned Sick Time law, which I  
22 introduced and fought for alongside many, many people  
23 from ten years ago. At that time, we gave 3.4  
24 million private sector workers across New York the  
25 opportunity to participate in paid sick days. It is

1 a crucial time for private right of action, when  
2 workers lose their jobs, because they took protected  
3 sick time, equitable relief is much more readily  
4 available in court. Workers who experience  
5 violations of this law often have additional claims  
6 like wage and hour violations - best to meet them in  
7 a court action. And, third, a paid sick class action  
8 involving many workers facing similar violations is  
9 only an option in court. I want to thank Shulamit  
10 Puder, Chief of Staff from office, amazing amount of  
11 work on this bill, Sam Goldstein, Jeff Baker,  
12 Department of Consumer and Worker Protection, Rie  
13 Ogasawara, Jeremy Johns, Faiza Ali (sp?), and CSS  
14 Carmen De La Rosa, and organizations like the  
15 partnerships, uh, Hospitality Alliance, and A Better  
16 Balance, thank you very much.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We will now  
19 hear from Council Member Avilés, followed by Council  
20 Member Hudson.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Good afternoon,  
22 colleagues. I just want to talk a little bit about  
23 Introduction 586 which is being proposed here today.  
24 As we know, this legislation quite simply increases  
25 transparency from a public agency, the NYPD. This

1 bill will require reporting on investigative stops  
2 including what is classified as a level one  
3 encounter. To be clear, as was said earlier, but  
4 continues to be a mythology perpetuated by several,  
5 this does not include casual conversations,  
6 interactions between police officers and citizens,  
7 giving directions, or talking to neighbors. Level one  
8 encounters, according to the NYPD Guide, of which  
9 this legislation follows, must have a credible  
10 objective reason. For many, level ones can range  
11 from repeated, unlawful harassment to what we have  
12 seen historically escalating to physical abuse,  
13 violence, and in worse cases, death. Sammy Feliz  
14 (phonetic), who worked tirelessly in coalition to  
15 bring about this legislation before you, knows this  
16 all too well. Sammy's brother, Allan Feliz, was  
17 killed by the NYPD in 2019 during a so called low  
18 level encounter. We need [BACKGROUND NOISE]  
19 [INAUDIBLE]. We need the data to understand the  
20 scale and the scope, to do better by our residents,  
21 and to stop the disparity that are impacted so many  
22 communities. If we know we are perpetrating harm as  
23 a city, we have a responsibility to at least find the  
24 data and do what we can to ensure that the health and  
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2 safety of all New Yorkers is protected. This is a  
3 good government bill. Thank you, and I hope my  
4 colleagues will continue to support it.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We will now  
6 hear from Council Member Hudson, followed by Council  
7 Member Barron.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you, Majority  
9 Leader. It is a special day for the New York City  
10 Council. We are taking the necessary steps to truly  
11 redefine public safety, and we are doing something  
12 many thought impossible. We are heeding the demands  
13 of the hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers who took  
14 to the streets in the Summer of 2020 demanding  
15 elected officials hold police officers accountable  
16 and put an end to our centuries long over alliance on  
17 carceral and punitive solutions to questions of  
18 public safety. Today we are passing the How Many  
19 Stops Act, and we are banning the use of solitary  
20 confinement in City jails. Today we are tangibly  
21 demonstrating our dedication to end cycles of  
22 violence and punishment that have long been a stain  
23 on this great city. As a prime sponsor of one of the  
24 two bills in the How Many Stops Act, I will keep my  
25 remarks to my bill, Intro 538. Introduced last

1 session by now Borough President, Antonio Reynoso,  
2 Intro 538 will require officers to report on any  
3 declined requests for searches, and enhance existing  
4 policies by requiring reporting on whether officers  
5 use consent searches to collect DNA, and to  
6 understand whether officers use interpretation  
7 services when seeking consent from people with  
8 limited English proficiency. I would like to thank  
9 the Justice Committee, New York's Civil Liberties  
10 Union, and Communities United for Police Reform for  
11 their tireless work this session, and in previous  
12 sessions to get these bills passed. I would  
13 especially like to thank the families of Antonio  
14 Williams, Allen Feliz, and all others who have  
15 experienced police violence. We are well aware of  
16 the Mayor's threat to veto the How Many Stops Act,  
17 and this Council, under the leadership of Speaker  
18 Adams, did not flinch at the Mayor's bullying the  
19 first time, and it certainly won't the second time,  
20 nor the third. Our votes are locked, and the  
21 Administration would certainly find a better use of  
22 its time elsewhere.  
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24 I would also like to quickly highlight one of my  
25 other bills that is passing today, Introduction 946,

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2       which will establish the role of a Mental Health  
3       Coordinator at city agencies. This bill is the  
4       brainchild of a constituent, Miss Beverly Johnson,  
5       who has been championing this bill for more than five  
6       years. As a city employee, she faced difficulties  
7       obtaining mental health support and understood that  
8       having a single point person at each agency whose  
9       civil servants can turn to for information would have  
10      helped her and many others. She is with us today in  
11      the gallery, and I would like to say, thank you, Miss  
12      Johnson [TIMER CHIMES] for your tireless advocacy and  
13      support of mental health resources. Thank you to my  
14      colleagues, and Happy Holidays.

15           MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We will now  
16      call on Council Member Barron, followed by Council  
17      Member Stevens.

18           COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: My colleagues ,you know,  
19      this is incredible. We are just telling police  
20      officers to report something, to *report* something.  
21      And oftentimes, these are very brutal police officers  
22      that disrespect our rights to move about freely in  
23      our neighborhoods. And we are asking you to report  
24      something. There is going to come a time when we  
25      have bills where you have to go to jail for

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2 disrespecting us. Where you have to go to jail when  
3 you abused the use of deadly force. Oftentimes when  
4 they abuse the use of deadly force, they say they  
5 need cultural sensitivity training. Well, I agree  
6 with that, but you can do that after you do 20 years  
7 to life in prison for killing a person. We'll get  
8 you a Black History book to read in jail. We should  
9 be very, very vigilant in holding the Police  
10 Department accountable. These bills about reporting,  
11 and that's the very least we could do, and resistance  
12 to that, tells me that this mayor and this police  
13 department wants to continue their disrespectful,  
14 brutal behavior towards our communities.

15 And today we will passing a street naming for a  
16 Sheroe in our community, Miss Carolyn Faulkner. Miss  
17 Carolyn Faulkner is the wife of Mr. Melvin Faulkner,  
18 who made his transition. Together they worked hard  
19 for our youth in our community; together they worked  
20 on getting over a 100 families out of foreclosure in  
21 our community. So, we will be honored to say that  
22 Miss Carolyn Faulkner's name will go up with her  
23 husband's name, who is already in our community. And  
24 every time they see that name, we can tell the story  
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2    about the great work of the Faulkner's in our beloved  
3    East New York.   [TIMER CHIMES]

4           MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We will now  
5    hear from Council Member Stevens.

6           COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Thank you to our speaker  
7    and her consistent advocacy for fostering trust and  
8    cultivating transparency between city agencies and  
9    members of our community. I would like to also  
10   acknowledge Borough President, Vanessa Gibson, who  
11   introduced Introduction 638 during her tenure. By  
12   passing this critical law, it is a step in the right  
13   direction in creating transparency within the Police  
14   Department. As we mandate an annual reporting on  
15   donations exceeding \$1 million, we are empowering the  
16   public with the knowledge they deserve, and the  
17   Council with the data needed for efficient oversight.  
18   The transparency is not only to hold NYPD with  
19   accountability, but also allows us a stride of public  
20   interest to assist the impacts of such donations on  
21   our youth and our broader community (sic). I firmly  
22   believe that the understanding with these funds in  
23   direction to promulgate ensuring that programs and  
24   initiatives that are positively influencing the lives  
25   of our communities. This legislation is a

2 significant commitment to our open dialogue promoting  
3 civic engagement, strengthening the vital bond  
4 between law enforcement and communities that we need.  
5 And I also would like to acknowledge and show my  
6 appreciation for all of my colleagues who are passing  
7 important and powerful legislation today, thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Do we have  
9 anyone else signed up for General Orders? No one  
10 else? Okay, we will now move in... Does anybody  
11 else want to speak? Okay, thank you, we will now  
12 move to the Report of Special Committees.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Report of Standing  
15 Committees?

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on Civil  
17 and Human Rights Introduction 632-A, housing  
18 discrimination?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
20 Orders.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on Civil  
22 Service and Labor, Introduction 563-A, Earned Safe  
23 and Sick Time Act?

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
25 Orders.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
3 Contracts, Introduction 1048-A, electronic document  
4 vault?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
6 Orders.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
8 Criminal Justice, Introduction 549-A, solitary  
9 confinement?

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
11 Orders.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Introduction 1203-A, letters of  
13 incarceration?

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
15 Orders.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
17 Education, Introduction 3-A, students in emotional  
18 crises in public schools?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
20 Orders.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Introduction 542-A, educational  
22 programming for adolescent and other juvenile  
23 offenders?

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
25 Orders.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
3 Environmental Protection and Resiliency and  
4 Waterfronts, Introduction 532-A, waste pumpout  
5 facilities?

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
7 Orders.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
9 Finance, Preconsidered Resolution 864, transparency  
10 resolution?

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
12 Orders.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered L.U. 298 Res 869 &  
14 Res 870 and Preconsidered L.U. 299 Res 871, tax  
15 exemptions?

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
18 General Welfare, Introduction 1153-A, reports on  
19 removals?

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
21 Orders.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land  
23 Use L.U. 281 & Res 872 and L.U. 282 & Res 873 various  
24 UDAAPs?

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
3 Orders.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: L.U. 283 & Res 874 and L.U. 292  
5 & Res 875, tax exemptions?

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
7 Orders.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: L.U. 293 & Res 876, UDAAP  
9 Manhattan?

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: L.U. 294 & Res 877 and L.U. 295  
12 & Res 878, new school facilities?

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: L.U. 296 and 297, 541-545 Bay  
15 Street?

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with Modifications and  
17 Referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to  
18 Section 197-(d) of the New York City Charter.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
20 Mental Health, Disabilities and Addiction  
21 Introduction 946-A, Mental Health Coordinator?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
23 Orders.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Parks  
3 and Recreation Preconsidered Introduction 1278, the  
4 naming of 117 thoroughfares and public places?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
7 Public Safety Introduction 538-A through Introduction  
8 1011-A on the next page, New York City Police  
9 Department to reporting bills?

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
11 Orders.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
13 Sanitation and Solid Waste Management Introduction  
14 145-A, removal of vegetation in public spaces?

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
16 Orders.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Introduction 1131-A, unlicensed  
18 mobile car wash operators?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
20 Orders.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Introduction 1161-A, reusable  
22 beverage container?

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
24 Orders.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
3 Transportation and Infrastructure Introduction 1139-  
4 A, for-hire vehicles advertising?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
6 Orders.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
8 Veterans Introduction 1237-A, veteran demographic  
9 data?

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
11 Orders.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Introduction 1239-A and 1241-A,  
13 veteran mental health service?

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on general  
15 orders.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Introduction 1244-A, online  
17 resource tool for veterans?

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on general  
19 orders.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: On the General Orders Calendar,  
21 L.U. 296 & Res 879 and L.U. 297 & Res 880, 541-545  
22 Bay Street?

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Resolution appointing various  
25 persons Commissioner of Deeds?

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

3 I now ask that the clerk take a roll call vote on  
4 all of the items coupled on today's General Orders  
5 Calander.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye on all except  
8 538, 549, 563, 586, 632, 781, 944, 948, 111, 161, and  
9 153-A.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

12 [BACKGROUND NOISE]

13 [PAUSE]

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

15 [PAUSE]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Okay, so, I am a no on the  
17 Transparency Resolution, Introductions 538-A, 549-A,  
18 563-A, 586-A, 632-A, 781-B, 944-A, 948-A, 1011-A,  
19 1161-A, 1153-A, and aye on all the rest.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

21 Council Member Avilés?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye on all.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Barron?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote no on LU 296 and  
3 accompanying resolution 279, no on LU 297 and  
4 accompanying resolution 880, because it's 30 percent  
5 affordability and 70 percent market. And I vote aye  
6 on all the rest.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.  
8 Council Member Bottcher?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: No on 586, aye on all  
10 the rest. And congratulations to all of colleagues on  
11 the legislation today.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.  
13 Council Member Brannan?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye on all. I do  
17 want to mention on one of the co-signings a women  
18 named Katy Ferguson. She is going up on West 95th  
19 street. She is very well-known to the Presbyterian  
20 church on the corner. She was born into slavery in  
21 1779; came to New York, was very, very active in the  
22 church and honored by W. E. B. Du Bois many times.  
23 And we look forward to seeing her up on the co-  
24 signing on 95th Street. Thank you very much.

25 [PAUSE]

1 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

2 Council Member Brooks-Powers?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye on all,  
4 and I want to congratulate all passing bills today.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

6 Council Member Cabán?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Permission to explain my  
8 vote.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you. New York City  
11 will never torture our way to public safety. Far  
12 from achieving public safety, solitary confinement  
13 only leads to more violence. Everyone involved from  
14 incarcerated New Yorkers, to correctional officers,  
15 to medical staff, to communities on the outside will  
16 get better public safety outcomes when we finally ban  
17 solitary. The purpose of this bill is to protect  
18 detainees from the horrors and ills of solitary  
19 confinement. Nothing in this bill should be read to  
20 exclude the possibility of other enforcement  
21 mechanisms available to people who are harmed by  
22 solitary confinement to seek redress for the  
23 violation of their rights. And I just want to end by  
24 saying much love and respect to all of the directly  
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2 impacted New Yorkers, organizers, and advocates who  
3 have been working hard for years, and years to  
4 finally bring us to this point. Thank you, Madam  
5 Speaker, Chair Rivera, Public Advocate Williams, and  
6 others for your leadership. I look forward to  
7 continuing to work with you all to fight for the  
8 enactment and proper implementation of this vital law  
9 no matter what obstacles this mayor throws in our  
10 ways. So, I am aye on all, with the exception of  
11 1131-A, on which I vote no, thank you.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

13 Council Member Carr?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I would like to disclose on  
15 the record that in the Transparency Resolution we are  
16 voting on today, CUNY is funded, and my husband is  
17 student at CUNY. And I will be voting no on  
18 Preconsidered Resolution 864, as well as  
19 Introductions 538-A, 549-A, 563-A, 586-A, 632-A, 781-  
20 B, 944-A, 948-A, 1011-A, 1161-A, and 1153-A, and aye  
21 on all the rest.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

23 Council Member De La Rosa?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: I vote aye on all.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: I vote aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Farías?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission to explain my  
6 vote?

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Just quickly, I just want  
9 to shoutout Introduction 1139-A. Today is a big day  
10 for our rides share drivers. I am proud to pass  
11 Introduction 1139-A, and find a resolution for a  
12 longstanding and awaited opportunity for drivers  
13 everywhere, and to finally fulfill what has been a  
14 long missed opportunity for our local economy. I  
15 really wanted to shoutout my colleagues who have  
16 signed onto this important legislation, and thank you  
17 to all of the advocates and folks who worked with me  
18 on this at IDG, AFLCIO, LYFT, Uber, for hire vehicle  
19 drivers for their continued support on the bill and  
20 ride share workforce.

21 And lastly, I just want to shoutout to our IDG,  
22 Uber, and Lyft drivers that are here with us today to  
23 watch this vote happen.

24 And, with that, I vote aye on all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

2 Council Member Feliz?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: I would like to disclose on  
4 the record that I am an adjunct professor at CUNY  
5 Hostos Community College in the Bronx.

6 And I vote aye on all.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [MEDICAL]

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye on all.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Permission to explain my  
13 vote?

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: I vote aye on all. I am  
16 proud to vote yes on Introduction 1153, which I  
17 introduced alongside Council Member Nurse.  
18 Encampment sweeps are an inhumane and ineffective  
19 strategy in addressing street homelessness,  
20 especially as the Mayor exacerbates street  
21 homelessness by evicting asylum seekers from shelter  
22 through his 30 and 60 day rules. The Council must  
23 have an understanding of how sweeps are being used.

24 I also want to uplift the Progressive Caucus for  
25 passing three of our core legislative priorities

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2 today, including ending solitary confinement in our  
3 city jails, the How Many Stops Act, and the Fair  
4 Chance for Housing Act. I am grateful to the Speaker  
5 and all of the bill sponsors including the Public  
6 Advocate and Council Member River, Council Member  
7 Hudson, Council Member Avilés, Council Member Cabán,  
8 and Council Member Powers, for advancing  
9 transformational legislation. Today is a big day in  
10 New York City, this body is taking a bold stand for  
11 progressive values, and I am excited to continue this  
12 wave of momentum into the new term.

13 I am also proud to be voting yes on a co-naming  
14 in my district for the fire fighter and first  
15 responder, Albert A. Filosa, who died of cancer  
16 caused by his work on the 9/11 cleanup. May his  
17 legacy always be remembered, thank you.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

19 Council Member Hanks?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Thank you. Permission to  
21 explain my vote?

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Thank you, Mr. Majority  
24 Leader.

2 I am proud that this body will be voting on  
3 Introduction 944-A, and we cannot solve problems  
4 unless we understand it, and 944-A, this bill allows  
5 New Yorkers to understand just how many of these  
6 misconduct cases are being settled, dismissed, or  
7 adjudicated for whatever reasons. We have all types  
8 of information on the five-year lookback of claims,  
9 decisions, and consequences; however, we virtually  
10 have no information on settlements. And information  
11 is power, and this bill will empower the public to  
12 ensure justice in our law enforcement. I want to  
13 thank the Speaker, my colleagues, Public Safety  
14 staff, Josh Kingsley, and my D 49 staff for helping  
15 to move this bill forward, and this important piece  
16 of legislation. Congratulations on all of my  
17 colleagues passing bills today.

18 And Happy Holidays. Hopefully I don't die, and I  
19 feel better. Bye! And I vote aye on everything.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council Member Hanks.  
21 Feel better!

22 Council Member Holden?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Permission to explain?

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

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1 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I am concerned about  
2 Intro 586. And let me give you the reasons. At an  
3 off topic press conference yesterday by the Mayor,  
4 Deputy Mayor Fabian Levy reported approximately 8.5  
5 million 911 calls annually. The NYPD's testimony on  
6 Intro 586 back in March revealed about 3.2 million  
7 level one police encounters yearly. That's some  
8 reporting that has to be done. Former Police  
9 Commissioner Bill Bratton suggests actual police  
10 interactions might be double the reported number due  
11 to many not requiring body cameras. So, excessive  
12 reporting with the current police force that we have,  
13 which is really down to historic lows, will hinder  
14 police efficiency, keeping officers behind desks  
15 instead of on patrol. Again, I listen to the scanner  
16 in my district, in my precincts, and I have each  
17 unit, each unit, 911, that is one car holding five  
18 911 jobs. Now you're asking them to report on every  
19 single encounter. I think a compromise here could  
20 have been level one is exempt, and you report on  
21 level two and three. So, I think this is an  
22 overreach. I am concerned that it will hurt public  
23 safety, not help public safety. So, the Public  
24 Advocate mentioned about just checking boxes. Again,

2 this is a report on level three. There's about 50  
3 questions on here. So, we have to make sure that  
4 this will work. The Police Department testified in  
5 March that it won't work, it can't work. Yet we are  
6 taking that chance. So, this is why, uh, you know, I  
7 am concerned. I am really for public safety, and I  
8 want us to... When we call 911, the cops are going  
9 to arrive. I want to be sure of that. This bill,  
10 uh, is not going to do it. So, with that, uh, I vote  
11 aye on all except Introductions 538-A, 549-A, 563-A,  
12 586-A, 632-A, 781-B, 944-A [TIMER CHIMES] 948-A,  
13 1011-A, and 1161-A, of which I vote no. Got it?

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you  
15 Council Member Hudson?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Kagan?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: [ABSENT]

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Permission to explain my  
23 vote?

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Today we are ending  
2 solitary confinement in New York City. Solitary  
3 confinement is torture. Period. And I am proud that  
4 this city council is voting to end it in this city  
5 with the leadership of Speaker Adams, Public Advocate  
6 Williams, Council Member Rivera, and also former  
7 Council Member Danny Dromm, my predecessor, who was  
8 here before and who has been championing this issue  
9 for so long.

11 There are two street namings in my district that  
12 I would also like to call attention to. I am proud we  
13 are voting today to co-name 34th Avenue open street  
14 as Paseo Park, a beloved 26-block open street in  
15 Jackson Heights, the gold standard for the City,  
16 beloved in our community, because it has provided  
17 safe passage to thousands of school children every  
18 morning and afternoon. And it has provided vital  
19 open green space in a community that has some of the  
20 least amount of it in this city. Renaming it Paseo  
21 Park reflects how cherished this open street is for  
22 our neighborhood of Jackson Heights.

23 Another street naming we are voting for today is  
24 for Lawrence Murphy, who advocated for more green  
25 space in Jackson Heights. Lawrence played a crucial

2 role in establishing the Jackson Heights Green  
3 Alliance, which focused on creating and maintaining  
4 open public spaces and green areas. Some of his  
5 efforts resulted in Traverse Park, our only park in  
6 Jackson Heights, being expanded. The [INAUDIBLE]  
7 Park campaign successfully turning private school  
8 land into public park land, and paving the way, and  
9 helping to lead the effort to create Paseo Park 34th  
10 avenue open street. His work, his legacy, is now  
11 carried forward by my good friend and constituent  
12 Nadine Kela-Murphy, whose advocacy for public space  
13 and green space in our community continues, thank  
14 you. And I vote aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Lee?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all with the exception  
17 of 632-A, for which I am a no, and 586 for which I  
18 abstain.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

20 Council Member Louis?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Marte?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye on all.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [MEDICAL]

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Menin?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Moya?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye on all. And I abstain  
6 on 586.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

8 Council Member Narcisse?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Uhm, permission to  
10 explain my vote one second. First I want to say  
11 congratulations to all my colleagues here, thank you  
12 for everything you have done, and thank you for the  
13 leadership, and thank you for all of the legislative  
14 team that has been on point on things. So, I am  
15 happy, always ready to party with you. The time that  
16 I am not partying is because I am sick in my heart.  
17 So, in all... I say aye on all, and I abstain for  
18 568.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

20 Council Member Nurse?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Permission to explain my  
22 vote?

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you to all of my  
25 colleagues who are supporting Intro 1153 today. It

1 is just a reporting bill that will require regular  
2 reporting on homeless removals and finally shine a  
3 light on how these removals are initiated, where and  
4 how often they occur, which agencies are involved,  
5 how much they cost, how many involuntary  
6 hospitalizations occurred through the removal, and if  
7 people are actually being offered services. We are  
8 hoping this data will show the full scope and breadth  
9 of how our city chooses to hide and criminalize  
10 homelessness rather than solve it. Intro 1153 will  
11 help us finally understand how are resources are  
12 being spent in not addressing housing, but instead  
13 spent on putting more boots on the ground with the  
14 police, rather than on these agencies. I want to  
15 thank Ryan Hickey from my team for over a year of  
16 working on this. Thank you to the Legal Aid Society,  
17 to Vocal New York, Mobilization for Justice, The  
18 SafetyNet Project, and the Coalition for the  
19 Homeless. I want to thank my co-prime, Council  
20 Member Shahana Hanif for her partnership on this  
21 bill. Thank you, Speaker Adams for seeing this bill  
22 through. I also want to congratulate the Halt  
23 Solitary Coalition, uh, Communities United for Police  
24 Reform, Make the Road New York, [INAUDIBLE] Home

1  
2 Grown, and the families who have been fighting for  
3 many of the bills that we are voting on for years,  
4 and many other groups. Congratulations, and I vote  
5 aye on all.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

7 Council Member Ossé?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: I would like to explain  
11 my vote?

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: It is very disturbing to  
14 me today that are once again watching the  
15 progressives raise their hands up in greatness that  
16 what they have accomplished here today is something  
17 that should be applauded. Instead what we are doing  
18 is dismantling our police. Make no mistake, the  
19 numbers that my colleague in council, Holden, has  
20 mentioned, are real time numbers. We are presently  
21 waiting between four and six hours for an officer to  
22 reply to a 911 call in my district. As far as  
23 solitary confinement goes, wake up, there's no such  
24 thing as solitary confinement. The hole has been  
25 covered up now and filled in for ten years or more.

2 Has anybody in the council know anybody who actually  
3 served in solitary confinement on Rikers Island?

4 Because I do, I do too!

5 [COUNCIL MEMBERS RESPONDING]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Good! Okay, good, okay,  
7 very good. Either way... [CROSS-TALK]

8 [COUNCIL MEMBERS RESPONDING]

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Please, everybody quiet  
10 down... [CROSS-TALK]

11 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Look, don't interrupt  
12 me, I am entitled to time. [INAUDIBLE]

13 [COUNCIL MEMBERS RESPONDING]

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Keep going, Council  
15 Member... [CROSS-TALK]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: That's enough.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: keep going.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: That is enough! I let  
19 you shut me down once, you will not shut me down  
20 again.

21 [COUNCIL MEMBERS RESPONDING]

22 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: You sit here, and you  
23 claim women's rights. How about the rights of our  
24 female correction officers that are brutally beaten  
25 and raped? How about them? Or they don't matter,

1 because they wear a uniform? Gimme a break. I will  
2 go forward now, and I will vote no on 538-A, 549-A,  
3 563-A, 586-A, 632-A, 781-B, 944-A, 948-A, 1011-A,  
4 [TIMER CHIMES] 161-A, 1153-A, aye on all the rest.  
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6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Restler?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Permission to explain my  
8 vote?

9 [LAUGHTER]

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I guess so, yes.

11 [LAUGHTER]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Yeah, thank you, Majority  
13 Leader.

14 I am extremely disappointed by the hysterics and  
15 the misinformation that is being spread, not just by  
16 the mayor, but by my colleagues here today. We are  
17 talking about a reporting bill, a *reporting bill*. A  
18 few questions on an iPhone. I am deeply proud, *deeply*  
19 *proud* to be a part of this body today that is passing  
20 transformative criminal justice legislation. And I  
21 especially want to thank Speaker Adrienne Adams for  
22 her bold and clear leadership. We are passing three  
23 major priorities to the Progressive Caucus. We are  
24 ending torture in New York City once and for all. It  
25 was reported that people who failed to pay child

1 support were spending 23 hours a day in jail *last*  
2 month! This torture is happening in our city right  
3 now! And, thanks to the legislation of Public  
4 Advocate Williams, it will end. We are ending  
5 discrimination against formally incarcerated people  
6 who are just searching for housing. Housing! And we  
7 are bringing real transparency and accountability to  
8 the NYPD. This simple and quick reporting process  
9 will make a real difference for us to understand  
10 where and how over policing is happening in our city  
11 today. I am honored to vote aye on all. And I,  
12 again, really want to thank the Speaker for her  
13 leadership in making this compelling and  
14 transformative package of legislation, [BACKGROUND  
15 NOISE] get passed into law.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

18 Council Member Richardson Jordon?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Aye on all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Riley?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Permission to explain my  
22 vote?

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I just want to commend all  
25 of my colleagues who are passing amazing bills today.

2 I just want to state for the record, I personally  
3 know a couple of people who have been in solitary  
4 confinement, and it has really, really affected their  
5 lives, including my father. So, with that being  
6 said, I am proud to stand with my colleagues today to  
7 vote aye on all. And let's continue to work for  
8 everyday New Yorkers, thank you.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

10 Council Member Rivera?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Oh, my god.

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

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: [INAUDIBLE] five-year-  
16 olds...

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you. Good  
18 afternoon, I will... Is it after... It could be  
19 evening at this point... But I will proudly be  
20 voting aye on all. I want to speak specifically on  
21 Intro 594, which I am co-sponsoring along with many  
22 others, and thank you to the Public Advocate. I am  
23 so proud and deeply grateful to have worked in  
24 coalition with advocates to get us to this moment,  
25 many of whom have joined us in this room right now.

1           Securing this support and momentum has been years in  
2           the making, and it almost entirely thanks to the  
3           advocates who led the way and helped developed the  
4           legislation that we are voting on today. To the  
5           Speaker who stood by us on this issue and supported a  
6           hearing, and for seven hours heard from all sides,  
7           took every concern into account, I thank her. And I  
8           want to thank Danny Dromm, who carried this bill  
9           during his time as an elected official fearlessly.  
10          Research shows that solitary confinement exacerbates  
11          mental illness and destabilizes people in a way that  
12          increases the likelihood of violence, which  
13          undoubtedly runs counter to all of our public safety  
14          goals. We must strive for a criminal legal system  
15          that leads the nation in reforms, rather than accept  
16          the status quo where our neighbors are locked away in  
17          violent and dangerous conditions. We must continue  
18          working in coalition to gain support for and in  
19          investments in holistic and effective approaches to  
20          public safety that includes community based services,  
21          that includes alternatives to incarceration...

23           UNKNOWN: [INAUDIBLE]

24           COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: And it is because we  
25          remain grateful to all of those who have worked on

1 this... On this bill, but also those work on that  
2 Island. That is why we pushed to get this done today.  
3 To remove something horrific and something dangerous.  
4 I want to congratulate all of my colleagues on these  
5 bills today, especially those that are criminal  
6 justice minded in terms of their reform. And I want  
7 to thank all of the staff in this room and throughout  
8 250 and City Hall, that makes moments like today  
9 possible, thank you.

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11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

12 Council Member Salamanca?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Permission to explain my  
16 vote?

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you. In the  
19 context of the last week in my council district,  
20 which saw a building collapse, leaving nearly 50  
21 families homeless during the holidays, many of which  
22 are watching the Stated at my office right now,  
23 receiving services; an E-bike fire that took two  
24 businesses and displaced another handful of families  
25 in Kingsbridge; five-year-old twins that died, and

1 they were found dead in their home in Mount Hope at  
2 the boundary of Council Member Feliz's district and  
3 my new district; multiple shootings across the  
4 community; a fall that had us lose a one-year-old  
5 child, Nicholas Otoniel Feliz Dominici, which in this  
6 Stated we are renaming a street for, occurrences that  
7 have been happening since I took office in January of  
8 2022, but also well before I was born into District  
9 14, right on 183rd and University 35 years ago. We  
10 experience concentrated disinvestment. We experience  
11 stop-and-frisk every single day. We experience  
12 solitary confinements, and yet we are diamonds in the  
13 rough; we find ways to push forward; we graduate ivy  
14 league institutions; we start businesses; we lead  
15 corporations. We deserve dignity and respect. Our  
16 community will be safer when we see true investment -  
17 in quality homes, in well [INAUDIBLE] schools and  
18 after schools; in proper health care; in the social  
19 safety net. Public safety in my neighborhood is  
20 stability, and law enforcement and criminal justice  
21 must be accountable. I proudly vote on all today.

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23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Permission to explain my  
25 vote?

1 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: The first tenant of  
3 government is to make people feel safe. And  
4 improving community policing was one of my platforms  
5 when I ran for city council in 2021. At the time,  
6 there was a lack of responsiveness to neighborhood  
7 concerns, particularly with regard to the Jewish and  
8 AAPI communities in the district. In my first year  
9 in office, with help from the Administration, I was  
10 able to positively transform how my local precincts  
11 interacted with the public and address public safety  
12 issues. I had major concerns with Intro 586-A when  
13 it was first introduced, and I brought those concerns  
14 to the Speaker's Office. As a result, some  
15 modifications were made to specify the day to day  
16 interaction with the police is not effected and  
17 public safety is not compromised. The bill will not  
18 take effect until later next year, and during that  
19 time it important to make sure that all local  
20 precincts and district attorneys are involved in the  
21 implementation of this legislation. While I  
22 understand that implementation is not the role of  
23 council, oversight is, and I will be monitoring the  
24 process to ensure that the important transparency  
25

2 that is being sought occurs while New Yorkers  
3 continue to be kept safe. With that, I vote aye on  
4 all.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I proudly vote aye on  
7 all. And this vote is for all the young people who  
8 often don't feel like people who govern actually see  
9 or hear them. We hear you. We see you. And we are  
10 here to govern for you as well, thank you.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ung?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: [ABSENT]

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Velázquez?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: Permission to explain  
15 my vote?

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: I would like to  
18 disclose on the record that my brother sits on the  
19 board of Samaritans of New York and my husband works  
20 for DEPS Deputy Commission.

21 And would like to abstain from 632-A, 549-A, 538-  
22 A, 585-A, 781-A. I would like to vote no on 586-A.  
23 All others, aye. I will give you the list, yeah.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

25 [PAUSE]

2 Thank you.

3 Council Member Vernikov?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Permission to explain my  
5 vote?

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Thank you.

8 What's taking place in these chambers today is  
9 not momentous. It is an affront to New Yorkers, and  
10 it will do nothing but further promote the  
11 destruction of our city. As we ran through what I  
12 would like to call an 11th hour trilogy of madness,  
13 these three bills, that if passed, would prove  
14 disastrous for the public safety of everyday New  
15 Yorkers. Introductions 586, 549, and 632 protect  
16 criminals and harm the law abiding citizens, all  
17 objectives on par for this body. These bills have no  
18 public support, and are being pushed through to make  
19 some feel good. Quoting one of my colleagues on the  
20 other side of the aisle, "this is legislation on  
21 emotion, rather than common sense". Since defund the  
22 police is not too politically toxic, in a continuing  
23 attempt to dismantle the police, Intro 586 will jam  
24 up our men and women in blue and handcuff them  
25 further. Introduction 549 will hurt and endanger our

1 hardworking corrections officers. Introduction 632-A  
2 would create a protected class for criminals to the  
3 detriment of small landlords and tenants. We cannot  
4 turn our cops into desk jockeys. We cannot turn our  
5 city jails into vacation homes for the most dangerous  
6 criminals. We cannot help respective tenants by  
7 creating a protected class for criminals. These  
8 bills disrespect our police officers, corrections  
9 officers, and everyday New Yorkers from every  
10 community. I urge my colleagues to listen to their  
11 constituents. Public safety is the number one issue  
12 for New Yorkers. Your constituents would expect you  
13 all to vote no on this disastrous bills. With that,  
14 I vote no on Preconsidered Resolutions 864,  
15 Introductions 538-A, 549-A, 563-A, 586-A, 632-A, 781-  
16 B, 944-A, 948-A, 1011-A... [CROSS-TALK]

17 UNKNOWN: [INAUDIBLE]...

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: 1161-A and 1153-A, thank  
19 you.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Williams?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Permission to explain my  
22 vote?

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.  
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you so much. You  
3 know as a still kind of like new council member, when  
4 we had the hearing on 632-A, it was quite  
5 contentious. And ,you know, one of the first times I  
6 felt like I was on the hotseat, and wondering why I  
7 got myself into this. But, today really signifies  
8 why we do what we do. Because we can have progress,  
9 and we can make good change for all New Yorkers. So,  
10 I am really excited about this vote. Thank you,  
11 Majority Leader for your leadership and the speaker,  
12 of course. I also want to thank the Public Advocate  
13 and his Office for fielding many of my concerns,  
14 questions, and comments on solitary confinement, and  
15 reporting on police stops.

16 Last but not least, I am a CUNY student, for the  
17 record, and a Fellow, and I proudly vote aye on all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Won?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Permission to explain my  
20 vote?

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: I just want to congratulate  
23 all of my colleagues and thank the Speaker, the  
24 Public Advocate, the Majority Leader for all of their  
25 leadership to end 2023 with a bang, to make sure that

2 we are banning solitary confinement, that we are  
3 moving towards progress with the How Many Stops Act,  
4 that are going to have reporting on unethical,  
5 inhumane homeless sweeps, that we are going go  
6 continue to move towards a better New York City for  
7 all us, especially [BACKGROUND NOISE] in a council  
8 that looks and finally seems like we are reflecting  
9 the actual people who we represent. So, thank you so  
10 much, and Happy Holidays.

11 [PAUSE]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Sorry, I meant, aye on all!

13 [LAUGHING]

14 [LAUGHTER IN CHAMBERS]

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.

16 Council Member Yeger?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Hi, it's not the right  
18 time, right?

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Minutes... go ahead.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: No, I was talking about the  
21 big clock on the top. I am going to spare everybody.  
22 I vote aye on all with the exception of Introductions  
23 538, 549, 563, 586, 632, 681, 944, 1161, and I  
24 respectfully abstain on Introduction 1278, as I

25

2 typically do on that topic. Thank you very much.  
3 Happy Holidays to all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Thank you, Council  
5 Member, Yeger your abstention was on?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: 1278 on co-names.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.  
8 Council Member Powers?

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I vote aye, and I want to  
10 say a very big thank you to all of the folks from the  
11 Fair Chance Housing Coalition who are here today and  
12 help build this bill. I want to also recognize former  
13 Council Member Steve Levin who carried this bill and  
14 fought very hard for it as well. He is here in the  
15 audience as well. And with that, I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Adams?

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

18 [PAUSE]

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We are going to take a  
20 moment to tally the vote.

21 [PAUSE]

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All right, quiet in the  
23 Chamber, please.

24 CITY CLERK: Quiet, please! Keep it down!

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1 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All items on today's  
2 General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 47 in  
3 the affirmative, 0 negative, 0 abstentions, with the  
4 exception of Introduction 586-A, (adopted by a vote  
5 35 affirmative, 9 negative, 3 abstentions)  
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7 Land Use items 1196 and 1997 with accompanying  
8 resolutions (adopted by a vote of 46 in the  
9 affirmative, 1 negative, 0 abstentions)

10 Introduction 538-A (adopted by a vote of 39 in  
11 the affirmative, 7 negative, 1 abstention)

12 Introduction 549-A (adopted by a vote of 39 in  
13 the affirmative, 7 negative, and 1 abstention)

14 Introduction 563-A (adopted by a vote of 40 in  
15 the affirmative, 7 negative, 0 abstentions)

16 Introduction 585-A (adopted by a vote of 46 in  
17 the affirmative, 0 negative, 1 abstention)

18 Introduction 632-A, (adopted by a vote of 39 in  
19 the affirmative, 8 negative, 1 abstention)

20 Introduction 781-A, (adopted by a vote of 39 in  
21 the affirmative, 7 negative, 1 abstention)

22 Introduction 944-A (adopted by a vote of 40 in  
23 the affirmative, 7 negative, 0 abstentions)  
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2 Introductions 948-A and 1011-A ( adopted by vote  
3 of 40 in the affirmative, 7 negative, and 0  
4 abstentions)

5 Introduction 1131-A (adopted by a vote of 46 in  
6 the affirmative, 1 negative, and 0 abstentions)

7 Introduction 1161-A (adopted by a vote of 40 in  
8 the affirmative, 7 negative, and 0 abstentions)

9 Introduction 1153 (adopted by a vote of 42 in the  
10 affirmative, 5 negative, and 0 abstentions)

11 Introduction 1278 (adopted by a vote of 46 in the  
12 affirmative, 0 negative, and 1 abstention)

13 Resolution 864 (adopted by a vote of 44 in the  
14 affirmative, 3 negative, and 0 abstentions)

15 **[\* Transcription Note]**

16 Vote Revision:

17 Proposed Introduction 632-A (38 affirmative, 8  
18 negative, 1 abstention)

19 Proposed Introduction 948-A (41 affirmative, 6  
20 negative, 0 abstentions)

21 Proposed Introduction 1011-A (41 affirmative, 6  
22 negative, 0 abstentions)

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We are now going to move  
24 into the Introduction & Reading of Bills. I call on  
25 Speaker Adams.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been referred to  
3 committees as indicated on today's Agenda.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

5 We will now move in to the Discussion of  
6 Resolutions. We have six resolutions to vote on today  
7 ,which we will do by voice vote. If you wish to vote  
8 against or abstain from any of today's resolutions,  
9 please notify...[CROSS-TALK]

10 UNKNOWN: [INAUDIBLE]

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Please be quiet.

12 Please notify the Legislative Documents Unit by  
13 email or by approaching the dais.

14 I will now read today's resolutions into the  
15 record; we will take a voice vote on each one.

16 Resolution 241-A calling upon the New York State  
17 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, the  
18 Fair and Timely Parole Act and Elder Parole Act.

19 Will all those in favor say please say aye?

20 ALL: Aye

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay.

22 ALL: [SILENT]

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

24 ALL: [SILENT]

25 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

2 Resolution 473, calling on the New York State  
3 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
4 S1099/A1963 which would protect youth during  
5 custodial police interrogation.

6 Will all those in favor say please say aye?

7 ALL: Aye

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay.

9 ALL: [SILENT]

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

11 ALL: [SILENT]

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

13 Resolution 556-B calling on the New York State  
14 Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign the  
15 Access to Representation Act, which establishes the  
16 right to legal counsel in immigration court  
17 proceedings and provides for the administration  
18 thereof.

19 Will all those in favor say please say aye?

20 ALL: Aye

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay.

22 ALL: [SILENT]

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

24 ALL: [SILENT]

25 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

2 Resolution 584 calling on the New York State  
3 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
4 legislation to enter the Interstate Medical Licensure  
5 Compact, the Nurse Licensure Compact, and the  
6 Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, to enhance  
7 the portability of medical and mental health  
8 providers to become licensed in multiple  
9 participating states.

10 Will all those in favor say please say aye?

11 ALL: Aye

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay.

13 ALL: [SILENT]

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

15 ALL: [SILENT]

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

17 Resolution 837 calling on the New York State  
18 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
19 S.4717/A.3149, to authorize the New York State  
20 Department of Veterans' Services to provide eligible  
21 veterans with financial assistance for purchasing,  
22 training, and the upkeep of service dogs and  
23 emotional support dogs.

24 Will all those in favor say please say aye?

25 ALL: Aye

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay.

3 ALL: [SILENT]

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

5 ALL: [SILENT]

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

7 Preconsidered Resolution 863 condemning recent  
8 attacks on members of the Sikh community in the City  
9 of New York and seeking a swift end to any  
10 discrimination against Sikh New Yorkers.

11 Will all those in favor say please say aye?

12 ALL: Aye

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay.

14 ALL: [SILENT]

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

16 ALL: [SILENT]

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

18 We will now move into today's General Discussion,  
19 we have four individuals signed up. We will first  
20 hear from Council Member Charles Barron.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you very much, my  
22 colleagues. You know I heard a lot in these Chambers,  
23 but today the first time I have ever heard anyone say  
24 that we are making jails "vacation homes for  
25 criminals". I suggest that you go on vacation.

2 [LAUGHTER] [APPLAUSE and CHEERING]

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: and check it out for  
4 yourself.

5 [LAUGHTER] [APPLAUSE and CHEERING]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: For yourself!

7 My colleagues, this is my last talk with you.

8 [APPLAUSE]

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Hey, hey, wait, I don't  
10 know what that clapping means!

11 [LAUGHTER]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Wait a minute...

13 [LAUGHTER] [APPLAUSE and CHEERING]

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I want to see some tears!  
15 Don't be clapping.

16 [LAUGHTER]

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: This is my last speech

18 with you, but I came here as a Black radical

19 revolutionary, Black Power advocate, socialist.

20 That's what I am. I am anti-imperialist wars, I am

21 anticapitalism. That's what I am. And so, when I

22 come here, I have to be true to who I am. So, when

23 you see some of my votes go a certain way, it is

24 because it doesn't align with my principles. And I

25 don't want to be overly pragmatic. There is always a

1 challenge between pragmatism and principles. And you  
2 have to be very aware of crossing that line and  
3 rationalizing pragmatism and violating your  
4 principles. So, I want to say before you this last  
5 time - Be strong! Be powerful! Keep your spine  
6 straight. Speak your conscience. And speak for your  
7 people! Because we are dying and suffering. This is  
8 the most powerful - I ask that you extend, but don't  
9 interrupt me the last time...

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

12 [LAUGHTER]

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you very much. Just  
14 had to check, because I'm getting on a roll here.

15 [LAUGHTER]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Our people are counting on  
17 you. [TIMER CHIMES] you have the power. Adam Clayton  
18 Powell was the first Black city council member. He  
19 said, "Use what's in your hands". You got the power  
20 in your hands to pass budgets that are for the  
21 people, to pass budgets that really deal with poverty  
22 and unemployment. We should not be passing  
23 development projects that are not 60 to 80 percent  
24 affordable for our people. This is the most powerful  
25 council in the world! And it is in your hands to say

1 to our people, we are going to take care of our  
2 retirees, they deserve it; we're going take care of  
3 the least of these in our communities that are in  
4 poverty, there's enough money in a \$110 billion -next  
5 year- budget, \$8 billion reserve to take care of  
6 poverty in Black and brown districts. There has  
7 never been an allocation dealing with poverty on a  
8 real level. So, I came here to use power. And as I  
9 told you when I first came in, there is a difference  
10 between power and influence. When you have to  
11 scream, holler, demonstrate to get people in power to  
12 make a decision in your best interest, that's  
13 influence. When you have the power to pass a budget  
14 and people have to use influence on you to get you to  
15 vote a certain way, you are not using your power in  
16 the best interests of our people. So, as I leave,  
17 you will hear from me again, trust me!

18 [LAUGHTER]

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Trust me! Matter of fact,  
20 I am going to be so *bad* - bad means good, white folk,  
21 in our community...

22 [LAUGHTER]

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I am going to be a *bad*  
3 Black man out there organizing. Ya'll are gonna  
4 campaign for me to come back in here!

5 [LAUGHTER]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: That's how *bad* I'm gonna  
7 be. And the Speaker is gonna lead the drive!

8 [LAUGHTER]

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: She's gonna lead the  
10 drive!

11 So, I want to say to my beloved East New York  
12 community, I thank you for your support over the  
13 years. And I thank you for helping us secure three  
14 \$88 million schools in our district. We renovated  
15 over a \$106 million worth of park renovations. We  
16 have a new library coming into our district, built  
17 from the ground up. And we changed the name of one  
18 of our parks from Schenck Park, a slaveholder, to  
19 Sankofa Park, a liberating name. So, we were able to  
20 do that - \$50 million worth of scholarships for CUNY  
21 students. And looking at all of the jobs we  
22 created... See a lot of people think I am just  
23 taking on governors and mayors and talking all of  
24 that stuff, but we delivered in East New York. And I

2 could not have done this without my beloved African  
3 Queen, Inez Barron.

4 [APPLAUSE and CHEERING]

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Inez Barron.

6 [APPLAUSE and CHEERING]

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: She had to go, she was  
8 here earlier with my grandchildren. So, I just  
9 wanted to leave that with ya'll. Come on, ya'll, use  
10 your power. Use your power for our people. I'll be  
11 back. And, I'm going to come back stronger than  
12 ever. So, I just want to say I thank you for, what?  
13 I'm trying to think... No, I thank you...

14 [LAUGHTER]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I thank you for the things  
16 that you did do. There are some progressive things  
17 that did happen. Give credit where credit is due, but  
18 we can do so, so much more. So, as I leave, on my  
19 last day, I want to continue to say to you, Black  
20 Power!

21 [APPLAUSE and CHEERING]

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Black Power!

23 [APPLAUSE and CHEERING]

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: And, with that, I drop  
25 the mic!

2 [APPLAUSE and CHEERING]

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, thank you.

4 Thank you.

5 [STANDING OVATION]

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you for the hours  
7 of entertainment you've also provided me, Council  
8 Member Barron.

9 I will now call on... [CROSS-TALK]

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [INAUDIBLE] wait...

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member  
12 Velázquez...

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Typical white man, calling  
14 my intellectualism entertainment. [LAUGHTER]

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Oh, no, no, no, come on.

16 [PAUSE]

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I think that's a little  
18 uncalled for. But, we now call on Council Member  
19 Velázquez.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: During my two-year  
21 tenure, and with the help of my colleagues, I fought  
22 extremely hard to become a voice for those  
23 communities who, for years, felt underrepresented in  
24 District 13. I fought for budget equity for all  
25 communities within the district, having helped,

2 empowered, and promoted advocacy on a range of  
3 issues, from racial and gender equality to  
4 representation. On public safety, I worked with all  
5 of the precincts in my district to make sure that  
6 they got the funds and resources they needed to help  
7 maintain our streets safe. I am also proud of the  
8 work that I did alongside the New York City Sheriff's  
9 Office protecting small business owners and local  
10 entrepreneurs of New York City's burgeoning cannabis  
11 industry - helping shutdown illegal smoke shops that  
12 are acting in bad faith in regards to legalization of  
13 marijuana. I am proud of the work accomplished  
14 funding key community projects near and dear to me  
15 which greatly impacted our children and seniors such  
16 as \$455,000 for upgrades for our computers, laptops,  
17 and printers alone. I am also proud of the bills we  
18 passed, economic game changers such as Open  
19 Restaurants that will greatly boost our food industry  
20 here in New York; for overthinking environmental  
21 legislation such as Choose to Reuse and Skip the  
22 Stuff; outside the box bills such as one that allowed  
23 venues, such as Yankee stadium and Madison Square  
24 Garden to conduct legal raffles that benefit our  
25 local nonprofits.

2 Before I head out, I want to thank Madam Speaker  
3 Adams. It has been such an incredible honor working  
4 alongside the first ever African-American speaker. I  
5 also want to thank all of my Bronx colleagues,  
6 Council Member Eric Dinowitz, Council Member Althea  
7 Stevens, Council Member Pierina Sanchez, Council  
8 Member Kevin Riley, Council Member Oswald Feliz,  
9 Council Member Rafael Salamanca, Council Member Diana  
10 Ayala, and Council Member Amanda Fariás for all of  
11 their support and for all that we accomplished for  
12 the Bronx during my tenure serving in District 13.  
13 And most importantly, I want to thank the  
14 constituents of District 13. We made history  
15 together, and if it weren't for you, I would have  
16 never become the first Puerto Rican woman [TIMER  
17 CHIMES] to represent District 13. Without you, the  
18 voters, I would never have served for the most  
19 diverse city in New York City's history, with the  
20 first women-led majority city council. I thank you  
21 from the bottom of my heart. And this isn't a  
22 goodbye for me. I have learned so much working for  
23 the people of District 13, that I cannot wait to  
24 continue serving those most in need. Let's just say,  
25 until we meet again.

2 [APPLAUSE]

3 [PAUSE]

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Council Member  
5 Velázquez.

6 We will now hear from Council Member Paladino.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Yes, hello, Charles  
8 Barron, I want to salute you. I want to say to you,  
9 because I... You and I come from the same  
10 generation. You and I come from a generation of  
11 never give up, never give in, never take a knee  
12 (sic). You stated before how you have to a spine,  
13 and you have to stand up for what you believe in.  
14 That's a two way street. We all do. I do it for my  
15 district. You do it for yours. So, with that being  
16 said, I would like to say, thank you very much to  
17 everybody in this council. We need to take a long  
18 look at each and every one us and what we need to do  
19 to work better together. Communication is key,  
20 division is decisiveness, and nothing will ever come  
21 of this city for the better unless we learn how to  
22 communicate. I want to say this ,you know, I am  
23 looking back on the last year or so, and I have seen  
24 a lot of things that could have been done that were  
25 not accomplished, things that would have affected our

2 average New Yorkers. And now our city is being taken  
3 over again by lawlessness and rioters night after  
4 night sewing chaos in our streets, infecting our city  
5 with antisemitism. Many on this council have made  
6 their position very clear. And allow me to make my  
7 position clear as well. There will be a ceasefire  
8 when Hamas surrenders and not a minute before. And  
9 the antisemitic rioters on our streets should be  
10 behind bars along with those who financially support  
11 them. We have a lot of work to do next year, and I  
12 pray for peace and understanding here in New York.  
13 And I pray that we will have the common sense to come  
14 together where it counts, even if it means  
15 compromise. Again, conversation [TIMER CHIMES] make  
16 that part of what we are unaccustomed to doing, it  
17 seems in this council. There are many good people,  
18 people who truly want the best for our city. Let's  
19 have the courage, please, to come together. I beg  
20 you. Merry Christmas. Happy New Year. God bless  
21 America. And God bless New York City. Thank you  
22 very much.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Council  
24 Member.

2 I will now call on the Public Advocate, Jumaane  
3 Williams.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you so much. And  
5 before I didn't get a chance to thank [INAUDIBLE]  
6 solitary 1199, Danny Dromm, who was here, and all of  
7 the families who have been affected. I did want to  
8 just say to Council Member Barron, thank you so much  
9 for the issues that you pushed. And I want to make  
10 it clear, as much as people sometimes disagreed on  
11 how Council Member Barron may have spread some of the  
12 information 9.5 out of 10 times you could not dispute  
13 the facts he was saying, nor the issue that he was  
14 bringing up. And I want to just be on the record on  
15 or that.

16 I did want to say that it is... To listen to  
17 folks, not who have some real concerns they want to  
18 discuss on the bill, but to listen to leaders who  
19 represent districts that don't deal with the type of  
20 violence and the response to violence that many folks  
21 do *daily*, is in insulting.

22 [APPLAUSE]

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: to listen to those  
24 folks believe they want public safety more than the  
25 people who carry the trauma of people who have died

2 along their lives through gun violence and other  
3 violence, without getting the resources they need,  
4 who have also felt the trauma of people dying in the  
5 streets from the over policing that has not dealt  
6 with the street violence, who are sandwiched between  
7 real street violence and over policing, that has not  
8 resulted in ending that street violence. To hear  
9 people who are saying, what we need to do is arrest  
10 the children of the people we arrested 30 years ago.  
11 You cannot want public safety more than we do.  
12 Because we deal with the trauma every single day.  
13 And all that I ask...

14 [APPLAUSE]

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: is that you listen to  
16 people who are actually going through it and know  
17 what works and what can help, instead of telling  
18 folks that they don't care about public safety and  
19 they just want lawlessness. Because nothing could be  
20 further from the truth. The folks who have gone to  
21 funeral after funeral after funeral [TIMER CHIMES]  
22 take that with us as we are making our decisions.

23 And I want to correct one thing, crime is an  
24 issue, particularly people feeling unsafe - because  
25 of some of the rhetoric - but it is an issue. The

2 number one issue; however, is affordability. And so  
3 I hope the people who are talking about the issues  
4 that people have will join us in changing the  
5 affordability issues just as loudly as you have  
6 spoken about the bills here today. Thank you. Happy  
7 Holidays to everyone.

8 [APPLAUSE]

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Do we have  
10 anyone else signed up to speak in General Discussion?

11 I see a lot of nos. I do want to tell, uh,  
12 Council Member asked me to remind folks that the  
13 [INAUDIBLE] is meeting in the Committee Room.

14 Happy Holidays to everyone. Happy New Year.

15 And with that, I call on Speaker Adrienne  
16 Adams...

17 [BACKGROUND NOISE]

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Guys? I call on Speaker  
19 Adrienne Adams to close out today's Stated Meeting...

20 [CROSS-TALK]

21 UNKNOWN: [INAUDIBLE]

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: To close out today's  
23 Stated Meeting... [CROSS-TALK]

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Might I adjourn... [CROSS-TALK]

25 UNKNOWN: [INAUDIBLE]

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Might I adjourn? [LAUGHTER]

3 Colleagues, it has been my esteemed honor to  
4 serve as your speaker for two years. We have done  
5 some great work together as a body. We have pushed  
6 things forward that have been unheard of. We look  
7 forward to our continued collaboration - one side of  
8 the floor, and the other side of the floor, we are  
9 one New York City Council. Happy Holidays and love.

10 [APPLAUSE and CHEERING]

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: This meeting is adjourned!

12 [APPLAUSE and CHEERING]

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