

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

STATED MEETING

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February 3, 2010
Start: 1:49 pm
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HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
CHRISTINE C. QUINN
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Charles Barron
Gale A. Brewer
Fernando Cabrera
Margaret S. Chin
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Elizabeth S. Crowley
Inez E. Dickens
Erik Martin Dilan
Daniel Dromm
Mathieu Eugene
Julissa Ferreras
Lewis A. Fidler
Helen D. Foster
Daniel R. Garodnick
James F. Gennaro
Vincent J. Gentile
Sara M. Gonzalez

A P P E A R A N C E S [CONTINUED]

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Daniel J. Halloran III
Vincent M. Ignizio
Robert Jackson
Letitia James
Peter A. Koo
G. Oliver Koppell
Karen Koslowitz
Brad S. Lander
Jessica S. Lappin
Stephen T. Levin
Melissa Mark-Viverito
Darlene Mealy
Rosie Mendez
Michael C. Nelson
James S. Oddo
Annabel Palma
Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.
Diana Reyna
Joel Rivera
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Deborah L. Rose
James Sanders, Jr.
Larry B. Seabrook
Eric A. Ulrich
James Vacca
Peter F. Vallone, Jr.
James G. Van Bramer
Albert Vann
Mark S. Weprin
Thomas White, Jr.
Jumaane D. Williams

A P P E A R A N C E S [CONTINUED]

Christine C. Quinn
Opening Statement
Speaker
New York City Council

Larry B. Seabrook
Introduction of Ceremonial
New York City Council Member

Committee Clerk
Reading Ceremonial Proclamation
Regarding
Mount St. Michael Academy

Mario Valentini
Football Coach
Mount St. Michael Academy

Gary Acquah
Football Captain
Mount St. Michael Academy

Rev. Dr. Alvan N. Johnson, Jr.
Presiding Elder
Brooklyn Westchester District

Christine C. Quinn
Requesting Moment of Silence for Frank Justich
Speaker
New York City Council

Moment of Silence:
Frank Justich
Sanitation Worker

Michael C. Nelson
Speaking on Resolution 15, Introductions 21 and 22
New York City Council Member

Vincent J. Gentile
Speaking on Resolution 6
New York City Council Member

A P P E A R A N C E S [CONTINUED]

James Vacca
Speaking on MTA budget cuts
New York City Council Member

Albert Vann
Speaking on Resolution 17 and Introduction 26
New York City Council Member

Lewis A. Fidler
Speaking on Resolutions regarding summer jobs
New York City Council Member

Helen D. Foster
Speaking on death of Lee Archer
New York City Council Member

Inez E. Dickens
Requesting Moment of Silence for Lee Archer
New York City Council Member

Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Speaking on Community College budget cuts
New York City Council Member

Brad S. Lander
Speaking on various Landmarks
New York City Council Member

Letitia James
Speaking on plight of African American and Latino
youth
New York City Council Member

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: All right--whoa
3 that's very loud. [Laughing]

4 [Pause]

5 SPEAKER QUINN: Okay. So we have
6 one--shhh, one ceremonial today because it is such
7 an important ceremonial we only have one. So let
8 me call up Council Member Larry Seabrook who has a
9 great ceremonial honoring some very terrific young
10 people in the Bronx.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Thank you
12 very much Madam Speaker. And today it is a very
13 special day because this team is so unique; they
14 won the championship for football in the Catholic
15 Division, Mount St. Michael High School. Come on
16 up. All of you guys come on up, Mount St.
17 Michael High School in the Bronx. These
18 outstanding young men who have been here, who have
19 been a tremendous--Charles I need you up here for
20 this one.

21 Everybody come on 'cause this means
22 a lot. These young men who have won the--come
23 around. The whole team is here and their
24 outstanding coach who was named the Coach of the
25 Year as well. Again. [Laughing]. And they have

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2 done a tremendous job these young men. Tremendous
3 job, come on up, for what they represent. That's
4 right, that's right Jimmy, you know, I used to be
5 that size. [Laughing] All right. Right here.
6 [Laughing] Oh yeah, oh yeah.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Where's the
Captain?

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Where's
the Captain. Yeah there's the Captain. There's
the Captain. There's the Captain. Oh okay.

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[Background conversation]

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Oh you
know her son played for you.

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COACH: Yes I know.

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SPEAKER QUINN: All right. Ask the
Clerk to read the proclamation.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Will the-
-shhh. We'd like the Clerk to read this
proclamation--this is very important, please
listen because it's more than a football team
that's here but a lot of character when you hear
this proclamation.

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CITY COUNCIL CLERK: Council, City
of New York Proclamation.

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2 Whereas the Council of the City of
3 New York is very proud to honor and congratulate
4 the Mount St. Michael Academy Mountaineers for
5 their shared victory on Thanksgiving Day 2009, and

6 Whereas the Mount St. Michael
7 Academy Mountaineers overcame a slow start to win
8 28-22 over their very challenging rival Cardinal
9 Hays for the CHSFL Class AA Title, this feat was
10 not only a triumph in the face of a formidable foe
11 but a triumph in the midst of grief. Shortly
12 before the playoffs the Mountaineers lost Kyle
13 Rembert, a great friend and teammate, through an
14 unexpected death from carbon monoxide poisoning,
15 and

16 Whereas with the guidance of Coach
17 Mario Valentini, the All Bronx Manhattan Football
18 Coach of the Year, the Mountaineers were able to
19 focus on the task at hand while dedicating the
20 remainder of their season to Kyle. And they went
21 unbeaten from that point on. Together they
22 rallied to win their four final games and the
23 school's first CHSFL AA Title with a Turkey Bowl
24 victory over Cardinal Hays, and

25 Whereas this Thanksgiving Day game

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2 was truly an event for gratitude on many levels.
3 For just over a week the Mountaineers gathered
4 their best spirit and effort and went on to win
5 two very challenging football games against two
6 great teams. The parents of the Xavier and St.
7 Francis Prep football teams collected funds to
8 give to Kyle Rembert's family. Kyle's death
9 allowed several teams to discover important
10 lessons of character and moral fortitude, and

11 Whereas the Mount St. Michael
12 Academy has long taught its students to live with
13 a heart that knows no bounds and this lesson was
14 clearly demonstrated by each of the Mountaineers
15 throughout this season both on and off the field.

16 Now therefore be it known that the
17 Council of the City of New York honors the Mount
18 St. Michael Academy Mountaineers for their
19 outstanding teamwork and stellar championship
20 season.

21 Christine C. Quinn

22 Speaker for the entire Council

23 Larry B. Seabrook

24 Council Member, 12th District, the

25 Bronx

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[Applause]

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SPEAKER QUINN: And before I turn the mic over to the Coach and the Captain and whoever else wants to say anything, on behalf of myself and all of my colleagues we obviously congratulate you for this very impressive victory, Cardinal Hays that is no joke, but more importantly we want to extend to you our deepest condolences for the loss of your friend and teammate.

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But really thank you and salute you for being such strong individuals in the way you handled yourself in this terrible loss. You're a great reminder for all of us about how we should move forward when we face loss in our own lives. So thank you very much for reminding us of that lesson today and teaching us something. So thank you and we wish all of you and his family all the best in the future. Coach.

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COACH MARIO VALENTINI: Just want to thank you to everybody, Councilman Seabrook, you know, the guys behind me, really dedicated themselves and, you know, really showed character in the face of adversity and I think these young

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2 men are our future. And we just want to thank
3 everybody. Thank you for having us.

4 [Applause]

5 MR. GARY ACQUAH: My name is Gary
6 Acquah; I'm the Captain of Mount St. Michael's
7 football. I'd like to thank you for having us
8 here today and I'd also like to thank our coaches
9 because without them everything that happened this
10 year we wouldn't be able to get through it so I'd
11 like to thank all our coaches for everything
12 they've done for us and thank you for having us
13 here.

14 [Applause]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: And I
16 certainly want to say to the Coach and to all--
17 they have produced some outstanding young men who
18 we know that they really stand for a tremendous
19 amount of character in what they are about and
20 through all this adversity and that they are ready
21 to go to school.

22 He's getting ready to go to Holy
23 Cross and a number of places that all of these
24 guys are going to go to be successes. And I'm
25 very proud and happy to have served for many, many

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2 years and my Chief of Staff who's a graduate and
3 played on the football team there as well. So
4 again I certainly wanted to thank you all and you
5 were wonderful in that victory. Thank you very
6 much.

7 [Applause]

8 SPEAKER QUINN: I just want to
9 say... I couldn't get into Holy Cross so my hat is
10 off to you Captain, best of luck. Congratulations
11 you guys. And Bill, let's get a picture with the
12 Bronx Delegation and the team.

13 [Pause]

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ladies and
15 gentlemen could I have your attention please?
16 Could I have your attention please? At this time
17 can you please place all cell phones and
18 electronic devices on vibrate. Will all non-
19 Council employees and lobbyists please leave the
20 main floor of the chambers, thank you.

21 [Gavel banging]

22 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Ladies and
23 gentlemen, please rise for the Pledge of
24 Allegiance.

25 ALL: I pledge allegiance to the

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2 flag of the United States of America and to the
3 republic for which it stands, one nation under
4 god, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

5 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Roll call.

6 [Pause]

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: [No audible
17 response]

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Here.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [No

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C: Gentile.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: [No

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Present

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: [No

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: James.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: [No

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: [No

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Seabrook.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin. Weprin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: White.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [No

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: [No

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: A quorum

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is present, ladies and gentlemen; please rise for

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the invocation--

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: [Interposing]

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Quiet please.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: --for the

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invocation being delivered by Rev. Dr. Alvan

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Johnson, Presiding Elder at the Brooklyn

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Westchester District Church.

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REV. DR. ALVAN N. JOHNSON, JR.:

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Let us pray.

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Divine, pervasive and universal

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spirit that inhabits all of existence cause our

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presence, cause your presence to influence our

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decisions this day, enlighten our minds and

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2 illuminate our spirits and forge in us a
3 heightened sense of appreciation for the
4 contributions of all of our inhabitants, Latimer
5 as well as Lincoln, Bethune as well as Beecher
6 Stowe, and King as fully as Kennedy. In so doing,
7 by the time we adjourn, our world, our City and
8 our lives will be that much richer because you
9 were with us this day. In the name that is all
10 that is good and holy, our hearts say amen.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Council

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Member James?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: I would like

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to move to spread the invocation by Rev. Dr. Alvan

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Johnson, Jr., spread it in full on the record

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please Mr. Majority Leader.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So

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ordered.

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SPEAKER QUINN: And if I could ask

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my colleagues to stand again for a moment please.

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise. Quiet

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please.

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SPEAKER QUINN: On January 26th,

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2010, New York City Department of Sanitation

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Worker, Frank Justich, 41, was killed in the line

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2 of duty. While servicing corner litter baskets,
3 Sanitation Worker Justich was struck and pinned by
4 a tractor trailer at the intersection of 35th
5 Street and Ditmars Boulevard in Astoria.

6 Sanitation Worker Justich was an 11-year veteran
7 of the department and was assigned to the Queens
8 West District One garage. In the near future the
9 garage will be renamed in his memory and honor.

10 Sanitation Commissioner John Doherty in a
11 Statement mourning Frankie's death reminded all
12 New Yorkers that sanitation workers perform a
13 dangerous and essential job helping to keep New
14 York City safe and clean.

15 Sanitation Worker Justich is
16 survived by his wife, Stacey, their two daughters,
17 Faith and Felicity, ages 4 and 1, his mother,
18 Patricia and over 75 immediate family members.
19 The funeral was held this past Monday at St.
20 Luke's Roman Catholic Church in Whitestone. He is
21 the tenth sanitation worker to have fallen in the
22 line of duty since 2002.

23 I want to thank my colleagues
24 Council Member Peter Vallone and Council Member
25 Dan Halloran who joined me at the services earlier

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2 in the week.

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[Moment of silence]

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SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. And

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thank you Reverend.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you.

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Adoption of the minutes, Council Member Gennaro?

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[Pause]

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Where does he

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sit?

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SPEAKER QUINN: I'd like to make a

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motion of the minutes of the Stated Meeting of

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December 9th and December 14th be adopted as

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printed, I'm playing the role of Jim Gennaro.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So

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ordered. Thank you very much Madam Speaker--

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SPEAKER QUINN: [Interposing] Not a

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problem. I'm very much for the environment right

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at this moment right now being Jim Gennaro.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Okay.

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Messages and papers from the Mayor.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: M8 through M14,

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various budget reports.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Finance.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: M15, certificate

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2 on capital debt and reserves.

3 SPEAKER QUINN: Received, ordered,
4 printed and filed.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: M16, contingency
6 plan for State budget productions.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: Received, ordered,
8 printed and filed.

9 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA:
10 Communication from City, County and Borough
11 offices?

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

13 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Petitions
14 and communications.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: M17, resignation
16 of Council Member Simcha Felder.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Received, ordered,
18 printed and filed.

19 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Land use
20 call ups?

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: M18 through M22.

22 SPEAKER QUINN: I'd like to have a
23 coupled vote on all of these Land Use call ups and
24 if we could please have a roll call on that.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.
3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.
5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.
7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.
9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.
11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.
12 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.
13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.
14 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.
15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.
16 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.
17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.
18 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Present and
19 aye on all call ups.
20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.
21 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.
22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.
23 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.
24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: [No audible

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response]

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: [No

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [No

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audible response]

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C: Gentile.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote

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aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: James.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell.
3 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.
4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.
5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.
6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.
7 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.
8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.
9 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.
10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.
11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.
12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.
13 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.
14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.
15 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [No audible
16 response]
17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.
18 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.
19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.
20 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.
21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.
22 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.
23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.
24 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.
25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.
3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.
5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.
7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanders.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye.
9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Seabrook.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye.
11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.
12 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.
13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.
14 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: [No
15 audible response]
16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.
17 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.
18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.
19 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.
20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.
21 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.
22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.
23 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.
24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: White.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

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[Pause]

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SPEAKER QUINN: [No audible

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Today's

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Land Use call ups were adopted by a vote of 47 in

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the affirmative, with 0 in the negative.

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Communication from the Speaker.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. I have

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two things I want to mention that are not

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legislative which means probably people will pay

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attention, no I'm only kidding.

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The first one--and they're both

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lovely announcements about two of our Council

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colleagues. The first relates to our

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2 Environmental Protection Chair Jim Gennaro. Now
3 as some of you may recall two years ago our green
4 leader, Jim Gennaro, was featured in an
5 environmental documentary on renewable and
6 alternative energy entitled Fuel, and it won the
7 best documentary at the 2008 Sundance Film
8 Festival.

9 [Applause]

10 SPEAKER QUINN: And I'm sure Jim's
11 role played no small part in that very important
12 award. The film featured Jim's and this Council's
13 efforts to advance environmentally sustainable
14 biofuels. And just two years later, now, Jim has
15 put the work of this Council in another
16 environmental documentary that appeared last week
17 at Sundance. The film entitled Gas Land, I'm not
18 really sure if we should take that as an insult or
19 not by Jim but entitled Gas Land documents the
20 risk to drinking water supplies from the
21 outrageous gas drilling method known as hydraulic
22 fracturing that is sweeping the northeast United
23 States including a proposal to have it happen in a
24 broad swathe of New York which we are aggressively
25 fighting with Jim's leadership. Jim's also been

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2 featured in a lot of national news programs about
3 this.

4 And as folks know the Council
5 passed a resolution sponsored by Jim last November
6 calling for our water supply to be protected from
7 hydraulic fracturing. Gas Land features footage
8 shot right here in the chamber, that's unfortunate
9 'cause it's such a dumpy room, from several
10 Environmental Protection Committee oversight
11 hearings on this topic that ultimately led to the
12 passage of Reso 1850-A. And no surprise here,
13 last Sunday at the Sundance Awards ceremony, Gas
14 Land took the documentary prize. So two
15 documentaries featured Jim Gennaro, two
16 documentaries won Best Documentary of the Year at
17 Sundance, so congratulations Jim.

18 [Applause]

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Autographs and
20 paparazzi later. Now. I just detailed Jim's
21 leadership in the area of film but we also have a
22 bit of an author amongst us. You may not know but
23 50 years ago an ambitious 18-year old Harvard
24 freshman mimeographed a 20-page pamphlet to be
25 given out on student charter flights. The early

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2 Let's Go guides, advised travelers on motor biking
3 through southeast Asia and how to finance travel
4 in Europe by singing in the street.

5 The first edition included tips on
6 traveling from Europe to Asia for just \$.04. As
7 of 2010 there are now over 50 Let's Go travel
8 guides in the Let's Go series. And last week a
9 ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of that
10 first guide was held at Harvard University.

11 And I am proud that a member of our
12 Council is that former 18-year old Harvard
13 student, a member of the Class of 1962 and he's
14 here with us today, our own Oliver Koppell.

15 [Applause]

16 SPEAKER QUINN: So free videos and
17 free Let's Go guides later in the lounge, I'm only
18 kidding, but congratulations to both Jim and
19 Oliver on these very important contributions to
20 our society. And we're really very proud of both
21 of you. so congratulations Jim, congratulations
22 Oliver.

23 We are also voting on a number of
24 Land Use items today, a series of landmarkings
25 throughout a number of Boroughs, a number of

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2 fairly large TIL projects which are very exciting,
3 a down-zoning on Staten Island. And I would urge
4 my colleagues to support these Land Use items. We
5 are not voting on any legislation today. Shhh.
6 Because the committees are just getting
7 structured. That said I do want to highlight one
8 piece of legislation that's being introduced today
9 although here are a lot of good pieces of
10 legislation being introduced and reintroduced.

11 Under the leadership of our
12 Immigration Chair Danny Dromm and Council Member
13 Cabrera, Jackson and Arroyo, I would urge everyone
14 to sign on, we're introducing a piece of
15 legislation today that will require that the
16 Administration for Children Services come up with
17 a plan and report back to the Council in six
18 months on what their plan is, the plan would focus
19 on how ACS will deal with children in foster care
20 who are eligible for temporary juvenile
21 immigration status.

22 It is really our responsibility as
23 a City to get these young people that status.
24 It's important to note they're only eligible for
25 it until they are 21. After that they lose that

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2 option entirely which will dramatically, maybe
3 irreversibly, impact their ability to stay in this
4 City and country. In addition by not getting that
5 status in a timely and orderly way, they lose out
6 on their options for summer youth jobs, for
7 internships, for participation in financial aid at
8 CUNY and SUNY.

9 And our job, if we're really going
10 to make this a City that is truly diverse, a City
11 that honors immigrants it to make sure that these
12 children get access to this status and that the
13 Administration for Children Services does their
14 job in a better way than they've been doing it.
15 We believe there are hundreds of children who fall
16 into this category and we want to make sure they
17 are getting greater attention from the
18 Administration for Children Services. So I just
19 wanted to highlight that one Introduction and that
20 concludes Communications from the Speaker, Mr.
21 Majority Leader.

22 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
23 very much. Discussion of general orders. Seeing
24 none, we'll move on to the reports of special
25 committees.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Reports of standing committees.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use, Preconsidered LU 1 and Reso 19 and LU 2 and Reso 20, Staten Island applications.

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: Sit down please.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders, sorry I was getting travel advice from Oliver.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered LU 3 and Reso 20 and LU 4 and Reso 22, Bronx applications.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered LU 5 and Reso 23 through LU 14 and Reso 32, Landmark designations.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered LU 15 and Reso 33 through LU 17 and Reso 35, various UDAAPs.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: General order calendar.

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C: Resolution appointing various persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders. And at this point I ask for a roll call on all of the items that have been coupled on the general order calendar please.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote no on Preconsidered Reso LU 1 and the--LU 1 and accompanying Reso 19 and aye on all the rest.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye, aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Yes. Yes.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Pass.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: [No
3 audible response]

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: I'd like
8 to vote no on Land Use 6, Land Use 11, Land Use 12
9 and aye on all others.

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11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: James.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye on all.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: [No audible
25 response]

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye to all

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22 and I'd like to be excused to clarify my vote.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So

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24 ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: On LU 1, Reso

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2 19, this particular parcel that's being down-
3 zoned, I just want to record to reflect that this
4 is a historically significant piece of property
5 for the communities, African American communities
6 on Staten Island. It is the first Freedman's
7 Community. And it dates back when the slaves were
8 freed, they came in from Maryland and this was an
9 oyster community.

10 I'd like the record to, you know,
11 reflect that my esteemed colleague and friend,
12 Vinnie Ignizio, and I have agreed to work together
13 to make sure that the church could move forward
14 and help in the development of senior housing in
15 this area. And I'm confident that Sandy Ground
16 and the church can be--will be--will continue to
17 be vital stakeholders on the south shore of Staten
18 Island. And I thank my Council Member Ignizio for
19 agreeing to work with us to make sure that that
20 happens. Thank you.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanders.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: [No
23 audible response]

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Seabrook.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: [No audible

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: White.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: May I be

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excused to explain my vote?

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote

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aye on all. I just want to mention two, Land Use

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6 and Reso 24, the Lamartine Place. I was just

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2 very excited to be a part of that, highlighting
3 the role of the Underground Railroad and the role
4 of lynching and slavery in New York City that
5 sometimes does not get the attention that it so
6 deserves.

7 Also Land Use 12 and Resolution 30
8 that had to do with Landmarking, I'm just
9 encouraging the City and the Landmarks Commission
10 to work with owners so that the damage to them is
11 as minimal as possible.

12 Aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye on all
16 except I abstain on Preconsidered LU 1 and Reso
17 19.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanders.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye on
20 all.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye on all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Aye on all.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: All items on today's general order calendar were adopted by a vote of 48 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions with the exception of Land Use item 1 and Reso 19 which was adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative and 1 abstention.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: And Land Use item number 6 and 11 and 12 and companion Reso's were adopted by a vote of 47 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative and 0 abstentions and the revised Land Use call ups were adopted by a vote of 48 in the affirmative with 0 in the negative.

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Introduction and reading of the bills.

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SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are referred to committees as indicated on the agenda. And I just wanted to note for any new or returning Council Members if you have any questions about the Introduction process or the Reintroduction

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2 process, just please see Margaret Nelson, my
3 Deputy Chief of Staff or Rob Newman, the
4 Legislative Director and they'll make sure they
5 get you to somebody in the Legislative Division
6 who can take you through the paperwork process.
7 Thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
9 very much Madam Speaker. We've been joined by
10 Council Member Darlene Mealy and for her vote.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye
12 on all Land Use call ups and all general orders.
13 Thank you.

14 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So
15 ordered. Since there are no Resolutions we'll
16 move on from that point into general discussions.
17 Council Member Nelson.

18 [Pause]

19 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Thank you.
20 There's just too many things at one time but I
21 want to point out as many as I can get to. The
22 beneficial use, Reso 15, this is just--it's a
23 euphemism, yes, but potentially beneficial as far
24 as financially goes. So I draw my colleagues'
25 attention to Reso 15.

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2 Now as far as Intro 22, which is
3 really important, this along with the Public
4 Advocate, it's a Local Law, it will authorize the
5 Commissioner of Finance to establish a temporary
6 forgiveness program. This will bring more money
7 into our City coffers and also, of course, make a
8 lot of people who are in need happy.

9 And thirdly we have to look into
10 Intro 21 which right now people are in various
11 parks around the City with concessions and usually
12 they usurp more land here and there. And we have
13 to really confine that before more and more
14 parkland is taken away from people who go there to
15 enjoy it. So it's Intro 21. I thank you all.

16 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
17 very much. Next move on to Council Member
18 Gentile.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Thank you.
20 Reso number 6 I'm introducing today represents the
21 Council's chance to stand united in opposition to
22 our City being used as a venue for trials of the
23 September 11th terrorists. Now I'm not the first
24 elected official to oppose the federal
25 government's initial proposal to hold the trials

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2 within our City borders but this Resolution is an
3 opportunity for the elected representatives of
4 more than 8 million New Yorkers to say that for
5 this federal trial, we refuse the burden, we
6 refuse the cost and we refuse the potential threat
7 to our City's security.

8 Although the plan to conduct the
9 terror trials in New York City is symbolic and
10 significant in its own way, bringing terrorists to
11 justice in the City they attacked, it is also
12 reckless. The burden of protecting our residents
13 will fall on the NYPD whose headcount continues to
14 go down. Asking a smaller police force to do more
15 makes no sense and can only come at the expense of
16 less police coverage throughout the rest of the
17 City.

18 We don't doubt the ability of the
19 NYPD to keep us and our streets safe but we
20 question the wisdom of putting such strains on a
21 smaller department and on the finances of the
22 City. In terms of both budget and security the
23 City cannot afford to be the venue for these
24 trials. So I invite you to join me, Council
25 Member Nelson, Council Member Vallone, Council

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2 Member Chin and other Council Members to send a
3 message, loud and clear, to the federal
4 government, New York City is the wrong place for
5 these trials.

6 However in the event that this
7 burden is placed on our police forces, the federal
8 government which has pledged funding that will
9 constitute just a fraction of the cost of the 5-
10 year trial must fully and immediately bear the
11 financial cost of ensuring that our City is kept
12 safe. That is what our resolution says and I ask
13 you to sign on.

14 I'm also introducing today a bill,
15 Intro number 10, to protect our children and other
16 individuals from adverse health effects of air
17 pollution. The bill would require the Department
18 of Transportation to monitor the air quality
19 outside our schools and parks so I ask you to sign
20 on to that Intro also. Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
22 very much. We've been joined by Council Member
23 Tom White. We need your vote for today's agenda.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE: Thank you
25 very much. I vote aye on all Land Use call ups

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2 and eye on all general orders.

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4 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
5 very much Council Member. Next is Council Member
6 Jimmy Vacca.

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7 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Thank you.
8 I'd like to remind the members to please assist us
9 as we try to avert the MTA budget cuts that are
10 scheduled to take place. The City Council has
11 launched a petition drive which is on our website
12 and there are petitions available to all members.
13 We're aiming to do the best we can.

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14 And I want to say that we've come
15 up with a plan to avert the cut. We did an email
16 reminder to all members yesterday, the Speaker and
17 myself, indicating that the MTA does not have to
18 make these cuts. And we've come forth with a plan
19 identifying resources from stimulus money that can
20 be used to avert the service cuts that the MTA has
21 planned.

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22 In the days ahead there will be
23 public hearings, basically in early March that the
24 MTA will be holding and I hope that all members
25 will rally their respective districts to come to
these public hearings. The impact on train and

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2 bus service, the impact on express bus service,
3 the modifications to Access-A-Ride, the change or
4 the elimination of bus routes and train routes,
5 and of course the elimination of Metro Cards all
6 have to be on our radar as we move ahead. And I
7 hope the members realize that this has become a
8 quite serious situation.

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I thank the Speaker and the Council
10 for their leadership and as Chair of the
11 Transportation Committee; I know we will be
12 successful in our efforts. Thank you.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: All right.
14 Thank you very much. Before we move onto the next
15 member, let me just read out the new adopted
16 votes. All items on today's general order
17 calendar were adopted by a vote of 50 in the
18 affirmative, 0 in the negative with 0 abstentions
19 however with the exception of Land Use item 1 and
20 Reso 19 which was adopted by a vote of 48 in the
21 affirmative, 1 in the negative, 1 abstention.

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And Land Use items 6, 11 and 12 and
23 their companion resolutions which were adopted by
24 a vote of 49 in the affirmative, with 1 in the
25 negative and 0 abstentions. And the revised Land

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2 Use call ups were adopted by a vote of 50 in the
3 affirmative, with 0 in the negative.

4 And next we have Council Member Al
5 Vann.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Yeah thank you
7 Majority Leader. I ask my colleagues to sign on
8 to Reso 17 and Intro 26. Very important, please
9 listen up. Reso 17 calls on the State Legislature
10 and the Governor to enact legislation to allow
11 community development financial institutions
12 including credit unions, savings banks and federal
13 saving and loans associations to accept and secure
14 deposits from municipal corporations.

15 New York is one of the few States
16 that prohibits the deposit of public funds into
17 these traditionally local community banks. This
18 has given commercial banks a virtual monopoly over
19 the deposits of local governments throughout the
20 State. At a time when major commercial banks have
21 decreased lending in neighborhood throughout the
22 City, our community development banks have been a
23 virtual lifeline to small businesses struggling to
24 find capital and provide much needed banking and
25 financial services to low income people living in

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2 traditionally under-banked communities.

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Allowing these institutions to accept municipal deposits will strengthen the communities they serve by offering competition and providing an alternative to commercial banks who have no significant relationship in many instances to the community they serve.

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I'm encouraged to note that both the Mayor and Speaker Quinn will be working with our State leaders to change this antiquated law. I understand Mayor Bloomberg recently pledged in the State of the City Address to strengthen neighborhood-friendly credit unions by depositing \$25 million in City tax dollars in these federally insured and regulated credit unions. Excuse me.

I also ask that you sign on to Intro 26, also very important. This bill will make significant changes to the City's water lien sales to help protect our homeowners, particularly seniors who are in jeopardy of losing their homes for unpaid water bills. Thank you very much. Please sign on these two very significant pieces of legislation.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you

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2 very much Council Member. Next we have Council
3 Member Fidler.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Thank you
5 Majority Leader Rivera. I--Council Member Cabrera
6 and I have introduced two resolutions today
7 regarding the summer jobs program. And in case
8 you're not aware, the Governor's proposed budget
9 for summer jobs is zero. Not a penny, not a
10 plugged nickel, zilch, zip, nada, nothing. As a
11 result of which the Mayor's proposed budget for
12 the summer job program will lay off 35,000
13 children in the City of New York.

14 Last year we had 52,500 summer
15 jobs. This year we're slated for 17,000, a number
16 that should be an embarrassment to the City of New
17 York. I don't have to preach to this choir
18 because I know this Council has stood up every
19 time for summer jobs for our kids. It is the very
20 dictionary definition of an economic stimulus
21 program. Money that's spent almost immediately in
22 our communities for food, clothing, school
23 supplies.

24 We'll be holding a hearing of the
25 Youth Services Committee on February 12th on both

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2 of these Resolutions. I urge all of my colleagues
3 in a show of force to sign on to these Resolutions
4 and to attend that hearing on the morning of the
5 12th to send a message to Albany, send a message to
6 Washington that we will not abandon our summer
7 jobs program. And if we don't fight for it in
8 February, there'll be no summer jobs in July.

9 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
10 very much Council Member Fidler. Next we have
11 Council Member Foster.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Thank you.
13 I just rise to bring attention to the fact that
14 Lee Archer passed away. His funeral is tomorrow
15 at Riverside Church. He was one of the Tuskegee,
16 one of the original Tuskegee Airmen and broke the
17 glass ceiling in terms of Blacks working in a
18 Fortune 500 company. He made many, many
19 contributions for which me as an elected official,
20 a woman, a woman of color, is able to stand here
21 today.

22 He was able, thank god, to attend
23 Percy Sutton's funeral and actually was doing well
24 but when it is your time, you know, we have no
25 control over that. So I just would remind our

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2 colleagues to keep his family in prayer and make
3 sure that we remember, especially as we celebrate
4 Black History Month, and we know there is no
5 history if there is no Black history, that we
6 remember that people paved the way for us to be
7 here and to whom much is given, much is required.
8 Thank you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
10 very much. Council Member Dickens.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: In
12 recognition of the work and the dedication of Lee
13 Archer, I'm going to ask if our members can
14 respectfully stand and give a moment of silence.

15 [Moment of silence]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you
17 very much. And thank you Lee Archer.

18 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Council
19 Member Rodriguez.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Yes. I
21 would like to comment on the Mayor's proposal on
22 especially the area related to cut on the effect
23 that it will have on community college. After
24 meeting with the policy team on the Higher
25 Education Committee we saw that there's like close

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2 to over \$40 million will be cut on cuts to
3 community college. So why you say--I've already
4 started having meeting with some--and conversation
5 with some people from CUNY just went there to a
6 meeting with the CUNY faculty to see how we can
7 put our first hearing related to the cut on how
8 the Mayor's proposal will affect, especially
9 community college, and we also hope that we're
10 going to be mobilizing as a body, as I can have
11 the support of all City Council, to reduce the
12 cut, especially to community college.

13 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
14 very much. Seeing no others, oh, Council Member
15 Landers.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDERS: Thank you.
17 I just wanted to say that I was honored to have
18 played a small role in my first meeting as the
19 Chair of the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public
20 Siting and Maritime Uses in the preservation of a
21 great set of buildings today that reflect really
22 some of the tremendous and diverse character and
23 history of the City of New York. Council Member
24 Williams mentioned Lamartine Place historic
25 district which tends to Abolitionist history and

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which was attacked during the draft riots.

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The Isaac T. Hopper home which was one of the first buildings created by the Women's Prison Association, the Aschenbroedel Verein Building also known today as the La Mama Experimental Theater. And the Vanderzee-Harper Historic house on Staten Island, showing that we're really thinking broadly about where history and culture needs to be preserved and treasured in New York City. I just wanted to say thanks to my colleagues and to the many people that had a hand in this great set of designations. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you. Seeing no other--ah, Council Member James.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Thank you. Although I applaud Mayor Bloomberg for recognizing and highlighting the plight of young African American and Latino men throughout New York City, I feel strongly that is simply not enough to speak of the symptoms that plague these young men without addressing some of the root causes.

I urge the Mayor to expand his view to a broader scope that encompasses a bolder vision for change focusing on support and

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2 sustenance for the family structure including but
3 not limited to the development of more living wage
4 jobs; a Citywide paid sick leave policy; subsidies
5 that finance the retention and growth of
6 manufacturing and industrial enterprises;
7 specifically those committed to green industry
8 development; preservation of existing affordable
9 housing and creation of new affordable housing for
10 low and moderate income families and those that
11 are homeless; academic and athletic programs that
12 focus on human development with parental
13 involvement led by culturally sensitive mentors
14 and teachers; expansion of alternatives to
15 incarceration and striking a general tone in the
16 NYPD to respect the growth and human development
17 of young Black and Latino individuals; and capital
18 jobs to rebuild the infrastructure of New York
19 City targeting structurally unemployed
20 communities.

21 And in that I urge all of my
22 colleagues to sign on two pieces of legislation
23 that I have sponsored. One focusing on youth
24 violence and commissioning a study to come up with
25 some recommendations. And the other basically

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2 provides for some job opportunities for young
3 African American and Latino men or all young men
4 and women throughout the City of New York.

5 I also want to thank Council Member
6 Comrie on another note as we celebrate Black
7 History Month for his wonderful press conference
8 today which talked about the intentional
9 discrimination of FDNY in the City of New York and
10 specifically the Mayor of the City of New York and
11 his indifference to discrimination which was not
12 only documented by the federal courts but also by
13 the Justice Department of the United States of
14 America.

15 It's time that we stop appealing
16 these decisions and that in fact we work together
17 collaboratively with the Vulcan [phonetic] Society
18 and all people of conscience to address the
19 inherent discrimination which is pervasive in
20 FDNY. Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: All right.
22 Thank you very much. Seeing no others, this
23 meeting today is adjourned.

24 [Gavel banging]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Laura L. Springate certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura L. Springate". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Signature _____Laura L. Springate_____

Date _____February 8, 2010_____