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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Corey Johnson  
Speaker

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Farah N. Louis  
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Steven Matteo  
Carlos Menchaca  
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Francisco P. Moya  
Bill Perkins  
Keith Powers  
Antonio Reynoso  
Kevin C. Riley  
Carlina Rivera  
Ydanis A. Rodriguez  
Deborah L. Rose  
Helen K. Rosenthal  
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Mark Treyger  
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Paul Avalon  
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Kalman Yeger

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

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2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet on the floor,  
3 please. Quiet on the floor, please. At this time,  
4 at this time please place all electronic devices to  
5 vibrate, all electronic devices to vibrate. Quiet on  
6 the floor, please. Madam Majority Leader.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: [gavel] Can  
8 everyone please take their seats? If everyone could  
9 please take their seats we're going to begin the  
10 meeting. Good afternoon and welcome to the Stated  
11 Meeting of November 10, 2021. I am Majority Leader  
12 Laurie Cumbo and I'd like to thank you for joining us  
13 today. If you would like to follow along, the agenda  
14 for today's meeting is posted on our website.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Please join us for the  
16 Pledge of Allegiance.

17 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

18 [CHORUS OF VOICES]: I pledge allegiance  
19 to the flag of the United States of America, and to  
20 the republic for which it stands, one nation under  
21 God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. Roll  
23 call.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams. Ampry-Samuel.  
25 Ayala. Barron.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Blessed and  
3 present.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Present.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I'm here.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I'm here.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Chin.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Present.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Present.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Darma Diaz.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER D. DIAZ: Presente.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Ruben Diaz.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER R. DIAZ: Presente.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz. Dromm.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I'm here.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Present.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Gibson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I'm here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj. Grodenchik.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Holden.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I'm here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos. Koo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I'm here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Lander. Levin.

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Dinowitz.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: I'm here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Levine.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Louis.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca. Miller.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Moya.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Perkins. Powers.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: [inaudible].

6 COUNCIL CLERK: All right, just, just  
7 roll call right now. OK. Riley.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Ah, I vote aye  
11 on all, aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: I'm sorry, ah, Council  
13 Member, this is just roll call.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: All right. I  
15 vote aye. I'll wait for the next one. Here.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Rivera.  
17 Rodriguez. Rose. Rosenthal.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Treyger. Ulrich.  
22 Vallone.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: I'm here.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo.

5 MINORITY LEADER MATTEO: Here.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Rose.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: I'm here.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Present.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I'm here.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We  
13 will now have today's invocation, which will be  
14 delivered by Dr. Krishna P. Dixit, head priest and  
15 spiritual leader at Hindu Center, Inc., located at  
16 45-52 Kissena Boulevard in Flushing, Queens.

17 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

18 DR. KRISHNA P. DIXIT: Good afternoon all  
19 council members. Thank you, Council Member Mr. Peter  
20 Koo, for inviting me to attend this ceremony. I will  
21 begin reciting the oldest Hindu [inaudible] [speaking  
22 in Hindu] God bless America. Thank you to everyone.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so very  
24 much. You may be seated. I would now ask Council

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2 Member Peter Koo to spread the invocation onto the  
3 record.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Thank you to Dr.  
5 Krishna Dixit for the beautiful invocation. Dr.  
6 Dixit is the head priest at the Kissena Boulevard  
7 Hindu Center in Flushing, Queens. He earned his  
8 Ph.D. in Sanskrit from Banaras Hindu University in  
9 India. For the past 28 years Dr. Dixit has been  
10 serving the religious and cultural needs of Queens  
11 residents, as well as individuals in the tristate  
12 area. The Hindu Center is a nonprofit organization  
13 that works to bring communities together under the  
14 teachings of Hindu religion and works to carry on the  
15 traditions, heritage, and wisdom of past sages so  
16 that our future generations may have the knowledge,  
17 strength, wisdom, and peace they deserve. Aside from  
18 his role as the spiritual within the Hindu community,  
19 Dr. Dixit shows us the importance of never abandoning  
20 your passions and living a full life by always  
21 striving to be involved in his community and serving  
22 as a role model for others. He is well known in the  
23 Hindu community on the east coast, not just for his  
24 role in the temple, but also for his roles in several  
25 movies, including popular movies like Name Shake and

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2 ABCD, in which he played a priest. For the last six  
3 years Dr. Dixit has blessed our council by spreading  
4 the invocation prayers of [inaudible] at the New York  
5 City Council's Diwali celebrations. I would like to  
6 thank Dr. Dixit for being here today. I make a  
7 motion for unanimous consent to spread the invocation  
8 full upon the record. Thank you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so  
10 much, Council Member Koo. We will now have the  
11 adoption of minutes by Council Member Robert Holden.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I make a motion  
13 that the minutes of the Stated Meeting of October 7,  
14 2021, be adopted as printed.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.  
16 Messages and papers from the mayor.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Communication  
19 from city, county, and borough offices.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: M345, comptroller annual  
21 report.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Received, ordered,  
23 printed, and filed.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: M346, City Planning  
25 Commission appointment.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Rules, privileges, and  
3 elections.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Petitions and  
5 communications.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Land use call-  
8 ups.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We  
11 will now have communication from Speaker Corey  
12 Johnson.

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam  
14 Majority Leader. Good afternoon. Happy Wednesday.  
15 Welcome to today's Stated Meeting. I want to remind  
16 all members that masks are required to be worn  
17 through the Stated, even when speaking. Today we're  
18 voting on 13 bills to strengthen our city and tackle  
19 some of the many challenges that we are facing. Some  
20 of the bills include a legislative, some of the bills  
21 included in this legislative package are to help  
22 increase construction safety and a bill to track  
23 COVID cases in our city schools. Ah, last week was  
24 Election Day, a historic one for the city and for our  
25 legislative body. I want to congratulate all of the

2 winners of their elections. Particularly I want to  
3 congratulate Mayor-Elect Eric Adams, who will become  
4 the city's 110th mayor and the second African  
5 American mayor in New York City's history [applause].

6 I want to, ah, congratulate, ah, some of our  
7 colleagues. Congratulations to Council Member Brad  
8 Lander who will become the city's next comptroller.

9 I want to congratulate, and give a round of applause

10 [applause], I want to congratulate Public Advocate

11 Jumaane Williams on his reelection, and I want to

12 congratulate all of the borough presidents elect,

13 especially those who are colleagues. Ah, Council

14 Members, ah, Vanessa Gibson, Council Member Mark

15 Levine, and Council Member Antonio Reynoso

16 [applause]. We are proud of all of you, and I want

17 to congratulate each one of you, ah, so to the

18 members of this body, Brad, Antonio, Vanessa, and

19 Mark, congratulations. They will along with the new

20 City Council help lead our city as we continue to

21 recovery from COVID-19. History was in the making

22 for the City Council, especially New Yorkers elected

23 a council that will become of the most diverse in our

24 history and I am so grateful to say this, happy to

25 say this, for the first time in the history of this

2 body the majority of the members in the next council  
3 will be women [applause]. Additionally, the council  
4 will be welcoming the first Muslim woman council  
5 member, the first Korean American council members,  
6 the first South Asian American members, and the first  
7 openly LGBTQ black women members. So congratulations  
8 to all of them. Ah, we look forward to seeing what  
9 they do and are rooting for their success in the  
10 future. Tomorrow is Veterans' Day. I want to  
11 acknowledge and thank all veterans for their selfless  
12 service to our nation. They have sacrificed all for  
13 our country, and our gratitude for their services  
14 [inaudible] I, of course, want to remember my father,  
15 ah, Rodney Richardson, who was a United States Marine  
16 Corps member and served during Vietnam. He died in  
17 2012. He was only in his mid-fifties. And happy  
18 Diwali to all those who celebrated last week, a  
19 significant holiday observed by many around the  
20 world. November is National American Indian Heritage  
21 Month, a time to remember our nation's first people  
22 and celebrate their contributions, culture, and  
23 traditions. This month is also Puerto Rican Heritage  
24 Month and we celebrate the many contributions of  
25 Puerto Rican New Yorkers. And many of us who were in

2 Puerto Rico this past week, participating in the  
3 annual SOMOS conference. Both Puerto Ricans and  
4 Native Americans have made contributions, endless  
5 contributions, that have shaped our city and we are  
6 really proud that they are honored this mo. We are,  
7 of course, still suffering from COVID-19. We will  
8 continue to battle this pandemic until the suffering  
9 has ended for all. As of November 9 we have lost  
10 34,647 New Yorkers to COVID-19, 34,647 New Yorkers to  
11 COVID-19. It is an absolutely devastating number to  
12 think about and we collectively send our deepest  
13 condolences to the families and friends of those who  
14 we have lost. Let us pause for a moment of silence  
15 for all of those who have died from COVID-19, if  
16 folks would stand [moment of silence]. Thank you.  
17 Now jumping into our docket for the day, out of the  
18 Finance Committee the council will vote on a  
19 transparency resolution and three Article 11 property  
20 tax exemptions: Culver El Phase 1 in Council Member  
21 Brad Lander's district will receive a three-year  
22 extension of its existing full exemption to support  
23 the new construction of 36 affordable condo units;  
24 55 Summit, also in Council Member Lander's district,  
25 will receive a full 40-year exemption to support the

2 new construction of five affordable co-op units;  
3 Revive 103 in Council Member Diana Ayala's district  
4 will receive a partial 40-year exemption to support  
5 the preservation of 59 affordable rental units. The  
6 council will also vote on the following land use  
7 items: TMN 1002 West Harlem Renaissance, a UDAAP and  
8 tax exemption to facilitate the preservation of two  
9 buildings, including 51 affordable rental units in  
10 Council Member Bill Perkins's district; 624 Morris  
11 Avenue, a commercial overlay to allow long-standing  
12 businesses to continue to operate in Council Member  
13 Rafael Salamanca, Jr.'s district; River North as  
14 modified will facilitate the development of three new  
15 mixed use buildings with approximately 625 units of  
16 housing, 188 of which will be affordable. Our  
17 modifications will reduce the bulk of the proposed  
18 buildings and area to be rezoned in Council Member  
19 Debbie Rose's district. 270 Nostrand Avenue rezoning  
20 as modified would facilitate the development of a 14-  
21 story mixed use building with 487 units of housing in  
22 Council Member Robert Cornegy's district. 1776 48th  
23 Street rezoning as modified will facilitate the  
24 development of a new three-story mixed use building  
25 in Council Member Kalman Yeger's district. Moving

2 on, the council will vote on the following  
3 legislation. Introduction number 2168-A, sponsored  
4 by Council Member Justin Brannan, and it is out of  
5 the Committee on Environmental Protection. This bill  
6 will restore public and consumer access to critical  
7 water meter information that was eliminated in 2019.  
8 This bill requires the Commissioner of Environmental  
9 Protection to create a searchable online database  
10 through which anyone who registers and pays a  
11 periodic subscription fee may access information  
12 relating to water meters, with the exception of one-  
13 to three-family homes. Such information would  
14 include, but not be limited to, water meter billing  
15 data and balances, consumption usage, and technical  
16 information about the water meter. I want to thank  
17 from the staff Louis Cholden Brown. Next, we're  
18 voting on Intro number 1894-A, sponsored by Majority  
19 Leader Laurie Cumbo, which will require that a bias  
20 audit be conducted on automate employment decision  
21 tools prior to the use of such tools in connection  
22 with screening candidates for employment or employees  
23 for promotion within New York City. Automated  
24 employment decision tools use machine learning,  
25 artificial intelligence, and other processes to



2 assist employers in evaluating candidates for hire or  
3 promotion. Often employers may be unaware of  
4 automated employment decision tools internal  
5 mechanics and the potential for such tools to produce  
6 assessments that replicate various forms of bias  
7 within labor markets. In order to evaluate such  
8 tools prior to use, the disclosure of a summary of a  
9 bias audit by an independent auditor could serve to  
10 prevent the use of tools with implicit biases. The  
11 legislation would also require that candidates or  
12 employees that reside in the city be notified about  
13 the use of such tools in the assessment or evaluation  
14 for hire or promotion, as well as being notified  
15 about qualifications and characteristics that will be  
16 used by automated employment decision tools into the  
17 decision-making process. Candidates or employees  
18 would also be permitted to request certain additional  
19 information about such tool. The legislation should  
20 increase transparency, protect New York City  
21 residents from bias, and promote equal opportunities  
22 regardless of their gender or skin color. This local  
23 law would take effect on January 1, 2023, and from  
24 the staff I want to thank Irene Byhovsky and  
25 Stephanie Jones. Next is Introduction 2410-A,

2 sponsored by Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers,  
3 and it is out of to Committee on Consumer Affairs and  
4 Business Licensing. Unfortunately, data breaches  
5 have become ever more frequent, including databases  
6 kept by city agencies, and it has been critical to  
7 notify individuals whose data has been impacted when  
8 a breach occurs. This bill would strengthen data  
9 breach responses by city agencies by updating our  
10 local news, local laws, to promote notifications to  
11 affected persons when their private information has  
12 been compromised, and codifying agency response to  
13 data breaches affecting the city. The Office of  
14 Cyber Command, the Department of Information  
15 Technology and Telecommunications, and the Chief  
16 Privacy Officer would work together in responding to  
17 these incidents. This bill would make our local data  
18 breach notification law more protective and ensure a  
19 robust city, ah, to ensure, sorry. This bill will  
20 make our data breach notification law more  
21 protective, ensure a robust city response to data  
22 breaches going forward, and ensure the city is  
23 aligned with state law. And from the staff I want to  
24 thank Stephanie Jones. Moving on, the next two bills  
25 are sponsored by Council Member Steve Levin and come

2 out of the committee he chairs, the Committee on  
3 General Welfare. Introduction number 1232-A will  
4 require the Department of Homeless Services to create  
5 a sign and other relevant materials and inform  
6 residents of homeless shelters of various rights  
7 related to shelter transfers, including the right to  
8 request an agency conference and a fair hearing to  
9 challenge the adequacy of their shelter placement.  
10 Such signs must be displayed conspicuously at all  
11 homeless shelters and related facilities. Such signs  
12 must also be available on the Department of Homeless  
13 Services' website in each of the designated citywide  
14 languages. The next bill, again by Chair Levin, is  
15 Introduction number 1233-A, which will require the  
16 Department of Homeless Services to provide written  
17 notification to shelter residents at least 48 hours  
18 prior to any non-emergency shelter transfer. The  
19 notification would include a detailed summary of  
20 reasons for the transfer, the name and address of the  
21 shelter the client is being transferred to, and  
22 language about how a client can obtain a copy of  
23 their case record. Additionally, it will require  
24 that the same information be provided to clients  
25 affected by emergency transfers no later than 48

2 hours after the emergency transfer. The legislation  
3 would require the Department of Homeless Services to  
4 submit an annual report on the number of emergency  
5 transfers and non-emergency transfers, disaggregated  
6 by shelter type and the reason for the transfers.

7 And I want to thank from the staff for both these  
8 bills, Aminta Kilawan, who did an amazing job, ah,  
9 I'm really grateful for Aminta's hard work. Ah, next  
10 up we're voting on Intro number 957-A, from the  
11 Committee on Parks and Recreation, sponsored by  
12 Council Member Joe Borelli. This bill will limit the  
13 number of replacement trees that are required by, to  
14 be planted by the Department of Parks and Recreations  
15 by individuals and by entities that lawfully remove  
16 trees during construction projects in certain lower  
17 density residential districts. And I want to thank  
18 from the staff Chris Sartori. As we continue to  
19 battle the pandemic, we have two bills from our  
20 Committee on Education. They are sponsored by its  
21 chair, Council Member Mark Treyger, aimed at  
22 tracking, ah, down the spread of COVID in our  
23 schools. Introduction number 2426-A would require  
24 the Department of Education to publicly post daily on  
25 their website attendance data disaggregated citywide

2 and disaggregated by, by the school for the previous  
3 day and previous week. The DOE is also required to  
4 publicly post every two weeks in the aggregate and  
5 disaggregated by school the number of students  
6 partially vaccinated for COVID-19 in attendance, the  
7 number of students fully or partially vaccinated for  
8 COVID-19, the number of COVID-19 testing consent  
9 forms received from families, the number of consent  
10 forms withdrawn, and the number of unvaccinated  
11 students required to quarantine because of exposure  
12 in school to an individual who tested positive for  
13 COVID-19. The data will be disaggregated by grade  
14 level, gender, race or ethnicity, individualized  
15 education program status, English language learner  
16 status, status as a student residing in a shelter,  
17 and status as a student in temporary housing that is  
18 not a shelter. Introduction number 2427-A will  
19 require that the Department of Education to release  
20 on, to, to report on its website every two weeks  
21 positive COVID-19 cases among administrators,  
22 teachers, students, and other school staff in every  
23 DOE school. The reporting will also include which  
24 schools have been closed due to COVID-19 and the  
25 number of classrooms that have been closed due to

2 COVID-19. The Department of Education additionally  
3 will be required to report on the number of  
4 administrators, teachers, students, and other school  
5 staff who have been fully or partially vaccinated for  
6 COVID-19. The student reporting metrics will be  
7 reported on a monthly basis in a disaggregated way by  
8 grade level, gender, race or ethnicity,  
9 individualized education program status, English  
10 language learner status, status as a student residing  
11 in a shelter, and status as a student in temporary  
12 housing that is not a shelter. And I want to thank  
13 from the staff for these two bills Malcolm Buttehorn  
14 and Michelle Lee. Moving on, we're voting on a bill  
15 aimed to help curb worker exploitation by body shops  
16 who at times take advantage of justice-affected New  
17 Yorkers. Introduction number 2318-A, sponsored by  
18 Council Member Diana Ayala, and from the Committee on  
19 Consumer Affairs and Business Licensing, will license  
20 construction businesses that employ workers for  
21 minimum wage while supplying their labor to real  
22 estate contractors at a profit. These "body shops"  
23 often target formerly incarcerated people of color  
24 who would otherwise struggle to find work, but need  
25 work in order to comply with their parole agreements.

2 Once employed, these individuals become part of a  
3 power imbalance that can result in dangerous working  
4 conditions. Workers have reported unsafe work sites,  
5 missing PPE, and sexual harassment on the job.

6 Businesses subject to this bill would have to provide  
7 their workers with advance notice about their rights,  
8 upcoming work assignments, and require trainings.

9 They'd also have to provide the Department of  
10 Consumer and Worker Protection with key information

11 on their business operations, like the wages and  
12 benefits they provide their workers. Exploitative

13 businesses can lose their license to operate and

14 receive civil penalties. Developers, too, can be

15 penalized if they use body shops that aren't

16 licensed. Under this bill, workers would be

17 protected from retaliation. It could bring court

18 action against body shops that don't follow the law.

19 And from the staff I want to thank Stephanie Jones,

20 Leah Skripiak, and Noah Meixler. Finally, we're

21 voting on a legislative package to help increase

22 safety at construction sites. The four bills come

23 out of the Committee on Housing and Buildings.

24 First, Introduction number 2263-A, sponsored by

25 committee chair Council Member Robert Cornegy. In

2 2017 the City Council enacted Local Law 196,  
3 requiring safety training for workers and supervisors  
4 at large construction sites. In 2018 the Department  
5 of Buildings consolidated the existing building  
6 enforcement safety team, excavation, and interior  
7 demolition unit and scaffold safety unit, and to a  
8 new construction safety compliance unit, which is  
9 called the CSC. The CSC conducts proactive,  
10 unannounced inspections of larger construction sites,  
11 including those required to designate a construction  
12 superintendent, site safety coordinator, and site  
13 safety manager. In 2019 construction-related  
14 injuries decreased by over 20%, compared to the  
15 previous year. This bill seeks to build on efforts  
16 to reduce construction-related injuries and  
17 fatalities by lowering the threshold for a major  
18 building construction site and thereby subjecting  
19 more construction sites to Department of Buildings  
20 height and safety requirements. Previously, major  
21 buildings were defined as construction sites that  
22 involved existing or proposed buildings 10 or more  
23 stories, or 125 feet or more in height. This bill  
24 will lower those thresholds to seven or more stories,  
25 or 75 feet or more in height, respectively. Lower



2 these thresholds will trigger additional site safety  
3 requirements for more construction sites. Also  
4 sponsored by Council Member Cornegy is Introduction  
5 number 2264-A, which will amend the special  
6 inspection requirements for cold formed steel with  
7 respect to bracing. This bill will also create new  
8 requirements for cold formed steel light frame  
9 construction for the installation of decking on cold  
10 form, cold formed steel light frame construction as  
11 well as the use of such framing and decking during  
12 construction or demolition operations. Cold formed  
13 steel is formed through near-room temperature  
14 processes as opposed to structural steel, which is  
15 formed using molten iron. According to the  
16 Department of Buildings, cold formed steel is  
17 commonly used in construction and is safe, reliable,  
18 and cost effective. However, like all steel  
19 construction, it must be used properly. Overloading  
20 and the improper installation of cold formed steel  
21 can result in injury and property damage. In 2019  
22 the Department of Buildings issued a bulletin to  
23 highlight requirements specific to the erection of  
24 cold formed steel light frame construction for  
25 special inspectors, construction superintendents,

2 general contractors, design professionals, and permit  
3 holders. To further improve the safety of cold  
4 formed steel construction, this bill, this bill  
5 builds upon the Department of Buildings' bulletin and  
6 outreach by creating new requirements for cold formed  
7 steel light frame construction, the installation of  
8 decking on cold formed steel light frame  
9 construction, as well as the use of such framing  
10 decking during construction and demolition  
11 operations. The third bill in the legislative  
12 package is Introduction number 2276-A, sponsored by  
13 Council Member Francisco Moya. This bill seeks to  
14 build on efforts to reduce construction-related  
15 injuries and fatalities by requiring additional site  
16 safety supervision at major building construction  
17 sites. In addition to requiring a full-time site  
18 safety coordinator and site safety manager, such  
19 sites would also be required to designate a full-time  
20 construction superintendent who will be responsible  
21 for safety and code compliance along with overall  
22 management of the construction project. This bill  
23 provides that a construction superintendent may only  
24 serve as a construction superintendent for one job,  
25 if that job is a major building job. This bill also

2 establishes limits on the number of non-major-  
3 building jobs a construction superintendent may serve  
4 on at any one time, with a multi-year phase-in  
5 timeline for this change beginning on June 1, 2022  
6 until January 1, 2026. Beginning January 2026...

7 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Sit down, please.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Beginning January 1,  
9 2026, construction superintendents must be present at  
10 the job site for which they are responsible during  
11 all times when active work is occurring, or a  
12 competent person must be present when the  
13 construction superintendent is not. The fourth and  
14 final bill is Introduction number 2262-A and it is  
15 sponsored by Chair Cornegy. The New York City  
16 construction codes required that the Department of  
17 Buildings or a registered design professional perform  
18 a final inspection upon the completion of work in all  
19 cases where permitted work does not require the  
20 issuance of a certificate of occupancy. The purpose  
21 of these inspections is to confirm that the work is  
22 in compliance with construction documents approved by  
23 the Department of Buildings. These final inspections  
24 are required even for temporary construction  
25 equipment, such as sidewalk sheds, construction

2 fences, and scaffolds. These final inspections occur  
3 after the equipment has been removed and are not a  
4 good use of resources for DOB or for building owners  
5 who hired registered design professionals to perform  
6 such inspections. Section 1 of this bill would  
7 eliminate this final inspection requirement for such  
8 temporary construction equipment, streamlining the  
9 sign-up process for permits issued in connection with  
10 that equipment. In 2019 the Department of Buildings  
11 issued Buildings Bulletin 2019-006, prohibiting the  
12 installation or use of a stand-off bracket after  
13 identifying their use as a contributing factor in  
14 suspended scaffolding incidents that year. Since  
15 then the Department of Buildings has determined that  
16 the use of stand-off brackets is not safe. This bill  
17 would also codify the prohibition against installing  
18 or using stand-off brackets. And from the staff on  
19 these bills, for the entire construction package, I  
20 want to Audrey Sun. That is our legislative agenda  
21 today, Madam Majority Leader. I want to thank you  
22 all and with that I turn it back to you, Madam  
23 Majority Leader.

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
25 Speaker Johnson. We will now move into discussion of

2 General Orders. Seeing that there are no members  
3 signed up to speak at this time, we will now move  
4 into the Report of Special Committees.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Reports of  
7 Standing Committees.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
9 on Consumer Affairs and Business Licensing, Intro  
10 2318-A, construction labor providers.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
12 general orders.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro 2410-A, security  
14 breaches.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
16 general orders.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
18 on Education, Intros 2426-a and 2427-A, COVID-19  
19 reporting.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
21 general orders.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
23 on Environmental Protection, Intro 2168-A, water  
24 account database.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
3 general orders.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
5 on Finance, preconsidered Reso 1785, transparency  
6 resolution.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
8 orders.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered LU 908 and  
10 Reso 1786 through preconsidered LU 910 and Reso 1788,  
11 tax exemptions.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
13 orders.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
15 on General Welfare, Intros 1232-A and 1233-A,  
16 homeless shelters.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
18 general orders.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
20 on Housing and Buildings, Intros 2262-A through 2264-  
21 A, and 2276-A, building code.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
23 general orders.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
3 on Land Use, LU 847 and Reso 1789, West Harlem  
4 Renaissance.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
6 orders.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 848, on page 4 through  
8 LU, excuse me, LU 883 on page 9, various  
9 applications.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with  
11 modifications and referred to the City Planning  
12 Commission pursuant to Section 197-D of New York City  
13 Charter.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Excuse me. LU 884 and  
15 Reso 1790, through LU 888 and Reso 1794, Gowanus  
16 Canal and Gowanus Mercy Home.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved and laid over.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 889 through LU 895,  
19 various applications.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with  
21 modifications and referred to the City Planning  
22 Commission pursuant to Section 197-D of the New York  
23 City Charter.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 896 and Reso 1795, 624  
25 Morris Avenue rezoning.

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
3 orders.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered LUs 912 and  
5 913, 1045 Atlantic Avenue.

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with  
7 modifications and referred to the City Planning  
8 Commission pursuant to Section 197-D of the New York  
9 City Charter.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
11 on Parks and General and Recreation, Intro 9957-A,  
12 city-owned trees.

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Yeah, I think that's a,  
14 ah, a mistake, Mr. Clerk. Report on the Committee on  
15 Parks and Recreation.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.  
17 Intro 19, 957-A.

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

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
21 on Technology, Intro 1894-A, automated employment  
22 decision tools.

23 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
24 general orders.



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2 COUNCIL CLERK: General Orders calendar,  
3 LU 842 and Reso 1796 through LU 844 and Reso 1798,  
4 River North.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
6 orders.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Excuse me. General  
8 Orders calendar, LU 859 and Reso 1799, and LU 860 and  
9 Reso 1800, 270 Nostrand Avenue.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
11 orders.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: General Orders calendar,  
13 LU 861 and Reso 1801, and LU 862 and Reso 1802, 1776  
14 48th Street Rezoning.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
16 orders.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Resolution appointing  
18 various persons, Commission of Deeds.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
20 orders. And at this time I'm gonna ask the clerk to  
21 take a roll call vote on all of the items that are  
22 coupled on today's General Order calender.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye on all.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan votes aye on all.  
3 Brooks-Powers.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
5 granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you.  
7 I just wanted to really briefly provide remarks for  
8 Intro 2410-A. I'm asking that my colleagues, um,  
9 join me in support of this legislation recognizing  
10 the need to ensure that we are protecting the, the  
11 identity and the personal information of all New  
12 Yorkers. I think this is a good bill and I ask for  
13 your support. With that, I vote aye on all. Thank  
14 you.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso. Moya.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye on all.  
18 Council Member Moya votes aye on all. Council Member  
19 Powers.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all.  
21 Powers votes aye on all. Reynoso. Council Member  
22 Adams.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Adams  
25 votes aye. Ampry-Samuel. Ayala.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala votes aye. Barron.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Ah, thank you. I  
5 vote aye on all, with the exceptions of 842 through  
6 844, 859 through 860, and 861 and 862. Thank you.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: And on the rest, Council  
8 Member? Excuse me, sorry.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Yes, I vote aye  
10 on all the others.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you, Council  
12 Member. Borelli.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Permission to  
14 briefly explain?

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
16 granted.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Ah, thank you.  
18 I just want to thank the Speaker and Jason and Chris  
19 Sartori and Jeff Baker for their help on passing  
20 Intro 957. Ah, and I want to thank some of my, my  
21 colleagues for supporting the bill, especially in, in  
22 the wake of some opposition. Ah, I do want to be  
23 clear what the bill does and doesn't do. Ah, this is  
24 a bill about trees and it sounds like it's, it's  
25 instinctively against what we stand for. Ah,

2 however, this is still a bill that allows for  
3 restitution, ah, of the removal of city trees. It  
4 still allows for greater restitution when people  
5 remove more trees than less. Ah, it allows for  
6 greater restitution when people remove bigger trees  
7 rather than smaller trees. However, we wouldn't be  
8 here but not for some unfortunate unelected  
9 bureaucrats in the Parks Department who took a law  
10 that we legislated in 2003 and got it to the point  
11 where regular middle-class homeowners were having to  
12 pay sometimes six figures, a six-figure restitution  
13 fees for the crime of having to put a sidewalk in or  
14 a parking spot, or some other dry well, or something  
15 required by our own building and zoning code. So  
16 this rights sort of a, a small wrong for people in  
17 the city. It takes away a, a small impediment to  
18 home ownership, and it finally, ah, equalizes our  
19 desire to see trees preserved with sort of the public  
20 desire to see sidewalks and parking spots and other  
21 things that we require by the zoning. So with that,  
22 I vote aye on all, except for Land Use 845, ah, Land  
23 Use 843 and 844, Intros 1894 and 2317. Thank you  
24 all. I stand corrected. 2318, excuse me. I can't

2 read my own handwriting, Clerk, which I'm sure you  
3 don't suffer from that problem.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera votes aye. Chin.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye on all.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Chin votes  
9 aye on all. Cornegy.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Cornegy  
12 votes aye. Thank you. One moment. Darma Diaz.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER D. DIAZ: Permission to  
14 explain my vote?

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
16 granted.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER D. DIAZ: Thank you. I'm  
18 just gonna thank my colleagues here today for Intro  
19 2233 and 226, 2233 and 332, it speaks to homeless  
20 shelters. And when we say transfer we're actually  
21 saying displacement, which means an eviction notice.  
22 So based on our conversation today moving forward it  
23 means that the moment someone DHS decides or a case  
24 [inaudible] just decides they can no longer deal with  
25 that client, they can no long just say I'm gonna send

2 a memo to DHS I'm gonna remove you. Before  
3 [inaudible] system to have a conversation with our  
4 people. Housing is a human right and I thank you for  
5 supporting this.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Darma Diaz  
7 votes yes. Thank you, Council Member.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Ruben Diaz. Dinowitz.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Yes.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz  
11 votes yes. Council Member Dromm.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I vote aye on all,  
13 with the exception of 957-A. Yeah, I vote aye on all  
14 with the exception of 957-A, and I vote no on that.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene votes aye.  
18 Council Member Feliz.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Feliz  
21 votes aye on all. Gennaro.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro votes aye.  
24 Gibson.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye on  
3 all.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Gibson  
5 votes aye on all. Gjonaj.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: I vote aye on all  
7 except for Intro...

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member, I'll need  
9 you state that on the, on the microphone, please.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye on all,  
11 except for Intro 1894-A and Intro 2263-A.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Grodenchik.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: permission to  
14 briefly explain my vote, Majority Leader?

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
16 granted.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Thank you,  
18 Majority Leader, Mr. Speaker. I, I do vote aye on  
19 all today and I want to join the speaker in  
20 remembering, um, and pay respect to our veterans  
21 whose sacrifices in blood, ah, have allowed to, to be  
22 here today to guide the affairs of our great city. I  
23 especially remember, um, tomorrow, my father, Nathan,  
24 who passed away 23 years ago on Veterans Day. My  
25 father-in-law, Ira Rothberg, he was an Ira D., as

2 well, Mr. Miller, um, a Purple Heart recipient, and  
3 my dear friend Alex Jacob, a recipient of two Purple  
4 Hearts, one at the Battle of the Bulge. All were  
5 World War II veterans and I thank them for what  
6 they've done for me and for our nation. And finally,  
7 on a happy note, I'm happy to tell you that class  
8 trips are back at the Queens farm. I won't be able  
9 to lobby any of you for money next year if you're  
10 coming back, but for those of are coming back please  
11 remember the farm. Um, and I want to thank all my  
12 colleagues, especially the speaker, ah, for helping  
13 to fund the new education center there to the tune of  
14 26 million dollars. Thank you, Madam Majority  
15 Leader.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
17 Council Member Grodenchik.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all,  
20 except for LU 842, 843, and 844, which I vote no.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Pass.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: OK. Koo.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye on all.  
25 Council Member Koo votes aye on all. Koslowitz.



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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on all.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Koslowitz  
4 votes aye on all. Lander.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye on all except  
6 957-A [inaudible].

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member, could you  
8 use the microphone, please? Thank you.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you. I  
10 vote aye on all except 957-A, on which I abstain.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you, Council  
12 Member. Council Member Levin.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Levine.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Levine  
17 votes aye on all. Louis.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Louis  
20 votes aye on all. Maisel.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Maisel  
23 votes yes. Menchaca. Miller.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: [inaudible]

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Council  
3 Member Miller votes C. Thank you. Perkins. Reynoso.  
4 Riley.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye on all.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Riley  
7 votes aye on all. Rivera.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rivera  
10 votes aye. Rodriguez. Council Member Rose.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Permission to  
12 explain my vote?

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
14 granted.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: I want to Speaker  
16 Johnson because after months in negotiations and  
17 listening to feedback from the public we've arrived  
18 at a proposal for River North that I believe is an  
19 appropriate height and density. These approvals will  
20 bind the applicant to maintain many upland views of  
21 the harbor. Even with the proposed reduction in  
22 scale I believe that this project will provide an  
23 overall economic benefit to the commercial  
24 developments along North Shore and provide  
25 desperately needed housing. I heard my constituents'

2 concerns about the precedent-setting nature of the R7  
3 zoning district and I believe this site is a unique  
4 site close to the ferry, to lower Manhattan, and  
5 other job centers in the region. And we have  
6 concentrated density that is closer to the ferry, and  
7 I believe this project site is an appropriate western  
8 boundary to that density. We worked really hard to  
9 change the height and density of this project. The  
10 applicant has agreed to drop the height of the  
11 building number one from 26 stories to 16 stores, a  
12 drop in 10 stories, and applicant reduced the height  
13 of building two from 25 stores to 11 stores, and  
14 building three will remain at 13 stories that are  
15 allowed, regardless of the approval of this rezoning  
16 or not. These height reductions have led to a  
17 reduction in the total number of proposed units by  
18 roughly 20% and 30% of the units will be affordable  
19 to families earning an average of 80% AMI. We also  
20 included a day care and a food store. The applicant  
21 is actively working daycare providers to locate a day  
22 care on site, which is so critical to our young  
23 working families, as well as the potential for a food  
24 store on the site, which would be an amenity for the

2 whole neighborhood. Could I have permission to  
3 finish my statement?

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes, of course.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Thank you.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: We also ensured  
7 that the applicant has made a commitment to staff all  
8 three buildings with union service workers. I am  
9 also pleased to announce that applicant has agreed to  
10 a goal of at least 30 of M/WBE subcontractors for  
11 this project. The applicant has also agreed to a  
12 robust construction workforce development program  
13 through a partnership with building skills in New  
14 York and the applicant plans to participate in the  
15 youth build impact program to give our disconnected  
16 young people an opportunity to intern and learn about  
17 the construction industry with real-life training on  
18 the applicant's construction site. There will also  
19 be 25 new trees will be planted on the site,  
20 including bio soils along the great, along with other  
21 great infrastructure to manage all storm water on  
22 site. The project will also include two publicly  
23 accessible open spaces, one active and one passive.  
24 With all of these considerations, I support the  
25 project as modified here and I ask my colleagues to

2 support this project as well. And I just want to  
3 thank really, um, Speaker Johnson for all of his  
4 support, Chairs Salamanca and Moya, helping us,  
5 helping me get through these process, and I want to  
6 thank Raju Mann, Arthur Hon, John Douglas, Amy  
7 Levitan for the endless hours that they devoted to  
8 this project, and my staff, Christine Johnson, Esa  
9 Cortez, and Gary Kane. Thank you. And I vote aye on  
10 all.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you, and  
12 congratulations, Council Member Rose.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rosenthal.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Ah, permission  
15 to explain my vote?

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
17 granted.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Well, I vote  
19 aye on all, and I just want to extend my huge  
20 congratulations to my sister Council Member Rose.  
21 You worked your butt off for your community and you  
22 are leaving an amazing legacy for them. You got the  
23 buildings lowered down. You got the trees planted.  
24 You got jobs. You got education. You got day care.  
25 Um, your constituents are really lucky to have you

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2 and I just wanted to congratulate you on the record.

3 Thank you. [applause]

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye

6 [inaudible].

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Salamanca  
8 votes aye on all. Treyger.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Treyger  
11 votes aye. Ulrich. Vallone.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on all.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Vallone  
14 votes aye on all. Van Bramer.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Van Bramer  
17 votes aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Yeger.

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

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
22 granted.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you, Madam  
24 President. Um, I just want to speak, ah, speak  
25 briefly about two bills. First, ah, on Introduction

2 957, just to add to Council Member Borelli's remarks  
3 on this. This is something that we would not be here  
4 today if the Parks Department wasn't incredibly  
5 manipulative and duplicitous in the way that they  
6 handled these tree replacement program. The tree  
7 replacement program makes sense. We all want trees.  
8 I'm waiting five years for the million dollars' worth  
9 of trees that my predecessor put into the capital  
10 budget to finally show up in my district. Some of  
11 them have shown up, some of them have not. When you  
12 ask them where they are, well, we haven't done a  
13 contract. The last contract we did fell apart  
14 because we have a problem with the vendor, and we're  
15 waiting and we're waiting and waiting. So nobody  
16 hates trees. Everybody loves trees. But the idea  
17 that, that we should require a homeowner who wants to  
18 replace a tree to have to pay \$200,000 to replace the  
19 tree is insane, and the Parks Department would hear  
20 nothing. So here we are today, and we did a bill and  
21 it makes sense and I'm glad that Council Member  
22 Borelli did that and I was proud to lend my name to  
23 that. On Introduction 1894, ah, as I explained to  
24 the committee earlier today, I would vote for this  
25 bill but for one part of the bill and it's something

2 I've spoken about on this floor many, many times.

3 Ah, the penalties are for the first violation \$500.

4 All I ask for when we do a new law is let's make the  
5 first violation a warning. OK, we got you, it's a  
6 new law, you may not know about it, here's a warning.

7 Fix what you're doing wrong. Don't do it again or

8 you're gonna get a penalty. I'm not gonna vote for a

9 law in this council, in this session, or in the next

10 session that imposes a penalty on a new law that

11 people never heard of before because they violated it

12 accidentally or not for the first time. And so on

13 Intro 1894 I vote no. On, ah, Land Use 842, 843,

14 844, and the accompanying resolutions, 1796, 97, 98,

15 I respectfully abstain, and aye on all the remainder.

16 Thank you very much.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Did you guys get that?

18 UNIDENTIFIED: Yes.

19 UNIDENTIFIED: We're good.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Ah, Council Member

21 Kallos.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Kallos

24 votes aye on all. One moment. Matteo.

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2 MINORITY LEADER MATTEO: Thank you. I'm  
3 voting no on Land Use 842, 843, and 844, ah, General  
4 Order 1894, and no on 2318 as well, and aye on the  
5 rest. Thank you.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote aye on  
8 all.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye on all.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All items on  
12 today's General Order calendar are adopted by vote of  
13 42 in the affirmative, 0 negative, and 0 abstentions,  
14 with the exception of Intro 1894-A, which was adopted  
15 by a vote of 38 in the affirmative, 4 negative, and 0  
16 abstentions, and Intro 2318-A, which was adopted by a  
17 vote of 40 in the affirmative, 2 negative, and 0  
18 abstentions. LUs 842, 843, 844, and accompanying  
19 resos, which was adopted by a vote of 37 in the  
20 affirmative, 4 negative, and 1 abstentions. LUs 859,  
21 860, and accompanying resos, which was adopted by a  
22 vote of 41 in the affirmative, 1 negative, and 0  
23 abstentions. And LUs 861, 862, and accompanying  
24 resos, which was adopted by a vote of 41 in the  
25 affirmative, 1 negative, and 0 abstentions. Intro

2 957-A, which was adopted by a vote of 40 in the  
3 affirmative, 1 negative, and 1 abstention. And Intro  
4 2263-A, which was adopted by a vote of 41 in the  
5 affirmative, 1 negative, and 0 abstentions. Thank  
6 you to all of my colleagues, and now we will move  
7 into the introduction and reading of bills.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: All bills referred to  
9 committees as indicated on today's agenda.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. There  
11 are no resolutions on today's calendar, so we will  
12 move into general discussion. And we will begin in  
13 this order: Council Members Dinowitz, Matteo, and  
14 Holden.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Thank you,  
16 Madam Majority Leader. Um, it's wonderful to  
17 celebrate, ah, Puerto Rican Heritage Month, ah,  
18 Diwali, um, and as we celebrate it's also important  
19 to remember times of sorrow and pain. Ah, and 83  
20 years ago was Kristallnacht, ah, a night when Nazis  
21 and even Nazi Hitler Youth broke windows in schuls,  
22 set schools on fire, and beat up Jewish people in the  
23 streets. I'd like to think that this is some distant  
24 memory. 83 years seems like a long time. Yet this  
25 year in my community schuls had bricks and rocks

2 thrown into them. In Brooklyn schools, Jewish  
3 schools, yeshivas were lit on fire and throughout the  
4 city Jewish people were beaten up. Ah, anti-Semitism  
5 is on the rise. Um, and so I do want to take a  
6 moment to thank those of you who have stood with the  
7 Jewish community, not just with a tweet saying Happy  
8 Hanukah. I'm saying in times of difficulty and, and  
9 pain for us, standing side by side with us, I thank  
10 those of you who take Holocaust education very  
11 seriously. Because if we are silent, we will  
12 continue to repeat what has happened, as we are  
13 seeing this year. I thank those of you who stand  
14 with the Jewish community, and I look forward to  
15 working with any one of you, every single one of you,  
16 to come together not just for the Jewish community,  
17 but for every community that we can all work together  
18 and build bridges and love and empathy between all  
19 communities. Thank you. [applause]

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

21 Council Member Matteo. Council Member Holden.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Thank you. Um,  
23 I'd like to talk about, ah, a bill I introduced  
24 today, ah, Intro 2452. The bill will help the city  
25 and, and illegal pop-up parties that affect our

2 quality of life. It's a new phenomenon that we're  
3 seeing a lot around the city. These parties are more  
4 than a nuisance that increases noise in residential  
5 areas. Two shootings in my district were connected  
6 to event spaces that aren't following city laws.  
7 Pop-up parties are increasingly a tinderbox for  
8 illegal activity. My bill will impose significant  
9 penalties on any business that does not have a  
10 certificate of assembly and is selling drinks. Under  
11 the proposed law, the Department of Buildings can  
12 fine businesses between \$1000 and \$25,000 per  
13 hazardous violation. This bill was crafted to ensure  
14 that we punished, we are only punishing illegal pop-  
15 up parties and not legitimate businesses. I urge my  
16 colleagues to sign onto this bill, and together we  
17 can not only end illegal pop-up parties but stop more  
18 serious crimes before they occur. Thank you.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so  
20 much, Council Member Holden. Council Member Koo, and  
21 we will then close the meeting.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Thank you, Majority  
23 Leader.

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Quiet in the  
25 chamber.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I would like to, ah,  
3 I would like to extend my gratitude to my  
4 communications director and deputy chief of staff  
5 Scott Seiver, for his six years of wonderful service  
6 to our office and our community. Thank you, Scott,  
7 and all the best for your new endeavors. Thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I stand  
9 corrected. Council Member Adams.

10 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Keep it down please,  
11 keep it down.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you, Madam  
13 Majority Leader. Today I'm introducing a pair of  
14 bills related to public safety that will improve  
15 accessibility for misconduct by law enforcement.  
16 Resolution 1782 calls on the state legislature to  
17 pass and the governor to sign the Wandering Officers  
18 Act. This state legislation prohibits the  
19 appointment of a person to the position of police  
20 officer if he or she has previously been fired as a  
21 police officer from another jurisdiction. This is an  
22 important bill, because those whom we have entrusted  
23 to protect and serve our communities, then violated  
24 that trust, should not be rewarded with another  
25 opportunity if they have a record of wrongdoing. And

2 Intro 2440, which would authorize the Civilian  
3 Complaint Review Board to initiate complaints. It's  
4 a long overdue measure to empower the CCRB, which  
5 currently does not have the ability to investigate  
6 cases if they were not filed by the public. This is  
7 a significant reform that brings further  
8 accountability where it is needed. I encourage my  
9 colleagues to sign onto both of these bills. Thank  
10 you very much.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so  
12 much, Council Member Adams. Council Member Chin.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you, Majority  
14 Leader. I just want to share some good news with all  
15 my colleagues.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All right.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: This morning I was  
18 in Chinatown with Governor Hochul to announce that we  
19 won the downtown revitalization initiative. Twenty  
20 million dollars will be invested in Chinatown to help  
21 the community rebuild. And I just wanted to also  
22 thank our borough president, who promised us, he's  
23 like Chinatown is gonna be the one that she's gonna  
24 push for, and we got the grant. So I just want to  
25 share the good news that Chinatown is gonna come back

2 strong after all the suffering from COVID. So I just  
3 want to share the good news. And thank you to all my  
4 colleague for your support. [applause]

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Congratulations,  
6 Margaret.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you for  
8 closing out on such a high note, Council Member Chin.  
9 I will now call on Speaker Corey Johnson to close  
10 today's Stated Meeting.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Three Stated Meetings  
12 left in this City Council.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: But who's  
14 counting.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: We're getting, we're  
16 getting to the end. The Stated Meeting of November  
17 10, 2021, is hereby adjourned. [gavel]

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Date November 18, 2021