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City Hall

B E F O R E:

CHRISTINE C. QUINN  
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Maria del Carmen  
Arroyo

Council Member Charles Barron

Council Member Gale A. Brewer

Council Member Fernando Cabrera

Council Member Margaret S. Chin

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Council Member James F. Gennaro

Council Member Vincent J. Gentile

Council Member Sara M. Gonzalez

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## COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

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

Christine C. Quinn  
Announcing Ceremonials  
Speaker  
New York City Council

Female Committee Clerk  
Reading Proclamation for Bill T. Jones  
New York City Council

James G. Van Bramer  
Presenting Ceremonial for Bill T. Jones  
Chairperson  
Committee on Cultural Affairs  
New York City Council Member

Inez E. Dickens  
Presenting Ceremonial for Bill T. Jones  
Assistant Deputy Majority Leader  
New York City Council Member

Robert Jackson  
Presenting Ceremonial for Career Technical Education  
and New York City Department of Education and students  
from MS 326, Aviation High School, Queens High School  
for Teaching, Samuel Gompers, Thomas Edison High,  
George Westinghouse High School  
Chairperson  
Committee on Education  
New York City Council Member

James Martinez  
Student  
Automotive High School

Gerpree Cour  
Junior  
Teaching Institute Program  
Queens High School of Teaching

Alex Bell  
Computer Repair and A+ Certification Teacher  
Thomas Edison High School

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

Israel Vazaria  
Senior majoring in Cisco Networking  
George Westinghouse High School

Sterling Roberson  
Vice President  
Career and Technical Education  
United Federation of Teachers

Florence Jackson  
Department of Education

Male Committee Clerk  
Reading Proclamation for Career and Technical  
Education Month  
New York City Council

Christine C. Quinn acknowledges:  
Michael Mulgrew, President of the UFT  
Volunteers

Rosie Mendez  
Presenting Ceremonial for the American Heart  
Association  
Co-Chair  
Women's Caucus  
New York City Council Member

Christine C. Quinn acknowledges:  
American Heart Association ambassadors  
Macy's and other corporate citizens for support  
Women's Caucus

Representative  
American Heart Association

Female Committee Clerk  
Reading Proclamation for American Heart Association

Reverend Katrina Marsh  
Invocation  
Rivers of Living Waters

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

Robert Jackson  
Motion to spread the Invocation in full upon the  
Record  
New York City Council Member

Rosie Mendez  
Motion to adopt minutes of January 18, 2011  
New York City Council Member

Christine C. Quinn acknowledges and thanks:  
American Heart Association  
Women's Caucus  
Jessica Lappin, Sponsor of Traffic Stat  
James Vacca, Chairperson, Transportation Committee  
Sponsor of Intro 377-A  
Rosie Mendez, Sponsor of Intro 374-A  
Lyle Frank, Counsel, Transportation Committee  
Nivardo Lopez, Policy Analyst, Transportation  
Committee  
Terzah Nasser, Deputy Direction, Human Services  
Division  
Rob Newman, Legislative Director  
Margaret Nelson, Council Staff

James Vacca  
Speaking on Intro 377-A and other safety bills  
Chairperson  
Committee on Transportation  
New York City Council Member

James Vacca acknowledges and thanks:  
Nancy Gruskin whose husband was killed in a bicycle  
accident  
Jessica S. Lappin, sponsor of bills  
Rosie Mendez, sponsor of bills  
Christine C. Quinn  
Staff members who worked on the bills

Jessica S. Lappin  
Speaking on Traffic Stat and other safety bills  
Sponsor, Traffic Stat  
New York City Council Member

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

Jessica S. Lappin thanks:

Lyle Frank, Counsel, Transportation Committee

Rob Newman, Legislative Director

James Vacca

Peter Vallone

Christine Quinn

Rosie Mendez

Speaking on bicycle safety bills

Sponsor, Bicycle safety introduction

New York City Council Member

Rosie Mendez thanks:

Nancy Gruskin

Colleagues for other bicycle safety legislation

New York City Council Member

Melissa Mark-Viverito

Speaking on Reso 626-A

New York City Council Member

Letitia James

Speaking on Mayor's proposed cut to child care slots

New York City Council Member

Robert Jackson

Speaking on rally in Albany for education

New York City Council Member

Daniel R. Garodnick

Speaking on Intro 479

New York City Council Member

Fernando Cabrera

Speaking on Intro 477

New York City Council Member

Gale A. Brewer

Speaking on new 311 data collection tools

New York City Council Member

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Jessica S. Lappin  
Speaking on Briefing with Aging Commissioner  
New York City Council Member

Albert Vann  
Speaking on Trio 485  
New York City Council Member

James Vacca  
Speaking on pothole repairs  
New York City Council Member

Joel Rivera acknowledges and thanks:  
Margaret Hughes and Brooklyn Congregation United

Margaret S. Chin  
Speaking on Intro 478  
New York City Council Member

Vincent M. Ignizio  
Speaking on PCB mitigation  
New York City Council Member

Jumaane D. Williams  
Speaking on various bills  
Acknowledging Brooklyn Congregation United  
New York City Council Member

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2 MS. IVETTE MOLINA: Today's date is  
3 February 16, 2011. This is the Stated Meeting and  
4 it's recorded by Ivette Molina.

5 SPEAKER QUINN: --if I could ask,  
6 shh, if we could get quiet and if I could ask  
7 Assistant Majority Leader Inez Dickens and  
8 Cultural Affairs Chair Jimmy Van Bramer and Bill.  
9 T. Jones and everybody who his here with him to  
10 come on up to the front.

11 [Applause]

12 SPEAKER QUINN: Inez, come on up.

13 [Pause]

14 SPEAKER QUINN: Yes. It's all  
15 yours. All right we're just trying to get our  
16 Cultural Affairs Chair, Jimmy Van Bramer, you've  
17 got two second or we start without you. Here he  
18 comes. He's running. You don't see that a lot,  
19 Jimmy Van Bramer running. All right. Well thank  
20 you very much Mr. Jones for coming down today.  
21 And we know we're not the White House. We know  
22 we're not the Kennedy Center but you are a New  
23 Yorker so this is very, very important to us and I  
24 hope to you. And we just wanted to thank you for  
25 all of your service to the City of New York.



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2 All of your service to the cultural  
3 community for keeping New York a place that is  
4 creative, that is vibrant, a place that young  
5 people and people of diverse backgrounds want to  
6 come to and continuing to create your art even in  
7 difficult financial times, to make sure that the  
8 soul of New York is fed all of the time. And we  
9 are just so proud that the nation now knows what  
10 we in New York have known for so very long. So  
11 congratulations, thank you for letting us honor  
12 you. We will as the Clerk to read the  
13 Proclamation and then we will get to hear from the  
14 great Bill T. Jones himself.

15 [Applause]

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council, City of  
17 New York Proclamation.

18 The Council of the City of New York  
19 is proud to honor Bill T. Jones for his  
20 extraordinary artistic achievements in the  
21 performing arts, and

22 Whereas Mr. Jones, the 10<sup>th</sup> son of  
23 12 children born to migrant field workers grew up  
24 in a predominantly white town in upstate New York  
25 and attended Binghamton University on a track

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2 scholarship. There he fell in love with modern  
3 dance as well as fellow student Arnie Zane who  
4 became his partner in dance and in life, and

5                   Whereas Mr. Jones choreographed and  
6 performed worldwide with this later partner Arnie  
7 Zane before forming the Bill T. Jones - Arnie Zane  
8 Dance Company in 1982, and

9                   Whereas rightfully named as an  
10 irreplaceable treasure by the Dance Heritage  
11 Coalition in 2000, he won the Dorothy and Lillian  
12 Gish Prize in 2003 and 2 years later was  
13 recognized with the Harlem Renaissance Award, the  
14 Samuel H. Scripps American Dance Festival Award  
15 for Lifetime Achievement, and the Wexner Prize.  
16 In 2006 he won the Lucille Lortel Award for  
17 Outstanding Choreography for the production of The  
18 Seven. In 2007 his choreography for the hit  
19 Broadway show Spring Awakening earned him a Tony  
20 Award, Obie Award and Stage Directors and  
21 Choreographers Foundation Callaway Award. In 2010  
22 he won his second Tony Award for Best Choreography  
23 for the jubilant groundbreaking Broadway show  
24 Fela!

25                   [Applause, cheering]

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And whereas...

And whereas on this occasion the Council of the City of New York publicly congratulates Mr. Jones upon another crowing achievement as one of the five recipients of the 2011 Kennedy Center Honors, the highest honor our nation bestows upon an artist.

Now therefore be it known that the Council of the City of New York is extremely proud to honor Bill T. Jones for his extraordinary achievements in performing arts.

Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the entire Council

Jimmy Van Bramer, Chair of the Cultural Affairs Committee, Council Member 26<sup>th</sup> District, Queens

Inez E. Dickens, Assistant Deputy Majority Leader, Council Member 9<sup>th</sup> District, Manhattan.

SPEAKER QUINN: Okay Jimmy...

[Applause, cheering]

SPEAKER QUINN: Jimmy or Inez you want to add anything?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank

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2 you. I just wanted to say it is so, so exciting  
3 to meet you. You are a living legend and my  
4 colleagues here are making fun of me because they  
5 can see how I idolize you. And it's just so, so  
6 exciting that you and your partner who we all read  
7 about in the New York Times as we were talking  
8 about a couple of years ago are here but thank you  
9 so much, you are truly, truly a cherished wonder  
10 of New York City and this entire country. So  
11 thank you and congratulations.

12 [Applause]

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: And as  
14 part of our--I want to just let you know, that as  
15 part of the treasure, for those of you who have  
16 not seen Fela!, you definitely must see it and  
17 dance in the aisles. But it's the history. It's  
18 the history that has been brought to the streets  
19 of New York and to Broadway for the world to see  
20 and learn about the history and the culture that  
21 has been brought to the world from the motherland  
22 of Africa, is due to this man, Bill T. Jones.  
23 And so I want to say thank you and to let you know  
24 that he also invited at least 250 seniors to come  
25 at no cost to have the ability to see Fela! So

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thank you.

[Applause]

MR. BILL T. JONES: Lest I stay too long at the fair, I'm on my way up to rehearsal with my company which is what my day job is, I just wanted to say thank you very much, Speaker Quinn and all of the--everybody here that makes this city operate. But I also want to ask you all for a date. We've talked about all the things that I've done but the thing I'm most excited about right now is a new marriage. It's called New York Live Arts. It's on West 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

We are going to show you what it is, as Speaker Quinn is talking about, why the people come from all over the world to New York as a destination to see what is young, what is new, what is hot. You've got to be there. Be there or be square we used to say, right? Anyways but thank you all very much for this honor and I'm very appreciative. Thank you so much.

[Applause]

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much. Thank you so very much. So sorry we held you. Thank you. Thank you very much. All right.

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Next Robert Jackson has Career Technical Education teachers. Come on down teachers.

[Applause]

[Pause]

SPEAKER QUINN: Come down R. J. and your ceremonial.

[Pause]

SPEAKER QUINN: Everybody come on, all fall in.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Come over here girl. Move to the left and to the right.

SPEAKER QUINN: Let's move up a little. Why don't we all move up a little and people can fall in behind too.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Left and to the right, keep moving. Left and right.

[Off mic directions]

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Wow, come on in. Move to the left and to the right, come on down. Well good afternoon my colleagues, ladies and gents, we're here this afternoon in order to honor and celebrate Career and Technical Education and the New York City Department of Education. Give us a hand.

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2 And for those of you who do not  
3 know, there is a Department of Career and  
4 Technical Education in which we have all of the  
5 individuals from the Department of Education that  
6 are here from the Director, Associate Director,  
7 all of the people responsible from DOE in  
8 implementing this, along with all of the union  
9 representatives from the United Federation of  
10 Teachers that represent all of the Career and  
11 Technical teachers, along with students from 326  
12 in my District and Ydanis Rodriguez. Where's  
13 Ydanis? Okay from Washington Heights, from  
14 Aviation High School, from Quests. What is it?

15 [Off mic]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Queens  
17 High School for Teaching and Samuel Gompers. And  
18 let me just say to all of you, as I said to  
19 speaking to some of them today. I remember when I  
20 was in junior high school 120 in the Bronx, South  
21 Bronx. It was called the Paul L. Dumbar School  
22 [phonetic] where I had woodshop and I had  
23 electrical shop. And what I was talking to the  
24 teachers today as last night I was working on my  
25 house, changing wires to some--

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[Off mic comments]

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: No.

Changing wires into my outlets as far as my bulbs in my hallway. And without that training that I had which I remember so vividly even today I would not have done that. I would have had to spend \$500 to have that type of repair done. But with the knowledge that I gained back in the... I knew what to do. So I thank you even several decades later for what you have done in order to make me the type of individual I am today.

And so I thank you and the students had said to me, they said do you want to see our work. And I said let me see this work. And I asked them did you do this at MS 326 in Washington Heights? Did you have a machine to do that? They said no. With Photoshop we did our individual designs with our names on it and that's what the entire class did.

So these young students here are from MS 326 in Washington Heights. It's the only intermediate school in the City of New York that has a Career and Technical program at junior high school, isn't that correct? Okay am I right DOE?



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And then I was talking to this young man here.  
Stand up here young man. Tell us who you are.

MR. JAMES MARTINEZ: James  
Martinez, I go to Automotive High School.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: And tell  
us what you've learned there and what are you  
trying to do.

MR. MARTINEZ: All right.  
Basically what we do at Automotive High School is  
we repair cars. We trouble shoot them. We do  
anything we can. And we basically have programs  
that help us with electronics, engine performance,  
suspension, braking, body, anything you need. And  
really why I went to automotive is because I have  
a passion for the automotive field. And that's  
basically it.

[Applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Whoo. And  
then from--Chris you have to come up here because  
these young ladies, come here, from--and men too,  
right? Okay. And tell us who you are. Chris come  
here please.

MS. GERPREE COUR: Gerpree Cour  
[phonetic].

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Loud and  
3 clear, tell us who you are.

4 MS. COUR: Gerpree Cour and I'm a  
5 junior from the Queens High School of Teaching.  
6 And we're from the Teaching Institute Program.  
7 This program it helps people from different  
8 careers, not only the teaching program. And every  
9 job has the word teaching in it because that helps  
10 people learn. And when you're a doctor--if you're  
11 a doctor you learn different things and you get to  
12 teach other people. And this program helps, it  
13 teaches us techniques and skills that we need as a  
14 teacher.

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Yea.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Excellent.  
17 And finally we have Thomas Edison High School,  
18 where are you? Come up and tell us what you do.  
19 Well you're not a student thought, come on, well  
20 come on and tell us quick.

21 MR. ALEX BELL: How are you? My  
22 name is Alex Bell. I'm a Computer Repair, A+  
23 Certification teacher at Thomas Edison High  
24 School, Jamaica, Queens. Very good school for  
25 computer repair, graphics, automotive which we

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just won the state competition by the way.

SPEAKER QUINN: Yea.

MR. BELL: And we have a Cisco program. We have an art program. Very good school, does very well, very high. We just recently got an A.

SPEAKER QUINN: Yea.

MR. BELL: By DOE. So things went on very well at Thomas Edison High School.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: And we have this young student from George Westinghouse High School. And he's going to tell us who he is, what grade he's in, and what are they doing there. And then finally from UFT and then we're going to move the item.

MR. ISRAEL VAZARIA: Hello I'm Israel Vazaria [phonetic] from George Westinghouse High School. I'm a senior there. What I do as my major is we have a different major there, it's Cisco Networking. And we're there to help network up the computers and wire it up to the internet and get people loaded and, you know, yeah.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Well thank you. I want to thank all of the young people for

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2 coming out this afternoon to experience the City  
3 Council of New York at work. And we thank you.  
4 We thank all the DOE people. And we're going to  
5 finally hear from the representative from UFT and  
6 DOE and then we're going to move the item.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: Yea.

8 MR. STERLING ROBESON: All right,  
9 my name is Sterling Robeson, Vice President for  
10 Career and Technical Education for the United  
11 Federation of Teachers. Today is part of an  
12 ongoing celebration, obviously the month of  
13 February is CTE Month and we want to take this  
14 time to celebrate all of the schools as well as  
15 the students that are involved in our Career and  
16 Technical Education program. And honor not just  
17 the students but the teachers as well as the  
18 administration of those schools that ensure that  
19 students are not just college-ready but also  
20 career-ready. So congratulations everyone.

21 [Applause]

22 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you.  
23 And from the Department of Education.

24 MS. FLORENCE JACKSON: Florence  
25 Jackson, no relation--

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON:

[Interposing] My cousin.

[Laughter]

MS. JACKSON: Thank you very, very much for this amazing, amazing recognition of February's National Career and Technical Education Month. And it's the month in which we take time to honor and recognize the accomplishments of our students, teachers and our many schools. So for us to have the recognition of the City Council is indeed very, very, very special. Career and Technical Education is an amazing strategy to engage, to teach, to develop leadership skills. And this is our present, our future and here we go. Thank you so much.

[Applause]

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you guys. I think you have said it all but we are still going to ask the Clerk to read the Proclamation 'cause we have more to say.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council, City of

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New York Proclamation.

The Council of the City of New York is proud to join the United Federation of Teachers in celebrating February as Career Technical Education Month and to pay tribute to Career Technical Education teachers for helping young people become self-sufficient as they learn to master the skills necessary to compete in our global economy. And

Whereas New York City's Career Technical Education or CTE schools improve student achievement through the integration of academic and technical courses, and

Whereas empowered with quality Career Technical education, CTE students learn the skills to perform their tasks and also gain the ability to evaluate such skills in a contemporary context, CTE graduates are positioned for higher education opportunities as well as direct entry into the workforce. As a result these young men and women are fully prepared to aggressively compete for jobs, find clear direction on the road map to prosperity, and become effective leaders for the world they will soon inherit.

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2 Now therefore be it known that the  
3 Council of the City of New York gratefully honors  
4 the UFT's Career Technical Education teachers for  
5 their outstanding contributions to educational  
6 excellence and employment security in New York  
7 City.

8 Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the  
9 entire Council

10 Robert Jackson, Education Committee  
11 Chair, Council Member 7<sup>th</sup> District, Manhattan

12 And many other members of the New  
13 York City Council.

14 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you and I  
15 just want to let all my colleagues know I got a  
16 message earlier today from Michael Mulgrew the  
17 President of the UFT. He couldn't be here today  
18 but he wanted me to thank Robert Jackson for  
19 organizing this and thank all of the members of  
20 the Council for recognizing these great teachers,  
21 students and union leaders. So thank you guys  
22 very, very much. And go forth and learn and  
23 educate. Thank you.

24 [Applause]

25 SPEAKER QUINN: And we want to

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thank the volunteers who are here today. Yea.  
Let's give a round of applause for all our  
volunteers.

[Applause]

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you guys very  
much. All right. Bye everybody. Thank you.  
You're very welcome, take care. You're very  
welcome, take care.

[Pause]

SPEAKER QUINN: All right. Next we  
have a ceremonial led by the Women's Caucus who  
dutifully reminded me to wear red and I forgot but  
none of them did, so if we could ask the Women's  
Caucus and the American Heart Association  
representatives to come up to the front.

[Pause]

SPEAKER QUINN: Hair does count and  
I've got a pin, thank God. All right. Jessica  
and Rosie are leading us. All right.

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: All the  
ladies, Councilwomen, thank you. This month we  
celebrate American Heart Association and to ensure  
that women go out and get tested and make sure



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2 that their cardiovascular system is working fine  
3 and to remind them that the symptoms in women for  
4 heart attack are not very clear as they are in  
5 men. So sometimes you could be fatigued or having  
6 sweat and you may think you're hitting that age  
7 where that happens, but no, it's something else.  
8 So you have to tell your doctor about--oh--

9 [Laughter]

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: --oh  
11 someone just got it. Oh.

12 SPEAKER QUINN: Her parents said  
13 she's past the age.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: So I'm so  
15 very happy the American Heart Association is here.  
16 And I'm happy that all of my colleagues are here  
17 to acknowledge their work in this area. Madam  
18 Speaker.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much  
20 Rosie and I just want to thank everybody at the  
21 American Heart Association. I want to thank  
22 everybody who's part of the Wear Red Campaign  
23 which I know a lot of our great corporate citizens  
24 like Macy's and others are part of. I think you  
25 get a coupon maybe even if you go to Macy's in red

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or something. But we can figure that out later.  
But I just--if we can get a little quite for a sec  
while folks are exiting. I just want to add one  
quick fact to what Rosie said.

You know heart disease; many people  
think doesn't affect women. It affects women at  
an incredibly high rate. And women not knowing  
that and not taking their heart health as  
seriously as they should is part of why the  
problem isn't getting better as quickly as we  
would like it to. And some of the women who are  
here today are I know kind of ambassadors for the  
Dress Red program and have been very kind of brave  
and courageous in sharing their stories with New  
York City. We've seen them on bus shelters, on  
television, etcetera, so it's hard to talk about  
anything personal but nonetheless your health  
situation.

So I really just wanted to thank  
all of the ambassadors of the program for their  
work on this and thank the Women's Caucus for  
raising this issue and reminding us of it. And I  
don't know who wants to speak on behalf of... you,  
okay, I will hold that for you and then we'll hear

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AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

REPRESENTATIVE: Thank you. So I wanted to thank everybody who did wear red today and for remembering to do so. I wanted to thank the City Council for all the work that they've done in this past year for, first of all for the smoke-free parks and beaches bill being passed, for all the work that's been done in terms of increasing access to fresh fruits and vegetables--

SPEAKER QUINN: [Interposing] Yea.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

REPRESENTATIVE: --yea. Absolutely. And we look forward to working with you in the future. We're trying very hard to improve physical activity in schools.

[Cheering]

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

REPRESENTATIVE: And access to defibrillators and CPR training.

[Cheering]

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REPRESENTATIVE: And continued banning of smoking and thank you very, very much for this.

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2                   SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very  
3 much. And if the Clerk could please read the  
4 Proclamation.

5                   FEMALE COMMITTEE CLERK: Council,  
6 City of New York Proclamation.

7                   The Council of the City of New York  
8 is proud to join the American Heart Association in  
9 observing February 2011 as American Heart Month to  
10 promote education and awareness among all New  
11 Yorkers to learn the warning signs of heart attack  
12 and stroke, and

13                   Whereas cardiovascular disease  
14 accounts for 1 out of 3 deaths nationwide, making  
15 it our country's leading cause of death as well as  
16 our costliest disease with direct and indirect  
17 costs estimated to be \$228 billion, and

18                   Whereas this year an estimated  
19 785,000 people in the United States will have a  
20 new coronary attack and an estimated 470,000  
21 people nationwide will have a recurrent attack and  
22 an additional 195,000 silent attack, and

23                   Whereas in New York City heart  
24 disease is the number one cause of death for both  
25 men and women regardless of race or ethnicity,

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2 nearly 24,000 New Yorkers die from cardiovascular  
3 disease each year, and

4           Whereas the American Heart  
5 Association is celebrating February 2011 as  
6 American Heart Month and promoting education and  
7 awareness by encouraging citizens to learn the  
8 warning signs of cardiovascular disease and to  
9 help save lives by calling 911 if symptoms occur,  
10 by becoming trained in CPR and by encouraging  
11 comprehensive automated external defibrillators--

12           SPEAKER QUINN: [Interposing] If we  
13 can get quiet please.

14           SERGEANT AT ARMS: Sit down please.

15           FEMALE COMMITTEE CLERK: --  
16 programs in their communities.

17           Now therefore be it known that the  
18 Council of the City of New York hereby proclaims  
19 this February 2011 to be American Heart Month in  
20 the City of New York and urges all citizens to  
21 recognize the critical importance of tools and  
22 skills that increase survival rates from  
23 cardiovascular arrest. By incorporating these  
24 tools we can save thousands of lives, not only  
25 this month but throughout the year.

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2 Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the  
3 entire Council

4 Maria del Carmen Arroyo, Chair,  
5 Health Committee, Council Member 17<sup>th</sup> District,  
6 Bronx

7 Julissa Ferreras, Chair, Women's  
8 Issues Committee, Council Member 21<sup>st</sup> District,  
9 Queens

10 Jessica A. Lappin, Co-Chair,  
11 women's Caucus, Council Member 2<sup>nd</sup> District,  
12 Manhattan

13 Rosie Mendez, Co-Chair, Women's  
14 Caucus, Council Member 5<sup>th</sup> District, Manhattan.

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Yeah. Thank you  
16 all very, very much and thank you everyone for  
17 joining us. And this concludes ceremonials for  
18 the day.

19 [Pause]

20 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Could I have  
21 your attention please? At this time please place  
22 all cell phones and pagers to vibrate. Thank you.  
23 You're on.

24 [Gavel banging]

25 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Please

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rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise. Quiet please.

ALL: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under god, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Roll call.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here. I'm here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: [No audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.  
3 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.  
4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.  
5 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.  
6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.  
7 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.  
8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.  
9 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.  
10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.  
11 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.  
12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.  
13 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: [No audible  
14 response]  
15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.  
16 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Here.  
17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.  
18 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: [No  
19 audible response]  
20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.  
21 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [No  
22 audible response]  
23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.  
24 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.  
25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.



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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: [No  
audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran.

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: [No  
audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: James.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: [No audible  
response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: [No  
audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: [No audible  
response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:  
Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [No audible  
response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: [No  
audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanders.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Present  
and accounted for.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Seabrook.

COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin. [No  
audible response].

COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Here. Here,  
here. Weprin is here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran.

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

[Off mic]: He's with me, he's with  
me.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

Recchia.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: [No  
audible response]

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: James is  
here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet please.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [No  
3 audible response]

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: We have a quorum.

9 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: A quorum  
10 is present. Will my colleagues please rise for  
11 the Invocation being delivered by Reverend Katrina  
12 Marsh from Rivers of Living Waters?

13 REVEREND KATRINA MARSH: To the  
14 source of all that is good we surrender this  
15 atmosphere and are gathered beneath the sheltering  
16 shadow of divine unity. We welcome the sunrays of  
17 mercy to shine upon all and the clouds of bounty  
18 to linger with us. We ask for protection to  
19 overshadow us and for favor to be our portion.  
20 Illumine our eyes and gladden our hearts with  
21 abiding joy. Confer renewal upon all people.  
22 Unlock the gates of true understanding to let the  
23 light of hope shine re-pleasant. Let commonality  
24 call our hearts and knit us together as a  
25 harmonious musical sound. Let this sound go forth

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2 as the waves of one ocean and as one fruit of one  
3 tree. Let us ever remember the divinity of  
4 humanity and allow it to grant us equal vision and  
5 balanced minds.

6 Give us the strength it takes to  
7 listen rather than judge, to trust rather than to  
8 fear, and to try again and gain to make peaceable  
9 decisions, even when peace might elude us. Bestow  
10 upon us insight and compassion to the paved way of  
11 convictions of justice, fairness and equality.  
12 Send down, raise up, pour into those who hold  
13 office in this venue, wisdom, charity and  
14 lawfulness that with steadfast purpose they may  
15 faithfully serve in their offices to promote the  
16 wellbeing of all people.

17 Let integrity, honor and honesty  
18 bring forth all that is just today and all the  
19 days forward. And may we embody a familiar song  
20 sentiment, let there be peace on Earth and let it  
21 be with me. And in this embodiment let us see and  
22 truly know that we are one nation, one people,  
23 humanity expressed in many different variations  
24 under God, that which we self-identify as source,  
25 indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

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Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Council  
Member Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you  
Majority Leader, my colleagues. I want to thank  
the Reverend Katrina Marsh of the Rivers of Living  
Waters Church on 152<sup>nd</sup> Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

[Gavel banging]

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: All are  
welcome. It's a nondenominational church and I  
move, motion to spread the invocation in full upon  
the record.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So  
ordered. Adoption of the Minutes, Council Member  
Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Thank you  
Majority Leader, Madam Speaker, my colleagues; I  
make a motion that the minutes of the Stated--

SPEAKER QUINN: [Interposing] Can  
we get a little quiet.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet down  
please.

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Thank you.

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2 I make a motion that the minutes of the Stated  
3 Meeting of January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 be adopted as  
4 printed.

5 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So  
6 ordered. Messages and papers from the Mayor.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: M 385.

8 SPEAKER QUINN: Rules, Privileges  
9 and Elections.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: M 386,  
11 withdrawing Rudy Washington from reappointment to  
12 the Civil Service Commission.

13 SPEAKER QUINN: Received, ordered,  
14 printed and filed.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: M 387,  
16 withdrawing Charles D. McFaul from appointment to  
17 the New York City Civil Service Commission.

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

20 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA:  
21 Communication from City, County and Borough  
22 offices?

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

24 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Petitions  
25 communications.



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COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Land use  
call ups?

COMMITTEE CLERK: M 388 to M 391.

SPEAKER QUINN: If we could couple  
all of those and please have a roll call on the  
coupled Land Use call ups.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So  
ordered.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: [No audible  
response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I, may I be  
excused to vote on all general order items?

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: YES you  
man.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Oh, thank  
you. I vote no on LU 238 and the accompanying  
Reso 678 and aye on all the rest.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So  
ordered.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.  
COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.  
COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: [No  
audible response]  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.  
COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.  
COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Present.  
Aye on Land Use call ups.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.  
COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.  
COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.  
COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.  
COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.  
COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.  
COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.  
COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.

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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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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I seek

10 permission to vote on all Land Use and General

11 Order matters.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Mr.

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Chair, request permission, unanimous consent to

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vote on all items on today's calendar.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: I vote

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vote no.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: [No  
audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on  
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: James.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet please.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: [No  
audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanders.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Seabrook.

COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: [No  
audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [No  
audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [No  
audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Aye.

[Pause]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

[Pause]

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: All items on today's Land Use call ups were adopted by a vote of 50 in the affirmative, with 0 negative and no abstentions. Communication from the Speaker.

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much. First I want to, again, thank all the members of the Women's Caucus and all the men and women who wore red today or - - who wore red pins to remind us about the importance of American Heart Month.

There are a number of important pieces of legislation we are voting on today, all three of which are part of a traffic safety package of legislation. I want to thank Chair Vacca of the Transportation Committee for moving all three of the bills. I want to thank Council Member Lappin who is the sponsor of Traffic Stat which she has been working on for a really,

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really, really long time and it's great to see it get passed.

I want to thank Council Member Mendez who's the intro of 374-A, a piece of legislation that is going to help require the compilation of bicycle crash data which will help keep pedestrians and bicyclists safer in the City of New York.

And Chair Vacca who is sponsor of 377-A, an important piece of legislation that is going to make sure communities and the Council know how the Department of Transportation checks when there has been a request for stoplights or traffic signals or things of that nature. How they checked, when they checked, what types of studies they did, so when and if a community's request is denied we will now actually know what went into that determination.

So we'll know maybe we were wrong. We didn't need the stoplight or if we disagree with how they did it, we'll now be empowered with the facts to go out and push them to do the right thing. If we think they've done the wrong thing. I want to thank the staff who worked on all three



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2 of these bills, Lyle Frank, Nivardo Lopez, Terzah  
3 Nasser, Rob Newman and Margaret Nelson.

4 And together these three bills are  
5 going to make sure that we in the Council and the  
6 public have the best data possible about traffic  
7 and traffic-related accidents, that we know  
8 specifically info around bicycle accidents and  
9 that we can better serve our Districts as we're  
10 trying to get important traffic safety and traffic  
11 calming devices out there.

12 Let me start by calling on the  
13 Chair of our Committee, Chairperson Vacca who's  
14 also the lead sponsor of Intro 377-A. Then we'll  
15 hear from Council Member Lappin and Council Member  
16 Mendez.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Thank you  
18 Speaker Quinn. Approximately two months ago my  
19 Committee had a hearing. And the hearing dealt  
20 with bicycle safety in the City of New York. And  
21 we heard dramatic testimony from a young lady  
22 named Nancy Gruskin. Ms. Gruskin lost her husband  
23 in a bicycle accident. A bicycle going the wrong  
24 way on a one-way street resulted in him having  
25 permanent brain damage and then passing away.

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2                   And that occurrence, that incident,  
3 I think highlights the need of making sure that  
4 everyone obeys the rules of the road. Often that  
5 does not happen when it comes to people who drive  
6 cars. That does not happen when it comes to  
7 people who drive bicycles. And the legislation  
8 you see here today will deal with how we as a  
9 Council can best get the information that will  
10 empower local communities to fight for  
11 improvements to make their residents safer.

12                   We have too many people in this  
13 City who are part of the problem rather than part  
14 of the solution. And unfortunately when that  
15 happens they inflict harm to others. I hope the  
16 Council will pass these three bills. I'd like to  
17 thank Council Member Jessica Lappin and Rosie  
18 Mendez. I'd like to thank the Speaker, all the  
19 staff, but I do want to stress to Ms. Gruskin that  
20 based on this legislation and other things that my  
21 Committee is now reviewing, we do not want that  
22 ever to happen again. Thank you.

23                   SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much  
24 Chair Vacca and I just want to thank you for your  
25 hard work on trying to make the streets of New

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2 York City as safe as they possibly can be for all  
3 of the folks who use them.

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5 Let me next call on Council Member  
6 Lappin and again thank Jessica for her hard work  
7 on this bill. You know, the new Lappin to be  
8 didn't hurt and again this is moving quickly, I  
9 just wanted to make sure you didn't have to leave  
10 for maternity leave with Traffic Stat weighing on  
11 you, Jessica. So that was a pretty good trick to  
12 make sure you got your bill passed.

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14 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: I know I  
15 should get pregnant more often. It's awesome.  
16 All kinds of things are moving. Not just the  
17 baby. And I did want to thank you 'cause this is  
18 something we've been working on for a long time,  
19 both on the staff level here, I wanted to thank  
20 Lyle and Rob Newman and you Speaker Quinn and  
21 Chair Vacca, Chair Vallone who held the first  
22 hearing in his Committee on this bill.

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24 But the bottom line is that  
25 knowledge is power and we're giving communities  
the knowledge and the power to make themselves  
safer. And we believe that having these  
statistics, they'll be able to work with elected

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2 officials and with the City to make dangerous  
3 intersections safer. So I think it's a great day,  
4 not just for public safety but it's a great day  
5 for transparency in government. Thank you.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very  
7 much. And lastly we're going to call on Council  
8 Member Mendez. And I want to thank her for her  
9 very hard work on her bill. Also I want to thank  
10 her for bringing Nancy to us so we can work with  
11 her and her foundation on this and issues moving  
12 forward. And, you know, I think New Yorkers have  
13 a lot of opinions on everything.

14 Bicycles are something all New  
15 Yorkers seem to have an opinion on one way or  
16 another and getting as much accurate, clear,  
17 transparent data out there around bicycle crashes  
18 is going to help us in all the neighborhoods of  
19 the City make sure that we find a way for  
20 bicyclists and pedestrians to coexist, safely, and  
21 with a little less acrimony. So Rosie, thank you  
22 very--Council Member Mendez, thank you very much  
23 for that and let me now call on Council Member  
24 Mendez.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Thank you

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Madam Speaker. Now that many of our streets have been--I just spilled my tea. This is not good news.

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Uh-oh, hold it. Look it's making its way down. Help.

COMMITTEE STAFFER: I don't have anything. What can I--[laughing] Your coat. - - take my tie.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Thank you.

[Laughter, off mic conversation]

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Thank you-- too late Chuck. All right. That was too late.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: A little salt, a little pepper.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Inez beat you to it.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: As always.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: My colleagues, thank you all for handing me your napkins and coming to my assistance. As I was saying now that many of our streets have been redesigned to encourage bicycling as an alternative means of transportation it is more

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2 important than ever that we have reliable  
3 statistics on incidents involving bicycles.  
4 Individuals who bicycle just like those using  
5 other modes of transportation must follow the  
6 rules of the road.

7           As we heard today in the case of  
8 Nancy Gruskin's husband, the cyclist was driving  
9 the wrong way to deliver food. So this law will  
10 provide us with important data that previously was  
11 not being captured. And then with that we can  
12 implement appropriate safety measures when and if  
13 needed. I want to thank Nancy for telling us her  
14 story, for working to change the law when she  
15 realized this information was not captured.

16           She made this one of the things to  
17 work on and she's working on other bicycle safety  
18 measures. So it's incredible when people take a  
19 moment of tragedy and make it a moment of  
20 strength. I'm very proud of you Nancy. Thank you  
21 and thank you to my colleagues for their  
22 legislation. Today we make New York City safer.  
23 Thank you.

24           SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much  
25 Council Member Mendez. And that concludes

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Communications from the Speaker.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Discussion of General orders? Seeing--

SPEAKER QUINN: [Interposing] Can we get a little quiet?

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet please.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes can we get silence please. Discussion of General Orders. Seeing none, we'll move forward to Reports of Special Committees.

COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Reports of Standing Committees.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance, Preconsidered Reso 673, Organization Funding.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use, LU 238 and Reso 678, UDAAP, Brooklyn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 288 and Reso  
3 679 through LU 303 and Reso 682, sidewalk cafes.

4 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general  
5 orders.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the  
7 Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections,  
8 Preconsidered M 392 and Reso 683, approving the  
9 appointment of Elisa Velazquez, Lobbying  
10 Commission.

11 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general  
12 orders.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered M  
14 393 and Reso 684, approving the designation of  
15 Robert F. Nolan, Health and Hospitals Corporation  
16 board of Directors.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: An enthusiastic  
18 coupled on general orders.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the  
20 Committee on Transportation, Intro 370-A,  
21 Pedestrian Safety Reporting.

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

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 374-A,  
25 Compilation of Bicycle Crash Data.



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

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 377-A,  
5 Traffic Study Determinations.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled  
7 on general orders.

8 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: General  
9 order calendar.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Resolution  
11 appointing various persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

12 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general  
13 orders. And at this time I'd like to ask for a  
14 roll call on all the items that have been coupled  
15 on the general order calendar please.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.  
COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye on  
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.  
COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye on  
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.  
COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.  
COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.  
COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.  
COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye on

all.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.

COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on  
3 all.  
4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield.  
5 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye on  
6 all.  
7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.  
8 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.  
9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.  
10 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on  
11 all.  
12 COMMITTEE CLERK: James.  
13 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye on all.  
14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.  
15 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.  
16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell.  
17 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye on  
18 all.  
19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.  
20 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on  
21 all.  
22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.  
23 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.  
24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.  
25 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: With  
congratulations to Council Members Mendez and  
Lappin I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: [No  
audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: I ask  
permission to vote on Land Use call ups and  
General Orders, General Calendar, I vote aye on  
all.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I vote aye

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanders.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye on

all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Seabrook.

COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: [No audible

response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Aye on  
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Aye.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: All items  
on today's general order calendar were adopted by  
a vote of 51 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative  
and 0 abstentions.

The Revised Land Use call ups were  
adopted by a vote of 51 affirmative with 0 in the  
negative.

Introduction and reading of bills.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Right now.

SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are  
referred to committees as indicated on the agenda.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you.  
Discussion of resolutions? Council Member

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2 Viverito?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

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Thank you. I wanted to just rise today and urge

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all my colleagues to vote in favor of Resolution

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626-A which calls on the United States House of

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Representatives to reinstate the voting rights

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what should be our nation's commitment to fairness

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and inclusion in the name of partisanship. And

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this Reso speaks strongly and firmly and says this

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action by the US House Congress must not stand.

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2 And I thank Speaker Quinn, Council Member Jimmy  
3 Van Bramer and all the staff that worked on this  
4 and I would ask my colleagues to vote aye on this  
5 resolution.

6 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you  
7 very much. Any other speakers on Resolutions?  
8 Seeing none at this point in time we're going to  
9 vote individually on each Resolution. The first  
10 Resolution is Resolution 626-A, an amendment--an  
11 amended resolution calling upon the United States  
12 Congress to reinstate the privileges formerly held  
13 by the Puerto Rican resident commissioner and  
14 other delegates allowing them to vote on  
15 amendments and procedures in the Committee of the  
16 whole. Amended and adopted by the Committee on  
17 Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International  
18 Intergroup Relations. All in favor say aye.

19 MANY VOICES: Aye.

20 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: All  
21 opposed say any.

22 [No voices in opposition]

23 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Any  
24 abstentions? The ayes have it. Next we will move  
25 on to Resolution 646, a resolution authorizing the



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2 Council to join in an amicus brief to be filed  
3 with the United States Supreme Court in support of  
4 the respondents in the litigation captioned  
5 McComish v. Bennett for the purpose of supporting  
6 the Respondents' position that the Court should  
7 uphold the trigger funds provision of Arizona's  
8 campaign finance law, adopted by the Committee on  
9 Governmental Operations. All in favor say aye.

10 MANY VOICES: Aye.

11 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: All  
12 opposed say any.

13 [No voices in opposition]

14 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Any  
15 abstentions? The ayes have it. Thank you very  
16 much. The Resolutions passed. And now discussion  
17 of general--general discussion. We have Council  
18 Member James.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Thank you.  
20 Chair Annabel Palma and I were just recently  
21 notified that as a result of the Mayor's  
22 Preliminary Budget which will be issued tomorrow,  
23 the Mayor is proposing to eliminate 16,000 to  
24 17,000 child care slots as part of the ACS'  
25 budget. 16,000 to 17,000 child care slots in the

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2 City of New York. One-third, one-third of all  
3 child care slots in the City of New York. Leaving  
4 low income women and working families with no  
5 option.

6                   These children unfortunately will  
7 be put in unregulated and unlicensed and  
8 underground child care system. And you can  
9 anticipate that we will probably see some other  
10 incidents in the City of New York. I would urge  
11 all of my colleagues to join with the Chair and  
12 myself as we fight back against this cut, as we  
13 draw a line in the sand, and we stand up for low  
14 income and working families in the City of New  
15 York. This is just another attempt to break the  
16 back of another union in the City of New York and  
17 to put low income children in harm's way. Thank  
18 you.

19                   MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you  
20 very much. Next we'll move on to Council Member  
21 Jackson.

22                   COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you  
23 Majority Leader. My colleagues I rise this  
24 afternoon to let you know that March 1<sup>st</sup>, many  
25 education advocacy groups are going to be heading

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2 to Albany in order to lobby the State legislature  
3 to do not cut funding for education. As you know  
4 depending on who you ask, our Governor Cuomo plans  
5 in his budget to cut education in New York between  
6 \$1 billion and \$1.4 billion. And that would have  
7 a devastating impact on New York City. That  
8 amount is New York City's amount.

9           And obviously tomorrow when we hear  
10 the Mayor's Preliminary Budget, we will get his  
11 assessment as to what does that mean for New York  
12 City. And if you listen to what he said earlier,  
13 it could mean up to 21,000 layoffs. And obviously  
14 it would be a devastating impact here in New York  
15 City. So I ask you to reach out to the education  
16 advocacy groups and hopefully you will join me and  
17 others in heading to Albany to fight for the  
18 education of our children. And obviously you  
19 know, many of you who have children or who had  
20 children in the system or nieces and nephews,  
21 education is the key to lifting up all people out  
22 of where we are now into success so that we have  
23 an educated workforce in order to be able to  
24 compete in our global society. So I thank you for  
25 your attention.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you  
3 very much. Next we'll move on to Council Member  
4 Garodnick.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank  
6 you very much. I rise to speak about Intro 479  
7 which relates to whistleblower rights. While  
8 Federal and New York State False Claims Act  
9 provides whistleblower protection rights for  
10 employees who report an employer's false claim for  
11 a payment, there are no provisions under those  
12 laws today that require employers to notify their  
13 employees of these rights.

14 However non-Federal employers that  
15 have received American Recovery and Reinvestment  
16 Act funding, they are required to post a Know Your  
17 Rights sign at jobsites. This notice requirement  
18 is the right thing to do as Council Member Cabrera  
19 noted earlier today, in speaking about the  
20 tenant's bill of rights that he has just  
21 introduced, right are only so good as you know of  
22 them.

23 So I have introduced Intro 479  
24 which would require all contractors with City  
25 contracts valued at \$250,000 or more to post a

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2 sign at the jobsite listing employees' Federal and  
3 New York State whistleblower protection rights.  
4 The notice would also include a statement  
5 indicating that there is no risk of retaliation to  
6 employees who pursue submission of false claims  
7 for payment to Federal, State or Local  
8 governments. This is important legislation and I  
9 encourage my colleagues to join me in signing on  
10 to Intro 479. Thank you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you  
12 very much. Next we have Council Member Cabrera.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Thank so  
14 you so much. There are countless stories  
15 throughout the City regarding tenants living in  
16 dangerous conditions. Renters being unfairly  
17 harassed or targeted. In many cases poor  
18 conditions being allowed because the residents are  
19 unaware of their rights. As you are fully aware  
20 of, landlord-tenant relationships can act as a  
21 sort of confusion, anger, contention and many  
22 times legal action.

23 A cursory look at our very own  
24 Council statistics show that housing and building  
25 concerns often make up the majority of our

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2 constituents' complaints. It is with these  
3 citizens in mind that I ask you to join me in  
4 sponsoring Intro 477, the Tenant's Bill of Rights  
5 which will require every owner of a multiple  
6 dwelling to post in and provide all tenants in  
7 that multiple dwelling a Tenant's Bill of Rights  
8 according to the provision in this bill.

9           If any of use took a cab today,  
10 sitting right in front of us in a clear, colorful,  
11 easy to read format, would be the livery passenger  
12 bill of Rights. A short document with 12 rights  
13 we have as a passenger in a taxicab. If the City  
14 thinks it is important to inform us of our rights  
15 in a cab ride, where we spend a very little  
16 portion of time, how much more do we deserve to  
17 know our rights in the place where we spend most  
18 of our time, our homes.

19           I have personally visited buildings  
20 where families are living without toilets.  
21 Seniors are living without heat and children are  
22 living with mold on their walls. These are the  
23 constituents who have been told by their landlords  
24 they have two weeks to get out and seniors  
25 breaking their backs to pay exorbitant rents that

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don't know about their benefits that they have.

So I urge you to please to sponsor this--

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA:

[Interposing] Council Member?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: --thank

you so much.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you

very much. Next we have Council Member Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you.

I just some good news. Today the Administration announced that, regarding 311, something that we've been asking for, for a while, if you report a noise issue at 7:00 PM in the evening, by 7:00 AM, available to the public, that service request will be up on a map. You can search it. In fact you can search every service request through 311, citywide for the last year. And it'll be a rolling year to it will always be 365 days a year.

Within the near future in addition to having all the service requests by address and by building, you will also be able, particularly for the Community Boards and for Council Members, to be able to-it'll be exported. So you'll be able to have it in the format that you can

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2 manipulate it and add it to the data that you  
3 already have. So this was announced today. We  
4 were briefed this morning. And I think it'll be a  
5 great for a Community Boards and elected officials  
6 and anybody who cares about solving problems in  
7 the neighborhood. Thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: And next  
9 we have Council Member Lappin.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: I just  
11 wanted to call my colleagues' attention to a  
12 briefing we will be having with the Aging  
13 Commissioner on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The state budget cuts  
14 Title 20 funding this year as it did last year  
15 which would involve closing 110 senior centers in  
16 the City of New York. That's on top of the ones  
17 that we were able to save last year. That would  
18 mean we would be closing roughly half of all of  
19 the senior centers in New York City. The  
20 Commissioner will be here to talk to all of us  
21 about this on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and so if you are  
22 interested and have questions I encourage you to  
23 come and engage with her personally.

24 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you  
25 very much. Next we have Council Member Vann.



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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Thank you.

My colleagues, our City continues to experience the aftermath of the financial crisis and certain neighborhoods are still reeling from the effects of predatory lending. Homeowners are struggling to stay current on their mortgages. New Yorkers are desperate for more affordable housing and small businesses are seeking access to credit and other financial services.

As we look back it is clear that the irresponsible actions and behaviors of some banks and financial institutions contributed to our nation's financial crisis. Many banks and lenders are still fighting and failing to work with homeowners in modifying mortgages to prevent foreclosure. Something that often serves in the best financial interests of both the lender and the homeowner.

As we move forward and look forward, it is important that we take affirmative steps to rebuilt and strengthen our partnership with the banking community. New York City deposits more than \$6 billion into various banks. As a depositor of that scale it is crucial that

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our City incentivize and support responsible banking that is beneficial to New York.

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That is why today Council Member Recchia and myself, Council Member Landers, Viverito, have introduced Responsible Banking Act, a bill that will create criteria to evaluate whether banks are addressing the needs of the City and its communities and rank them based upon that. Such criteria would include whether banks address the credit and financial services needs of businesses, work with borrowers to restructure delinquent home mortgage loans and provide financing for development of affordable housing among others.

These rankings would be submitted to the Council and Banking Commission as well as being published and available to the public. The timing laid out in the bill would allow the Banking Commission to consider these rankings before designating a bank as a City depository. I urge you to sign on this important legislation, Intro 485. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very much. Next we move on to Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Basically I wanted to give an update on pothole repairs because many of us were concerned when we learned about furlough plans at the Department of Transportation and the impact that would have on filling thousands of potholes that we now have and even more that we can expect as winter continues through the months of February and probably March.

We face the prospect of potholes becoming crevasse, even deeper, requiring more work and causing more damage to cars and pedestrians, often having difficulty crossing crosswalks. I'm pleased to report today that \$2 million in additional money was allocated so that this pothole season will allow potholes to be filled more expeditiously. 30 repair crews will be working 20 extended weekends and 40 crews will be working 10 weekend days between now and April. 40,000 potholes, beyond what we expected to be filled, will be filled.

And I want to thank the members of the Council who made this a priority, who prevailed upon us to do our work and I think this

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2 is an important step in the right direction going  
3 forth. That we made this a priority and it was  
4 made clear to the Administration. I want to thank  
5 the Administration for understanding that this is  
6 so important to our City, safe roads and safe  
7 streets. Thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you  
9 very much Council Member. I think all New Yorkers  
10 will be happy to have these potholes filled.

11 Before we move on to the next one, I just wanted  
12 to recognize with us, we have Margaret Hughes and  
13 the Brooklyn Congregation United who is here to  
14 support Council Member Vann's proposal. We just  
15 wanted to have them stand and we can give them a  
16 round of applause and thank them for coming to  
17 City Hall.

18 [Applause]

19 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Next we  
20 have Council Member Chin.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you. I  
22 just would like to ask my colleagues to support  
23 Reso 668. this is urging the New York State  
24 legislature to pass legislation that can help us  
25 regulate inter-city buses. A lot of the discount

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2 buses that's been creating havoc in Lower  
3 Manhattan and also in other parts of the City,  
4 this legislation will give us the opportunities to  
5 regular and to set a permit system so the bus  
6 company can apply for permits to pick up and drop  
7 off passengers.

8                   The other Intro that I'm  
9 introducing today is Intro 478. This is to really  
10 help the City capture expenses when a building is  
11 in violation and there's a vacate order. Usually  
12 the City has to pick up the tab. And this  
13 legislation, Intro 478, would mandate landlords to  
14 set aside escrow funds to pay for vacates that  
15 they cause. So that they can relocate the tenants  
16 within the same neighborhood. And I urge my  
17 colleagues to support it. Thank you.

18                   MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you  
19 very much. Next we have Council Member Ignizio.

20                   COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes, thank  
21 you very much. Many of you know for several weeks  
22 I've been pretty passionate about the plight of  
23 PCBs in schools and just wanted to give an update  
24 to my colleagues. I've been contacted by several  
25 companies which actually will do the work and

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2 almost do them for free. Here's how it works.  
3 They will come in to our schools, will take out  
4 the old obsolete T-12 lighting fixtures, replace  
5 them with T-8's, and the energy efficiency savings  
6 that incur, they will keep, until a 5-year period  
7 where the labor and parts will be paid off.

8 No longer is the issue between  
9 protecting public health and breaking the bank.  
10 This is a great public/private partnership. I  
11 have spoken to Deputy Mayor Goldsmith, Deputy  
12 Mayor Wolcott, Deputy Chancellor Kathleen Grim,  
13 they find this very exiting as well and hopefully  
14 we will soon fashion an RFP that will both protect  
15 public health and make sure that we keep an eye on  
16 the bottom line. This is a very good solution.

17 I want to thank the Administration  
18 for their cooperation. And clearly we are well on  
19 our way to ridding the New York City school system  
20 of PCBs in our schools. And I'm proud to have  
21 worked with so many great people on this matter  
22 and will continue to look forward with our  
23 legislative process as we're working with  
24 legislative staff to see that we can codify that  
25 which we have accomplished just in the last six

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weeks. Thank you al very much.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very much. Next we move on to Council Member Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you very much. A lot of good Intros, just a few in particular I wanted to really say stand out. One, my colleague Cabrera's tenant bill, having been a tenant organizer I really think that's an important bill and hopefully a lot of people would support it.

And the other one is Council Member Vann's bill, I also think is a very important thing to support as well as--although the Majority Leader beat me to it, Brooklyn Congregation United, I wanted to give a shout out 'cause they're also organizing in my District. So hopefully we will support those bills. And when I speak of potholes, thank you Council Member Vacca for that update. And I'm sad to say that perhaps Senator D'Amato was ahead of his time. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Seeing no others, this meeting is now adjourned.

[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    

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