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OF THE

STATED MEETING

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Wednesday, September 10, 2025
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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: *The Majority Leader (Council
Member Amanda Farías) presiding as
the Acting President Pro Tempore*

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Adrienne E. Adams, *Speaker*
Joann Ariola
Alexa Avilés
Diana I. Ayala
Chris Banks
Erik D. Bottcher
Justin L. Brannan
Gale A. Brewer
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
Tiffany Cabán
David M. Carr
Carmen N. De La Rosa
Eric Dinowitz
Amanda Farías
Simcha Felder
Oswald Feliz
James F. Gennaro
Jennifer Gutiérrez

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COUNCIL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

Shahana K. Hanif
Kamillah Hanks
Robert F. Holden
Crystal Hudson
Rita C. Joseph
Shekar Krishnan
Linda Lee
Farah N. Louis
Kristy Marmorato
Christopher Marte
Darlene Mealy
Julie Menin
Frank Morano
Francisco P. Moya
Mercedes Narcisse
Sandy Nurse
Chi A. Ossé
Vickie Paladino
Keith Powers
Lincoln Restler
Kevin C. Riley
Yusef Salaam
Rafael Salamanca, Jr
Pierina Ana Sanchez
Lynn C. Schulman
Althea V. Stevens
Sandra Ung
Inna Vernikov
Nantasha M. Williams
Julie Won
Susan Zhuang

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A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION - Delivered by:
Obispo Alejandro Ramos Joseph, Iglesia de Dios
de la Profecía,
Located at 387 South 1st Street, Brooklyn, NY
11211

2 SERGEANT PAYTUVI: This is a microphone check
3 for the Stated Meeting recorded on September 10,
4 2025, located in Chambers, by Nazly Paytuvi.

5 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet on the floor, please,
6 quiet on the floor! Ladies and gentlemen, at this
7 time, please place all electronic devices, all
8 electronic devices to vibrate.

9 Madam Majority Leader, it's all yours.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: [GAVEL] Good afternoon,
11 and welcome to the Stated Meeting of September 10,
12 2025. I am Majority Leader Amanda Fariás, and I
13 would like to thank you for joining us. If you would
14 like to follow along, the agenda for today's meeting
15 is posted on our website.

16 On behalf of the body, I welcome the members of
17 the public who have joined us here today. During
18 Stated Meetings, only members of the Council may
19 speak. Members of the public shall remain silent. If
20 you wish to express support of any remarks, you may
21 make the silent approval gesture.

22 I want to remind my colleagues that decorum is
23 to be respected at all times. Insulting each other is
24 not appropriate, all remarks are to be addressed to
25 the Chair, and Members shall not speak unless

2 recognized by the Chair. It is essential that even if
3 we disagree, we treat each other with respect.

4 CITY CLERK: Please join us for the Pledge of
5 Allegiance.

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

7 ALL: [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Roll call?

9 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Here.

11 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté.

13 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

14 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Here.

15 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Here.

17 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Here.

19 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

21 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

23 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

24 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: (NO RESPONSE)

25 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present.

3 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Here.

5 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

7 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.

9 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Here.

11 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (ABSENT)

13 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: (ABSENT)

15 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presenté.

17 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.

19 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (ABSENT)

21 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

23 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present.

25 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present.

3 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.

5 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here.

7 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Here.

9 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present.

11 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Here.

13 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)

15 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here.

17 CLERK: Council Member Morano?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Here!

19 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here.

21 CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present.

23 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present.

25 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present.

3 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

4 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Here.

5 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

7 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here.

9 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

11 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present.

13 (BACKGROUND NOISE)

14 CITY CLERK: [GAVEL] Quiet down, please.

15 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

17 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.

19 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

21 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here.

23 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present.

25 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Sorry, here.

CLERK: Council Member Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

CLERK: Council Member Won?

COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: (NO RESPONSE)

CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Here.

CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Farías?

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present.

CLERK: Speaker Adams?

SPEAKER ADAMS: Present.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. We will now have today's Invocation, which will be delivered by Obispo Alejandro Ramos Joseph of Iglesia de Dios de la Profecía, which is located at 387 South 1st Street, Brooklyn.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

BISHOP RAMOS: God bless you, everything.

(SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE)

Amen, God bless you, everybody.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. I would now
3 ask that Council Member Jennifer Gutiérrez spread the
4 Invocation in full upon the record.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: (SPEAKING FOREIGN
6 LANGUAGE) It is my great honor to present Obispo
7 Alejandro Ramos Joseph, pastor of Iglesia de Dios de
8 la Profecía, on Union Avenue in the South side of
9 Williamsburg, just a few blocks from my office.

10 Bishop Ramos has faithfully served in this
11 ministry for more than 33 years. We recognize not
12 only his leadership within the church, but also the
13 vital role he and his congregation play in our
14 community by hosting events, block parties, and his
15 vision that he shared for the neighborhood, for the
16 congregation at large, and for anyone who's willing
17 to listen, whether it's related to mental health
18 services, programming and resources for the youth,
19 expanding the food pantry. He has a real ear to the
20 community, and I'm really looking forward to how he's
21 going to transform it. We are truly blessed to have
22 him here with us today to offer the Invocation.

23 (SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE) Gracias, thank you.

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

2 We will now ask Minority Leader Joanne Ariola
3 for the adoption of the Minutes.

4 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I make a motion that
5 the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of August 14th,
6 2025, be adopted as printed.

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Messages and Papers
8 from the Mayor?

9 CLERK: None.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Communication From
11 City, County, and Borough Offices?

12 CLERK: M 167, Council Member Rivera.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, Ordered, Printed, and
14 Filed.

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Petitions and
16 Communications?

17 CLERK: None.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Land Use Call-ups?

19 CLERK: M 168 through M 172.

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you. I now ask that the
21 Clerk take a roll call vote on today's Land Use Call-
22 ups.

23 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

24 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

25 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

2 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

3 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

4 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye.

5 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

7 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: (NO RESPONSE)

9 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: (INAUDIBLE)

11 CLERK: Thank you.

12 Council Member Brewer?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes.

14 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

15 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Yes.

16 CLERK: Thank you.

17 Council Member Cabán?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.

19 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

21 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

23 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

25 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Aye.
CLERK: Council Member Feliz?
COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (ABSENT)
CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?
COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: (ABSENT)
CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?
COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.
CLERK: Council Member Hanif?
COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.
CLERK: Council Member Hanks?
COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (ABSENT)
CLERK: Council Member Holden?
COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.
CLERK: Council Member Hudson?
COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.
CLERK: Council Member Joseph?
COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.
CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?
COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.
CLERK: Council Member Lee?
COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.
CLERK: Council Member Louis?
COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.
CLERK: Thank you.

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Council Member Marmorato?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Marte?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Menin?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Morano?

COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Moya?

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Narcisse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: (UN-MIC'D) Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: (UN-MIC'D) Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Restler?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.
3 CLERK: Council Member Riley?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: (UN-MIC'D) Aye.
5 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.
7 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?
8 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye.
9 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.
11 CLERK: Thank you.
12 Council Member Schulman?
13 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.
14 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?
15 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.
16 CLERK: Council Member Ung?
17 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.
18 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?
19 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye.
20 CLERK: Council Member Williams?
21 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.
22 CLERK: Council Member Won?
23 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.
24 CLERK: Thank you.
25 Council Member Zhuang?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

CLERK: Council Member Farías?

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

(PAUSE)

CLERK: Speaker Adams?

SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

(PAUSE)

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Today's Land Use Call-ups are adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

We will now have Communication from Speaker Adrienne Adams.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Madam Majority Leader, and good afternoon, everyone.

Before we begin, I want to acknowledge the tragic death of two New Yorkers in Council Member Linda Lee's district, who tragically passed away from a house fire deemed arson this week. We pray that this perpetrator is caught sooner rather than later. And our hearts are with the family and loved ones of Frank Alton and Maureen Alton.

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2 Tomorrow, our city and nation will observe the
3 24th anniversary of September 11th. As a native New
4 Yorker, I will once again be present to memorialize
5 the day that our lives were forever altered. As we
6 approach this solemn anniversary, we honor the
7 memories of the thousands of lives taken too soon,
8 and we acknowledge the ongoing grief of their
9 families and loved ones.

10 We must also continue to pay tribute to the
11 first responders, rescue workers, and everyday New
12 Yorkers who ran towards danger to save lives. Twenty-
13 four years later, many are still suffering from life-
14 threatening illnesses from being exposed to toxins,
15 so we must continue to support them by ensuring they
16 receive the care they deserve.

17 This year, the Council passed a Resolution, led
18 by Council Member Gale Brewer, to direct an
19 investigation into what information mayoral
20 administrations knew about the environmental risks
21 caused by the attacks at the World Trade Center site.
22 Through this commitment and action, we can honor
23 their sacrifice and continue to heal from this
24 tragedy.

1 September 15th marks the start of Hispanic
2 Heritage Month, during which we uplift the
3 contributions and achievements of Latino communities
4 across the country. New York is home to 2.5 million
5 Latino residents of diverse backgrounds, cultures,
6 and traditions. We also recognize the groundbreaking
7 Latino leaders in this body who continue to serve
8 this city with great dedication.

9 I also want to wish a Happy Independence Day to
10 our Costa Rican, Honduran, Salvadoran, and Guatemalan
11 communities who are celebrating on September 15th.

12 We also wish a happy Mexican Independence Day
13 on the 16th, Chile Independence Day on the 18th, and
14 Belize Independence Day on the 21st.

15 September is National Sickle Cell Awareness
16 Month. Sickle cell disease is the most common
17 inherited blood disorder in the United States and
18 disproportionately affects African Americans. I am
19 proud that this council has enacted important
20 legislation to create guidance to educate medical
21 professionals and the public on detecting and
22 managing sickle cell disease.

23 Last year, we also enacted a bill to require
24 reporting on sickle cell disease for public school
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1 students so that we can promote better health
2 outcomes for our students. Together, we will continue
3 to support New Yorkers who have sickle cell disease
4 and their families.
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6 September is also Suicide Prevention Month. As
7 our city continues to grapple with a mental health
8 crisis, it's important that New Yorkers know where to
9 go for support and treatment. NYC Well counselors are
10 available 24/7 in over 200 languages, and you can
11 always call 888-NYC-Well or 988 The Suicide and
12 Crisis Lifeline for help.

13 Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, starts on
14 the evening of September 22nd through September 24th.
15 I want to wish everyone a sweet, peaceful, and
16 prosperous New Year—Shana Tovah to all New Yorkers
17 who are celebrating.

18 Finally, please join me in wishing a happy
19 birthday to Council Member Kamilla Hanks, whose
20 birthday was on September 4th. (APPLAUSE) Council
21 Member Gale Brewer, whose birthday was on the 6th.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I hate birthdays!

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: (LAUGHS) Whoop, whoop!

24 (APPLAUSE) Council Member Sandra Ung, who celebrated
25 yesterday. (APPLAUSE) And Council Member Jennifer

1 Gutiérrez, whose birthday is coming up on the 14th!
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3 (APPLAUSE) Happy Birthday, September.

4 Now, let's move on to our Stated Agenda.

5 First, we'll vote on the following Land Use
6 items:

7 Ocean Crest Technical Correction will amend a
8 previously approved Article XI tax exemption to
9 correct an error regarding the subject property block
10 and lot information in Majority Whip Brooks-Powers'
11 district.

12 5602-5604 Broadway Rezoning will facilitate the
13 redevelopment of a pre-existing property in Council
14 member Denowitz's district into a 13-story, 226-unit,
15 100% affordable residential building under HPD's ELLA
16 program.

17 The Council will disapprove Cozy Corner Bar's
18 application for a revocable consent to operate a
19 sidewalk café in Council Member Holden's District.

20 Next, we'll vote on the following Finance
21 items:

22 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by
23 Council Member Justin Brannan, would establish a new
24 40-year Article VI tax exemption for 28 lots in the
25 districts of Council Members Stevens and Sanchez.

2 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by
3 Council Member Brannan, would establish a new 40-year
4 Article XI tax exemption for five lots in Council
5 Member Sanchez's district.

6 And a Preconsidered Resolution, also sponsored
7 by Council Member Justin Brannan, would establish a
8 new 40-year Article XI tax exemption for five lots in
9 Council Member Sanchez's district.

10 Today we will vote on the following
11 legislation:

12 Resolution 362-A, sponsored by Council Member
13 Erik Bottcher, calling on the New York State
14 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,
15 A.701/S.988, the Social Worker Workforce Act. Thank
16 you to our staff members, Aminta Kilawan, Nina
17 Rosenberg, and Justin Campos.

18 Introduction 1258-A, sponsored by Council
19 Member Crystal Hudson, would require the Department
20 of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a procedure
21 to request correction of the sex designation on a
22 death record and post an application form and
23 instructions for making such a request on its
24 website.

1 Introduction 867-A, sponsored by Majority
2 Leader Amanda Farias, would ban the sale and
3 distribution of menstrual or intimate care products
4 that contain intentionally added harmful ingredients
5 listed on packaging labeled, including chemicals and
6 fragrance. Thank you to our staff members, Julia
7 Goldsmith Pinkham and Katie Salina.
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9 Introduction 751-B, sponsored by Council Member
10 Jennifer Gutiérrez, would require an agency or office
11 designated by the Mayor to develop and maintain a
12 residential fire emergency response guide for
13 individuals affected or displaced by a residential
14 fire. Thank you to our staff members, Josh Kingsley
15 and William Hongach.

16 Introduction 791-A, sponsored by Council Member
17 Lincoln Restler, would require the Department of
18 Social Services to post on its website the total
19 number and percentage of all supportive housing units
20 in the city that are vacant, as well as the number of
21 vacant units at different stages in the placement
22 process.

23 Introduction 1175-A, sponsored by Council
24 Member Julie Menin, would require the Office to End
25 Domestic and Gender Based Violence to establish a

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2 program subject to appropriation to provide income-
3 eligible domestic violence survivors with both brief
4 legal assistance and full legal representation
5 throughout a divorce proceeding.

6 In fiscal year 2026, this Council allocated
7 \$1.3 million to launch this critical initiative. It
8 is not enough for us just to acknowledge and talk
9 about survivors of crime, but actually invest in
10 their safety and well-being.

11 Introduction 20-A, sponsored by Council Member
12 Gale Brewer, would require the Delivery Worker
13 Bicycle Safety Course developed by the Department of
14 Transportation to cover the safe and lawful operation
15 of powered bicycles, as well as lithium-ion battery
16 and charging safety. A third-party food delivery
17 service could have their license suspended or revoked
18 for failing to provide bicycle safety equipment
19 identification or retro-reflective apparel to their
20 delivery workers. This bill builds on the Council's
21 efforts to advance a sustainable delivery sector and
22 address concerns related to delivery app services and
23 workers. Thank you to our staff members, Sarah Swaine
24 and Natalie Meltzer.

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2 We'll also vote on several bills that were
3 recommended by the Independent Rikers Commission in
4 their blueprint to close Rikers. These legislative
5 solutions will help improve access to mental health
6 care, reduce recidivism, and ensure coordinated
7 leadership to reduce case delays and the inflated
8 jail population. They also follow key investments the
9 Council secured in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget to
10 advance the closure of Rikers:

11 Introduction 1238-A, sponsored by Council
12 Member Gutiérrez, would require the Department of
13 Correction to ensure all persons in custody with a
14 pending criminal proceeding have the technology
15 necessary to securely receive and review case
16 evidence via a department-issued tablet or through
17 access provided in the Law Library.

18 Introduction 1240-A, sponsored by Council
19 Member Rita Joseph, would require the Mayor's Office
20 of Criminal Justice, upon request of a person in
21 custody or their attorney, to conduct a holistic
22 needs assessment when one is required for acceptance
23 into a court-based alternative to incarceration
24 program.

1 Introduction 1242-A, sponsored by Council
2 Member Sandy Nurse, would require the establishment
3 of an Office of Coordinator for Rikers Island Closure
4 and the establishment of a Coordinator for Borough-
5 based Jail transition within DOC. Together, they will
6 be responsible for coordinating actions and policies
7 by agencies with a role in the closure of Rikers
8 Island. Thank you to our staff members, Jeremy
9 Whiteman and Natalie Meltzer.
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11 Finally, we will be overriding Mayor Adams'
12 vetoes of three bills that support and protect our
13 city's workers, entrepreneurs, and immigrant
14 communities. This legislation advances policies and
15 protections for working-class New Yorkers who power
16 our neighborhoods and economy, including the growing
17 delivery sector. Despite his own administration
18 negotiating on and supporting these bills, Mayor
19 Adams has chosen to abandon working people and
20 disregard the work of his own staff to leave working-
21 class New Yorkers vulnerable to continued
22 exploitation and Trump's extreme agenda that betrays
23 them.
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2 First are the bills that advance a sustainable
3 delivery sector that Mayor Adams has claimed to be a
4 priority, but his vetoes undermine:

5 Introduction 1133-A, sponsored by Council
6 Member Gutiérrez, would extend the same wage and
7 workplace protection that food delivery workers enjoy
8 to all contracted grocery delivery workers who are
9 integral to the delivery sector. These protections
10 include requirements for providing transparent
11 information, access to bathrooms, distribution of
12 fire safety materials, and insulated delivery bags.

13 This bill would also require DCWP to study
14 working conditions and determine a minimum pay rate
15 for contracted delivery workers.

16 Introduction 1135-A, sponsored by Council
17 Member Sandy Nurse, would require third-party grocery
18 delivery services to pay their delivery workers a
19 minimum pay rate that would meet or exceed that set
20 by DCWP.

21 When the law establishing minimum standards for
22 food delivery workers went into effect, it did not
23 meaningfully increase food costs for customers. These
24 businesses have since grown, experiencing their
25 highest consumer spending in the first quarter of

2 this year. These laws simply ensure that the workers
3 who are the foundation of this industry are paid fair
4 wages that sustain the sector in our city.

5 And Introduction 47-B, sponsored by Council
6 Member Shekar Krishnan, and recommended by the
7 Administration's own Street Vendor Advisory Board,
8 would remove the excessive criminal misdemeanor
9 penalties for general vendors and mobile food
10 vendors.

11 Contrary to the Mayor's false claims, vendors
12 who operate without a license could still be subject
13 to violations, fines, or civil penalties. By removing
14 misdemeanor criminal penalties, this bill ensures New
15 Yorkers will not have their access to education,
16 housing, or jobs blocked or become targets of the
17 Trump administration for simply trying to make a
18 living and feed their families. Thank you to our
19 staff members, Sarah Swaine and Natalie Meltzer.

20 Thank you, colleagues, for your attention. And
21 I turn it back over to our Majority Leader.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Speaker
23 Adams.

24 We will now move into Discussion of General
25 Orders, and I'd like to first recognize Council

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2 Member Nurse, followed by Council Member Menin, then
3 Council Member Cabán.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you, Majority
5 Leader. Today is a clear indictment of Mayor Adams
6 and his failure to stand up for working New Yorkers.
7 I'm proud to be here, overriding his veto of my bill,
8 Intro 1135.

9 Introduction 1135 is simple. It requires a
10 minimum wage for 20,000 grocery delivery app workers.
11 All we're asking for is \$21.00 an hour, which is
12 barely enough to survive in the city. But even that
13 was too much for a \$13 billion company, and the Mayor
14 sided with them. He has abandoned working people and
15 immigrant workers.

16 We're also passing the first wave of bills from
17 the Lippman Commission, including my Introduction
18 1242-A, which creates an office to coordinate the
19 transition from Rikers to borough-based jails and
20 move us toward a renewable Rikers.

21 Forty-five people have died at Rikers under
22 this administration, five in just the last two weeks.
23 These deaths are not inevitable. They are the result
24 of a mayor who refuses to act, and we cannot continue
25 to have negligent deaths on our watch.

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2 This bill will finally force the coordination
3 and planning that we have been asking for, and that
4 is urgently needed to close Rikers. I want to thank
5 my staff, Ryan and Patricia, the Criminal Justice
6 Committee staff, the Lippman Commission, and Speaker
7 Adams. I urge my colleagues to vote yes on both.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
9 Member Menin, followed by Council Member Cabán, then
10 Council Member Gutiérrez.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Thank you so much,
12 Majority Leader.

13 I'm thrilled today that we're going to be
14 voting on my bill, Introduction 1175, which would
15 create a program to provide free legal counsel to
16 income-eligible victims of domestic violence.

17 This new Right to Counsel program will help
18 survivors of domestic violence with complex divorce
19 filings, legal costs, and voluminous discovery
20 demands.

21 This is truly an issue of equity, of fairness,
22 of financial empowerment, and honestly about public
23 safety, because it will help up to 800 low-income
24 survivors of domestic violence have the resources
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2 they need to obtain an attorney and to be educated on
3 their legal rights and a divorce proceeding.

4 The Women's caucus fought tirelessly for this.
5 It succeeded in getting approximately \$2 million in
6 the latest budget, so that a new Right to Counsel
7 could be implemented for domestic violence survivors
8 with divorce proceedings.

9 I want to thank all the members of the Women's
10 Caucus. I want to thank the Speaker for her support
11 of this. And I want to thank the Deputy Speaker as
12 well for her support and our Executive Director,
13 Thamar Ferdinand, for her efforts. And I also want to
14 thank the drafter of the bill, Jessie Foong, and
15 Policy Analyst Penina Rosenberg, for their work on
16 the bill. Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
18 Member Cabán, followed by Council Member Gutiérrez,
19 and Council Member Brewer.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you. I want to take
21 my time to address two of the things that I have been
22 hearing from folks who oppose the bills that are up
23 for a veto override, which support low-wage workers
24 who are trying to survive in the city.

1 One, that they hurt small businesses and are to
2 blame for our high grocery prices. Street vendors,
3 who are our smallest of small businesses, are not the
4 enemy of micro businesses or moms and pops or vice
5 versa. Just like delivery workers are not the enemies
6 of grocery shoppers. Their living wage is not the
7 reason for the hikes in your grocery prices. The \$40
8 million CEO salary of DoorDash might be, though. Big
9 businesses and their greed, corporations and their
10 greed are the true enemy of both, making it
11 impossible for so many people to get by in the city.

12 And the other is that, you know, the talk about
13 vending being out of control and that criminal
14 penalties are the only way. Let's talk about what's
15 at stake for these largely immigrant workers. Now
16 more than ever, we have to protect our neighbors. We
17 have a ramped-up deportation agenda. We have a
18 Supreme Court that just ruled that law enforcement
19 can racially profile. The impact of this is
20 incredibly cruel.

21 Civil fines remain. They're there. And yes,
22 there is work we certainly need to do in our
23 communities, and we have a responsibility to do that
24 as municipal elected officials.
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2 But I'm going to put my lawyer hat on here for
3 a second. I represented Street vendors for years in
4 the Criminal Court. Neighbors who had no other way to
5 put food on their table than work that made sure that
6 we had food on our tables, too.

7 You could have your criminal case dismissed,
8 and the simple fact that the arrest and prosecution
9 exist could be enough to trigger and complete removal
10 proceedings, tearing families apart. That is what's
11 at stake.

12 And I will say, as it relates to the Mayor, it
13 is really, really rich for Mr. "I'm a working class
14 mayor," to continue to side with Trump and his
15 deportation agenda and big businesses' attempt to
16 build their already filthy wealth on the backs of
17 workers. And so I hope that I implore my colleagues
18 (TIMER) to vote in favor of the override, thank you.

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
20 Member Gutiérrez, followed by Council Member Brewer,
21 then Council Member Restler.

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

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2 Today, we're passing two bills that get to the
3 heart of what government is supposed to do: make our
4 systems more just, more transparent, and more humane.

5 First Introduction 1238, People held in our
6 city jails are too often denied access to the
7 evidence that will decide their future. The Rikers
8 Commission, which did the hard, honest and painful
9 work of exposing the failures on Rikers, told us this
10 was one of the biggest gaps we needed to fix.

11 With this bill, we make sure people can finally
12 review their case files on secure tablets. If
13 technology can deliver takeout to your doorstep in
14 minutes, it can certainly deliver the documents that
15 determine someone's freedom.

16 Second Introduction 751, part of our Back Home
17 package. When a fire or disaster forces families out
18 of their homes, the chaos is overwhelming. The last
19 thing people need in that moment is to be left in the
20 dark about where to go or how to get help. This bill
21 guarantees that tenants will have immediate, clear
22 information on the resources that are available to
23 them right there at their scene, on a flyer, or,
24 excuse me, with a QR code on an FDNY engine.

2 It's a simple step, but one that can make a
3 world of a difference in a family's hardest hour.

4 I'd like to spend the last few seconds echoing
5 what so many of my colleagues have said already about
6 the vote that will override the mayor's veto.

7 But I'll say it in Spanish. (SPEAKING FOREIGN
8 LANGUAGE) Hope that we can be successful today.
9 (TIMER) And that's it. Thank you so much. My time's
10 up. Thank you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
12 Member Brewer, followed by Council Member Restler,
13 then Council Member Sanchez.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you.

15 Introduction 20-A is a straightforward traffic
16 and pedestrian safety bill related to commercial
17 bicycle deliveries.

18 I feel strongly that third-party delivery
19 services such as DoorDash, Uber Eats, and others
20 should be accountable for street and pedestrian
21 safety. They have not been up to now. Passing 20-A is
22 a victory.

23 It's hard to regulate the app industry. App
24 officials and lobbyists use dirty tricks to thwart
25 our work to hold them accountable. I am proud to

1 stand up to them, and I thank my co-sponsors for
2 doing the same.

3 § 10-157 of the Administrative Code, which is
4 bicycles used for commercial purposes, already
5 imposes a number of safety regulations on businesses
6 and workers that use bicycles for delivery, such as
7 mandating a commercial cyclist safety course for
8 workers. The trouble is that third-party delivery
9 services claim they are exempt because their workers
10 are independent contractors. I disagree.

11 The bill does four things:

12 One, make simple updates to § 10-157 to clarify
13 that all businesses and workers using bicycles for
14 commercial purposes must follow existing safety
15 regulations.

16 Number two, it adds safe and lawful operation
17 of powered bicycles and lithium-ion batteries to the
18 commercial bicycle safety course administered by the
19 Department of Transportation.

20 Number three, it eliminates existing language
21 in § 10-157 that allows the Police Department to
22 access bicycle delivery workers' personal
23 information. It will be stored nowhere except the
24 DOT, and it will be impossible to trace.

2 Number four, it creates a mechanism for
3 enforcement through stronger penalties for repeat
4 violations of current and, importantly, future
5 regulations on the apps.

6 Thank you to Sam Goldsmith from my office,
7 Sarah Swaine from the Legislative Division, and
8 everyone else who helped: (TIMER) the Department of
9 Consumer Worker Protection, DOT, Workers Justice
10 Project, New York Immigration Coalition, and
11 Transportation Alternatives. Thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
13 Member Restler, followed by Council Member Sanchez,
14 then Council Member Salaam.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Thank you, Madam
16 Majority Leader.

17 I firstly just want to commend my colleagues on
18 the overriding of these mayoral vetoes today on these
19 critically important bills to protect immigrant
20 neighbors and workers in New York City.

21 I would like to just speak briefly on
22 Introduction 791, which we're hoping to pass today.

23 There are 5,000 vacant supportive housing
24 units in New York City tonight. It's two and a half
25 times as much as when Eric Adams came into office.

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2 It's getting worse by the week. It's disgraceful.
3 There's a similar number of people sleeping in our
4 streets, sleeping in our subways, suffering with
5 mental illness, who desperately need a home with on-
6 site social services.

7 We know supportive housing is the evidence-
8 based, cost-effective solution to chronic
9 homelessness. And yet, due to rank incompetence, we
10 let these thousands and thousands and thousands of
11 units sit vacant. It's just disgraceful.

12 So this bill will finally bring some real
13 oversight and accountability to our supportive
14 housing and a patchwork of programs, and provide one
15 simple dashboard that provides real-time data for
16 exactly where the vacancies are in our supportive
17 housing system, so we can connect every homeless New
18 Yorker in need to the housing that they deserve.

19 It's just embarrassing that we have 5,000
20 vacant supportive housing units, 6,000 vacant NYCHA
21 units. We could be housing 20,000 New Yorkers in need
22 in the housing they deserve. But the failures of the
23 Adams administration are too many to count.

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2 This is a step in the direction of how we
3 can fix it, and I hope you all will join me in
4 supporting Introduction 791 today. Thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing...

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: And can I just thank my
7 Chief of Staff, Molly Haley, who did a great job on
8 this bill—and Carin Clary, who helped us. She used
9 to work for city government; she's now at the Kennedy
10 Institute at Harvard. And she helped us come up with
11 the idea. We modeled this after great work in San
12 Francisco (TIMER) that successfully drove down
13 supportive vacancies there. Thank you, sorry.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
15 Member Sanchez, followed by Council Member Salaam,
16 then Council Member Joseph.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you, Majority
18 Leader.

19 I want to begin with a big thank you, massive
20 thank you to Speaker Adams for ensuring that this
21 council continues to lead with our hearts and our
22 values as a city of immigrants.

23 The Trump deportation machine is ripping
24 families apart at our daycares, our schools, and in
25 our neighborhoods. And the difficult truth is that

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2 this city we can't do very much about it as a
3 municipality. Except for this:

4 Introduction 47 is the urgent step that we can
5 take right now. By eliminating misdemeanor criminal
6 penalties for vending, we can reduce harmful
7 interactions with law enforcement and protect
8 immigrant vendors from being criminalized and having
9 the long-term consequences of this criminalization.

10 Mayor Adams' veto of Introduction 47 is an
11 action to make life even harder for these immigrant
12 New Yorkers who are simply trying to make an honest
13 living and provide for their families.

14 As a daughter and the granddaughter of street
15 vendors, this struggle is personal to me. I've heard
16 a lot of arguments from different colleagues and
17 members of the public that the entire vending system
18 is broken. I agree. That is why we have other
19 legislation that is attempting to fix it by expanding
20 access to licenses and strengthening enforcement—
21 Introduction 431 attempts to do that.

22 But today is about what we can do immediately
23 to protect New Yorkers. The Council's Street Vending
24 Reform Package is one of the few real pathways that
25 we have here as Council members to support immigrant

2 New Yorkers. And that's why I'm going to be proud to
3 support and vote with Council Member Krishnan. And I
4 beseech my colleagues, I beg of you to think about
5 your values, our values as a city of immigrants.
6 Thank you, Majority Leader.

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
8 Member Salaam, followed by Council Member Joseph,
9 then Council Member Krishnan.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Thank you, Majority
11 Leader, and thank you to our Speaker.

12 I stand with this body to override the Mayor's
13 veto on Introduction 47, sponsored by Council Member
14 Shekar Krishnan, because this legislation is about
15 protecting almost basic human rights, that of life,
16 liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, while ensuring
17 public safety through fairness and dignity.

18 In my district, particularly along 125th Street
19 in Harlem, vendors are the very heartbeat of our
20 community. They are also the eyes and ears, offering
21 an added layer of security and safety. They bring our
22 sidewalks to life, offering cultural resident goods
23 and food that reflects the vibrant identity of
24 Harlem, serving both residents and visitors alike.

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2 These are, in fact, small business owners, many
3 of whom are immigrants, many of whom are people of
4 color who also face challenges in owning their own
5 brick and mortar shops, and who now face the added
6 burden of criminalization simply for trying to earn a
7 living.

8 Introduction 47 corrects this injustice. It
9 removes the threat of criminal penalties for
10 unlicensed vending. While still allowing for civil
11 enforcement that protects our health and safety. It
12 recognizes that the pursuit of happiness cannot exist
13 when people are locked out of licenses by red tape,
14 that the pursuit of liberty is meaningless when an
15 immigrant mother risks deportation for selling
16 churros on the subway, and that the very pursuit of
17 life is placed at risk when a criminal record blocks
18 access to housing, jobs, and stability.

19 Overriding this veto is not a rejection of
20 order. It's an affirmation of fairness. It is a
21 recognition that public safety is not about
22 punishment. It's about opportunity, it's about
23 dignity, and it's about the freedom to make an honest
24 living.

2 I appreciate the Speaker and this Body for
3 taking this crucial step to override the veto as we
4 work towards uplifting New Yorkers who are working
5 simply to put food on their tables.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
7 Member Joseph, followed by Council Member Krishnan.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you, Majority
9 Leader.

10 My Bill, 1240, requires MOCEJ, upon request of
11 a person in custody or their attorney, to conduct a
12 holistic needs assessment when one is required for
13 acceptance into a court-based alternative to
14 incarceration program.

15 These clinical assessments are to include
16 information on a person's mental health, physical
17 health, intellectual disability, history of trauma,
18 and other conditions or circumstances at the time of
19 the person's arrest.

20 This bill is part of the process to safely
21 reduce the jail population in New York City. We were
22 able to work with the DA's office and the MOCEJ
23 office to get this bill right.

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2 I commend the efforts of everyone involved in
3 getting this overdue bill to the finish line and also
4 in line to close Rikers Island.

5 Thank you, Madam Speaker, for your support in
6 this bill package, and the Chair of the Criminal
7 Justice Committee, Council Member Nurse, thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
9 Member Krishnan.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Thank you so much,
11 Majority Leader.

12 I want to thank Speaker Adams and all the
13 colleagues who have spoken up today and have
14 supported and continue to support Introduction 47-B.

15 Let me just paint the picture here of the
16 context we are in right now. Ten thousand ICE agents
17 have been added to the federal government payroll.
18 There's talk of the National Guard coming from the
19 Trump administration to New York City. And we are
20 hearing the horrific stories coming out of 26 Federal
21 Plaza.

22 Caught in the crosshairs of this perilous
23 moment are our street vendors, 96% of them who are
24 immigrants in New York City. There is no doubt that
25 we need a comprehensive, well-regulated, enforceable

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2 system of street vending in New York City. But it
3 cannot be by putting people in jail simply for
4 selling food to support their families. Those are not
5 our values as a city. There is smart enforcement, and
6 there is harmful enforcement that does nobody any
7 good. This is an example of that. That is why our
8 City Council overwhelmingly passed Introduction 47-B.
9 And that is why I urge all of my colleagues to vote
10 today to override the Mayor's veto.

11 But it's far more in the substance of this bill
12 as well. This is a mayor and an administration that
13 have used the power of the veto more times than any
14 other prior mayor since Mayor Bloomberg, to undermine
15 the work of this City Council consistently.

16 Today, it is this bill. In the past, it has
17 been other pieces of legislation. No doubt in the
18 future, before December, there will be more to come
19 as well.

20 This is a moment for us as a City Council to
21 stand with workers, to stand with immigrants, and to
22 also stand up for us as an institution and to protect
23 the decisions we make and the laws that we enact in
24 this city.

2 I would urge my colleagues to vote in favor of
3 overriding the mayor's veto of Introduction 47-B.
4 Thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Seeing no one else
6 signed to speak--recognizing Council Member Mealy.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Hi, I would just like to
8 say that my colleagues are talking about fairness
9 with Bill 47-B, which we spoke about numerous times.

10 Imagine when the young people—African
11 Americans who have been selling food, selling little
12 things for their team, basketball team. They have
13 been victimized, they've been put in jail. Their
14 record has never been expunged.

15 So I feel that if we're talking about real
16 fairness, let's do something with the police system.
17 We have to think about the owners of the stores that
18 people are standing in front of. They pay light
19 bills, they pay gas bills, they pay overhead costs,
20 and someone comes right outside and sells stuff.

21 So with that, I feel that this bill has not
22 gone far enough for everyone in this city. So I will
23 be voting no on it. And I ask my colleagues to think
24 about that. Veterans have gone to jail. Veterans are
25 still in jail for illegally vending. No one has done

2 anything about that or spoken on that. So with that,
3 I say I will not be voting for the override.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Seeing no one else
5 signed up to speak, Report of Special Committees?

6 CLERK: None.

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Reports of Standing
8 Committees?

9 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Consumer and
10 Worker Protection, Introduction 20-A, bicycle
11 operators.

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

14 CLERK: Introductions 47-B, 1133-A, and 1135-A,
15 vendors and delivery workers.

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Pursuant to Rules 9.10 and 9.60,
17 coupled as a separate question.

18 CLERK: Ms 156,157, and 158.

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled to be Filed.

20 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Criminal
21 Justice, Introduction 1238-A, evidence review
22 technology.

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

2 CLERK: Introduction 1240-A, holistic clinical
3 assessments.

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

6 CLERK: Introduction 1242-A, borough-based
7 jails.

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
9 Orders.

10 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance,
11 Preconsidered LU. 360 and Resolution 1051 through
12 Preconsidered LU 362 and Resolution 1053, tax
13 exemptions.

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

15 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Fire and
16 Emergency Management, Introduction 751-B, emergency
17 response guide.

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

20 CLERK: Report of the Committee on General
21 Welfare, Introduction 791-A, vacant supportive
22 housing units.

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

2 CLERK: Introduction 1175-A, civil legal
3 services.

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

6 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use, LUs
7 347 and 348?

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

11 CLERK: LU 349 and Resolution 1054 and LU 350
12 and Resolution 1055, 5602-5604 Broadway Rezoning.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

14 CLERK: LU 353 and LU 355, 515 7th Avenue.

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

18 CLERK: LU 354 and LU 356, 515 7th Avenue.

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled to be Filed.

20 CLERK: LU 359 and Resolution 1056, Cozy Corner.

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Motion to Disapprove.

22 CLERK: Preconsidered LU 368 and Resolution
23 1057, Ocean Crest Article XI Technical Correction.

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Women and
3 Gender Equity, Introduction 867-A, intimate care
4 products.

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

7 CLERK: Introduction 1258-A, death records.

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
9 Orders.

10 Before we move into the vote on General Orders,
11 we will now consider the three bills vetoed by Mayor
12 Adams. These bills are Introductory Numbers 47-B of
13 2024, 1133-A of 2024, and 1135-A of 2024, out of the
14 Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection.

15 The question before the Council now is, shall
16 three bills pass the objection of the Mayor
17 notwithstanding?

18 I will now call on the Clerk to conduct a roll
19 call vote on the three bills that were vetoed by
20 Mayor Adams.

21 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Permission to vote on
23 items on today's Agenda?

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye on all.

2 CLERK: Thank you.

3 Council Member Abreu?

4 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

5 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

6 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

7 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

8 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Permission to explain my
9 vote?

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

11 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: I'm going to vote aye on
12 all. But I wanted to say for those of you who have
13 concerns about the street vendor over-saturation and
14 the lack of real oversight, that you're correct. You
15 know, we must do better. But I ask you to ask
16 yourselves, if the penalty of an arrest is the
17 fairest way to do this, does the punishment meet the
18 crime? I say that it does not. And I would further
19 add that, as a mother who knows hunger, if I had no
20 other way of making money to feed my children, you'd
21 better believe that I would be out there trying to do
22 that in the most respectable way.

23 I want you to sit on that for a little bit.
24 Because I get it, some of us have districts that are
25 really over-saturated and where there's a lot of

1 chaos, and we're, you know, reform would be a good
2 thing, and I think we can accomplish that. We have a
3 bunch of bills that we are reviewing now that speak
4 to that, but this is something else. This is saying
5 that, you know, if somebody decides to sell, I don't
6 know, tacos or juices in the street, that that person
7 should be arrested. And that arrest record actually
8 has real consequences, because it means that for
9 those individuals who are selling, who are not
10 documented, it also gives the administration more
11 ammunition to start deportation of that person. And I
12 think that is just cruel and inhumane.

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14 So, I vote aye, and I ask my colleagues to
15 please consider that as well.

16 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye.

20 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

22 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye, but I just
24 want to point out that there was a long process of a
25 collaborative—NYPD, stakeholders, city agencies,

1 street vendors, retail food stores, property owners,
2 small businesses, and community organizations. They
3 had 16 recommendations: the de Blasio administration
4 and the Adams Administration. I mean, Mayor says
5 street vendors are an integral part of New York
6 City's economy. "They give communities a unique
7 character, and I'm so thankful for the Street Vendor
8 Advisory Board and their approach to street vending,"
9 said Mayor Adams.
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11 So, I mean, I can change my mind once in a
12 while, but not after a 16-- not after a six-month
13 process, 16 recommendations, and my agencies were a
14 part of. So I do think you have to continue.

15 Now, we do need more enforcement. We need to
16 figure out how these vendors work with brick and
17 mortar. We need to consider it really seriously. But
18 working with the Street Vendor Project, working with
19 the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection,
20 Sanitation, and police, we can do that.

21 I vote aye. I don't change my mind on issues.
22 Thank you.

23 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

24 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Permission to
25 explain my vote?

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

3 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: So I vote aye on
4 all, but I just wanted to echo some of the sentiments
5 about the need to see through a full package that
6 will address a lot of the chronic vendor concerns
7 that we are seeing, particularly in neighborhoods
8 across the city, especially in the outer boroughs.

9 And I look forward to continuing to be a part
10 of that conversation because it's well-needed. And
11 with that, I vote aye.

12 CLERK: Thank you.

13 Council Member Cabán?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.

15 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO RESPONSE)

17 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

19 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

21 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: I vote no on 47-B.

23 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: (NO RESPONSE).

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: And the rest of your
3 vote, Council Member Felder?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Sorry, I vote yes on the
5 other two.

6 CLERK: Thank you.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Thank you.

8 Council Member Feliz?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (ABSENT)

10 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: (ABSENT)

12 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: I proudly vote aye.

14 CLERK: Thank you.

15 Council Member Hanif?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Permission to vote on
17 items on today's Agenda?

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Your vote, Council
21 Member?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: I vote yes.

23 CLERK: Thank you. One moment.

24 Council Member Hanks?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (ABSENT)

2 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: No.

4 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

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

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you.

9 I'd like to be associated with all of my
10 colleagues who've spoken in favor of overriding the
11 veto.

12 And to those who may not necessarily agree with
13 those remarks, I'd like to challenge you to think of
14 this as an exercise in democracy and the balance of
15 power, to think of the City Council as the equal
16 branch of government that it is, and to think of this
17 as a democratic institution that it is.

18 And with that, I vote aye.

19 CLERK: Thank you.

20 Council Member Joseph?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: I vote aye.

22 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

24 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

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CLERK: Council Member Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Marmorato?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote no on all.

CLERK: Council Member Carr?

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I vote aye on 47-B and accompanying 156, and no on the rest.

CLERK: Council Member, could you clarify that we're voting on the 47-B, 1133-A, and 1135-A?

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: We're on the override votes? (CROSS-TALK)

CLERK: At the... At the moment.

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Yes, I'm voting in favor of the override for 47-B, and no on the other two. Does that... (CROSS-TALK)

CLERK: Thank you. Thank you, sir. Thank you.

CLERK: Council Member Marte?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: I vote aye.

CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: May I explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote no on all.

2 And I want to thank all the pastors, 50 or
3 more, who called and emailed and said that their
4 faith calls upon us to defend the dignity of workers
5 and to protect access to life essentials. This
6 legislation threatens both. It risks creating a city
7 where grocery delivery is priced beyond the reach of
8 struggling households, where seniors and families in
9 food deserts face new barriers to basic nutrition,
10 and where small grocers, a vital anchor of our
11 neighborhoods, are pushed closer to closure.

12 And I want just to thank all these pastors who
13 did reach out to me. And they want to protect
14 affordable access to groceries and ensure that
15 delivery remains a tool for empowerment, not
16 inclusion.

17 Thank you. And I vote no on all.

18 (PAUSE)

19 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

21 CLERK: Council Member Morano?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: No on all.

23 (PAUSE)

24 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye on Introduction
3 1133-A and 1135-A, and I abstain on Introduction 47-
4 B.

5 CLERK: Thank you.

6 (PAUSE)

7 CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Permission to explain
9 my vote??

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: This is one of the
12 most difficult decisions I have to make. I'm
13 thinking about the vendors, but I have to think about
14 the small businesses.

15 We all say small businesses are the backbone of
16 our communities, but we need to back up that rhetoric
17 with action. Just this week, I have a Jamaican
18 store/restaurant that is on Avenue L. They have two
19 vendors, one to the left, one to the right. I have a
20 pizzeria. They have (INAUDIBLE) in merchant, I mean
21 vendors, right in front of the stores. And when they
22 ask them to leave, they don't have the right over
23 that. And this is their avenue. That avenue alone,
24 not Rockaway Parkway. Rockaway Parkway? Forget it.
25 They complain every day to me. And Avenue L is where

2 I once ran my own small business and served as the
3 president of the Merchant Association.

4 Today I have to say yes, while I'm thinking
5 about immigration. I'm not naive about what's going
6 on around our country, but the decision has to be
7 balanced. And for me, I wish I could do other--I
8 mean, otherwise. I want to make sure the immigration
9 laws are protected. We need to review that, but I'm
10 wary that moving in criminal penalties will create an
11 environment where vendors multiply, fueling further
12 tension with the very small businesses that employ
13 our neighbors, our friends, our family.

14 We need to keep our corridors alive. We should
15 be developing solutions that lift both up, not
16 pitting— we cannot pit the vendors that come into
17 the front of the stores and the businesses.

18 So we need to do much more to protect both
19 sides and make sure our New York City (TIMER) small
20 businesses remain the backbone of the community
21 because those folks are paying overhead, and it's a
22 problem for both sides. So, I'm gonna say... (CROSS-
23 TALK)

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council member, your
25 time has expired... (CROSS-TALK)

2 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE no to 47-B and yes to
3 the others.

4 (PAUSE)

5 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

7 CLERK: Thank you.

8 (PAUSE)

9 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

10 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: I vote no.

11 (PAUSE)

12 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I vote aye.

14 CLERK: Thank you.

15 Council Member Restler?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

17 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

19 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

21 CLERK: Thank you.

22 Council Member Salamanca?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all, except

24 for 47-B, I vote no.

25 (PAUSE)

2 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

4 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

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

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you.

9 I'm voting aye on all. But what I do want to
10 say is I've heard from a lot of the small businesses
11 in my community, and I don't believe that it should
12 be a criminal offense for somebody who's an illegal
13 vendor.

14 That said, I'm being told that the fines, the
15 civil fines, are very low. I'm having--my staff is
16 doing some research into that, but if they are, I
17 think that this body should consider increasing the
18 fine so that there's some more accountability with
19 this type of situation.

20 So with that, I again vote aye on all.

21 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all

23 (PAUSE)

24 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: I abstain on 47-B and aye
3 on the rest.

4 (PAUSE)

5 (TIMER)

6 (PAUSE)

7 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: No on all.

9 (PAUSE)

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Just a reminder to
11 Members on the floor that we are still live.

12 (PAUSE)

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: We can resume, thank
14 you.

15 CLERK: Thank you.

16 Council Member Williams?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye, except for
18 Introduction 47-B, in which I abstain.

19 CLERK: Thank you.

20 Council Member Won?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: I vote aye. And permission
22 to vote aye on all items on today's Agenda?

23 (PAUSE)

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Did she ask for
25 permission? Permission granted.

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CLERK: Thank you.

CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Ariola?

MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Permission to explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Mayoral veto is an important part of the balance of power in our city, but it is a power that must be used responsibly. While I strongly believe that the veto needs to remain in place, I also believe that this administration has used it more to score political points in an election year than to actually help the people who live and work in this city.

The mayor has had the power to end our sanctuary city status when we were being unsustainably swamped with the humanity of the peak of the migration crisis. He chose not to use it. He had the power to bring back city workers who were forced out of their jobs by an unnecessary vaccine mandate. He chose not to use it. He had the power to make sure our EMS workers were paid a fair wage and

2 that our firehouses were in better shape than a 19th-
3 century tenement. And he chose not to use it.

4 Time and time again, he has had the opportunity
5 to fight for the hard-working people of this city who
6 are trying to eke out a living every single day, but
7 he has chosen to side with the big money, interests,
8 and donors.

9 Now that we are closing in on election time,
10 however, suddenly he cares about working people and
11 veto his veto pen comes out.

12 I strongly believe in checks and balances that
13 make our country and our city great, but I believe
14 that the power of the veto is important. But I also
15 believe that it must be used responsibly and should
16 not be called out harshly when it isn't-- and should
17 be called out harshly when it isn't. Misused by this
18 administration should not mean that the power of the
19 veto is stripped away forever, but it also shouldn't
20 mean that we should turn a blind eye. Therefore, I
21 vote no on override 1135, but yes, 1133 and 47-B.
22 Thank you.

23 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I proudly vote aye on
25 all.

2 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

3 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye on all.

4 (PAUSE)

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: The vote is as follows:

6 Introduction 47-B, 35 in the affirmative, 9 in
7 the negative, and 3 abstentions.

8 Introduction 1133-A, 40 in the affirmative, 7
9 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

10 Introduction 1135-A, 39 in the affirmative, 8
11 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

12 Madam Speaker, the City Council votes to
13 override the Mayor's veto with two-thirds voting in
14 (APPLAUSE) the affirmative.

15 (PAUSE)

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Madam Speaker? Would
17 you like to make a motion on the floor?

18 (PAUSE)

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority Leader.
20 Sinking in. Thank you, colleagues.

21 I now ask the Clerk to take a roll call vote on
22 all of the remaining items on today's General Order
23 Calendar.

24 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: I vote aye on all.

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CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Abreu?

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Ayala?

DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Banks?

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes.

CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Carr?

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: No on Introductions 20-A,
998, and 1240, and aye on the rest.

CLERK: My apologies, Council Member Carr?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: No on Introductions 20-A,
3 998, and 1240, and aye on the rest.

4 CLERK: Thank you.

5 Council Member De La Rosa?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

7 (PAUSE)

8 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

10 CLERK: Thank you.

11 Council Member Felder?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Aye.

13 CLERK: Thank you.

14 (PAUSE)

15 Council Member Feliz?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (ABSENT)

17 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: (ABSENT)

19 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

21 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (ABSENT)

23 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all with the
3 exception of Introduction 20-A, 998, 1240, and 1258-
4 A, of which I vote no.

5 CLERK: Thank you, one moment.

6 (PAUSE)

7 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Permission to explain my
9 vote?

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you.

12 I just want to take a very quick moment to
13 thank my Al Vann Legislative Fellow, Omar Richardson.
14 This is his last Stated Meeting, and he spent the
15 last year serving the constituents of my district in
16 our office. We will miss having him, but I look
17 forward to seeing all that he'll accomplish in the
18 future, including law school.

19 I vote aye. Thank you.

20 (PAUSE)

21 CLERK: Thank you.

22 Council Member Joseph?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

24 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

2 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all, except
4 Resolution 362-A, of which I abstain.

5 CLERK: Thank you.

6 Council Member Louis?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Thank you.

9 (PAUSE)

10 (INAUDIBLE)

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Me?

12 CLERK: One moment.

13 Council Member Marmorato?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Okay, I'm sorry. I
15 vote aye on all, with the exceptions of Introduction
16 20-A, 1240, and 1258-A; I vote no.

17 CLERK: Thank you. Thank you.

18 Council Member Marte?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye on all.

20 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)

22 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

24 CLERK: Council Member Morano?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Aye on all with the
3 exception of Introduction 20-A, 1240, 1258-A, and
4 1242.

5 CLERK: Thank you.

6 Council Member Moya?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye on all.

8 CLERK: Thank you.

9 Council Member Narcisse?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye on all.

11 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

13 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

14 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: I vote aye on all
15 except for 20-A, 1240, 1258-A, 1242, and I believe
16 that covers it, in which I vote no.

17 CLERK: Thank you.

18 (PAUSE)

19 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Just to clarify, I am
21 voting no on Introductions 20-A, 1242-A, and 1240,
22 and aye on the rest.

23 CLERK: Thank you.

24 Council Member Powers?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all.

2 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

4 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

6 CLERK: Thank you.

7 Council Member Holden?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Yeah, a correction on my
9 vote. I am a no on 1242, uh, instead of 998, I am a
10 yes on that.

11 CLERK: Thank you.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: If there is one.

13 CLERK: There's none, there's none, thank you.

14 Council Member Salaam?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye on all.

16 (PAUSE)

17 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote no on 1242,
19 sorry.

20 CLERK: Okay, thank you.

21 Council Member Salamanca?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

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

1 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Sorry?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you, thank you,
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4 Majority Leader.

5 I just want to say thank you to HPD and the
6 three different teams, uh, developer teams that we
7 worked with on Article XIs this cycle, Mid Bronx
8 Desperados, Highbridge, Community Housing Corp, and
9 Sycamore Birch. They worked with our office for
10 months and months to reform their proposals to
11 accomplish deeper affordability levels and more
12 family-sized units, as is our priority for our
13 community.

14 And I also want to shout out our Al Vann
15 Fellow, Carla Dominguez, who's phenomenally organized
16 and was just such an asset to our team this year.
17 We're going to miss you. You're amazing, and I can't
18 wait to see what comes next. Thank you, Madam Chair,
19 Madam Leader.

20 (PAUSE)

21 CLERK: Thank you.

22 Council Member Schulman?

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

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Granted.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you.

3 I just wanted to thank my Legislative Fellow,

4 Abigail Zucker, who this would be her last Stated.

5 And she's been a tremendous help in the office with a

6 number of different things, and I wish her good luck

7 with her future. And with that, I vote aye on all.

8 (PAUSE)

9 CLERK: Thank you.

10 Council Member Stevens?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

14 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all except no

16 on Introduction 20-A, 1240, 1258-A, and 1242.

17 CLERK: Thank you.

18 Council Member Williams?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

20 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

21 (PAUSE)

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

23 CLERK: Thank you.

24 Council Member Ariola?

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2 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: With the exception of
3 20-A, 1240, 1258-A, and 1242-A, on which I vote no, I
4 vote aye on all the rest.

5 CLERK: Thank you.

6 Council Member Fariás?

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.

8 (PAUSE)

9 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye on all.

11 (PAUSE)

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All items on today's
13 General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 46 in
14 the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0
15 abstentions, with the exception of:

16 Introduction 20-A, which was adopted by a vote
17 of 39 in the affirmative, 7 in the negative, and 0
18 abstentions.

19 Introduction 1240 and 1242, which were adopted
20 by a vote of 39 in the affirmative, 7 in the
21 negative, and 0 abstentions.

22 Introduction 1258-A, which was adopted by a
23 vote of 41 in the affirmative, 5 in the negative, and
24 0 abstentions.

We will now move to Introduction and Reading of Bills.

SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been referred to the Committees as indicated on today's Agenda.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you.

We will now move into Discussion of Resolutions, and I would like first to recognize Council Member Schulman, followed by Council Member Sanchez, then Council Member Vernikov.

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Is this General Discussion or is this Resolutions?

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: This is-- Oh, I'm so sorry, folks, Discussion of Resolutions. It's been a long day.

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: I'm the other General Discussion... (CROSS-TALK)

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Seeing no one signed up for Discussion of Resolutions, as I scan the room, we will now have a voice vote on today's Resolution.

If you wish to vote against or abstain from today's Resolution, please notify the Legislative Documents Unit by e-mail or by approaching the dais.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Sit down, please.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I will now read today's
3 Resolution into the record.

4 Resolution 362-A calls on the New York State
5 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,
6 A.701/S.988, the Social Worker Workforce Act.

7 Will all those in favor say aye?

8 ALL: Aye.

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

10 ALL: (SILENT)

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

12 ALL: (SILENT)

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

14 We will now move into General Discussion. And I
15 would like to recognize Council Member Schulman,
16 (BACKGROUND NOISE) followed by Council Member
17 Sanchez, then Council Member Vernikov.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you, Madam
19 Majority Leader.

20 In August, New York City faced its first major
21 Legionnaires' disease cluster in about 10 years.
22 Legionnaires' disease is a serious and sometimes
23 deadly illness that is caused by bacteria often found
24 in cooling towers when they are not properly
25 maintained. Each outbreak puts lives at risk,

1 especially those of older adults, immunocompromised
2 individuals, and those with underlying conditions.

3 Today, I'm proud to introduce Introduction
4 1390, legislation that will strengthen New York
5 City's cooling tower inspection requirements. This
6 bill would require building owners to test and
7 inspect cooling towers at least every 30 days during
8 periods of operation and more frequently if our city
9 experiences a heat-related emergency.
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11 Our responsibility is to take every measure
12 possible to prevent these outbreaks before they
13 occur. By ensuring more regular testing and
14 inspections, particularly during extreme heat events
15 when cooling towers are most in use, we will better
16 protect the health and safety of New Yorkers. As
17 Chair of the Committee on Health, I look forward to
18 working with my colleagues and the Administration to
19 advance this bill swiftly so that no family has to
20 worry about whether the building they live in or walk
21 past is putting them at risk. Thank you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
23 Member Vernikov, followed by Council Member Morano,
24 then Minority Leader Ariola.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Thank you.

1 Less than two hours ago, we got news of the
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3 horrific shooting of Charlie Kirk, who was shot while
4 speaking on a college campus in Utah today. It has
5 now been confirmed that he has passed. May his memory
6 be a blessing.

7 Charlie was a star of the conservative movement
8 and a young, tenacious voice who unapologetically
9 fought for common sense during a time where extremism
10 ruled. Today, that voice was silenced by senseless,
11 despicable political violence.

12 We saw in high definition the real-life
13 consequences of extremist rhetoric infecting our
14 society. What we say in these chambers and in the
15 media is not isolated. It has consequences. The
16 dehumanization of public figures has enormous
17 consequences. Now a wife is left without a husband,
18 and two children are without their father. Something
19 is deeply wrong in America today.

20 May Charlie rest in peace. Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Before moving on to
22 other Council Members, I'd like to read a vote
23 revision into the record on Introduction 1258-A,
24 which was adopted by a vote 40 in the affirmative,
25 6 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

Now recognizing Council Member Morano.

(PAUSE)

COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: (NO RESPONSE)

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Council Member Morano?

COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Thank you. Sorry.

I had intended to speak about the legislation that I'm introducing to make the Staten Island flag official, something that I still believe is a great way to honor the 400th Anniversary of New York City, which we're commemorating this year. I even brought each of you a lapel pin with the flags of the United States, New York State, and New York City, all of which are already official. I was going to leave them at each of your desks. But the Sergeant at Arms told me I couldn't hand out anything on the floor. They didn't tell me right away, of course. They asked for a pin first, and then told me (LAUGHS), which I was only happy to give them. But if anyone still wants a pin that I didn't get to, I'm happy to give you one. I have a few.

But I can't let this moment pass. As my colleague, Council Member Vernikov, alluded to, without addressing what happened today.

1 The shooting of Charlie Kirk is an attack not
2 just on one person, but on the very idea that we
3 resolve our differences peacefully. Right before this
4 meeting, I saw two of my colleagues, Council Member
5 Ossé and Council Member Paladino, who are about as
6 far apart politically as you can get and still be on
7 the same planet, uh, talk about how-- they were
8 speaking together, about how unacceptable this is.
9 And that image of two people with very different
10 ideologies standing united against political violence
11 is exactly the message we need to send. And it's
12 fitting that that conversation happened in these
13 chambers because 22 years ago, right here, Councilman
14 James Davis was assassinated by someone who didn't
15 understand what Council Members Ossé and Paladino
16 understand—that we debate here with words, not
17 weapons.

18 Tomorrow happens to be September 11th, a day
19 that reminds us of how tragedy once brought Americans
20 together. Let's not wait for another tragedy to find
21 that spirit again. Let's honor the people we lost by
22 committing to courage (TIMER) without cruelty,
23 passion without hate, and debate without destruction.
24 Thank you.
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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Minority
3 Leader Ariola.

4 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Initially, I was
5 getting up to speak about 9/11, which is the 24th
6 anniversary of 9/11 this month. And you know, it is a
7 very solemn day for our city. Our city has come back
8 stronger, and we're happy for that. And I know there
9 will be many different memorial services, whether in
10 the city or in our districts. And I know that we'll
11 all be attending these memorials.

12 I want to make it clear that we must never
13 forget. And the reason is that we must share the
14 history with our children and our grandchildren. And
15 the reason why I know so much about World War I and
16 II and the Vietnam War, and all the conflicts, is
17 because we spoke about it at the dinner table, and we
18 were made aware of it. And that's why I will never
19 forget the bombing of Pearl Harbor or any of the
20 other tragic things that happen during war.

21 So, it is a solemn day, and my prayers go out
22 to those who lost their lives that day, their
23 families that still mourn them, and those who have
24 lost their lives since.

2 I'd also just like to mention about Charlie
3 Kirk, no matter what your politics, political beliefs
4 are, or your ideology, two children lost their father
5 today, and that we cannot condone. I pray for the
6 Kirk family and for the people across this entire
7 nation. Across this country, people need to wake up
8 and learn to engage without name-calling, debate
9 without labeling, and actually make an effort to
10 understand the other side. This is a tragedy, and I
11 can only hope it initiates much-needed change and
12 discussion. We need to end the rhetoric on both
13 sides. Thank you.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Minority
15 Whip Paladino.

16 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: It's a humbling moment
17 when we start to see the flaws in each other and try
18 to understand each other.

19 I've been in these Chambers now for close to
20 four years. I'm very proud of what we do here. But
21 I'm even prouder of our differences, because most
22 sentences start with, "You like Paladino?" "How do
23 you like... how do you get along with her, like,
24 what's she about?" And it's through those words that
25 I find it even more important to define who I am,

2 most of you know, and to figure out who all of you
3 are, and I think we've accomplished a great deal in
4 getting to know each other better. Because I always
5 say a kind heart, a bright smile, and a warm
6 handshake make all the difference in the world.

7 Today we suffered a loss in the Conservative
8 movement, a young, young man, 31 years old, was shot
9 and killed, all because, and we're going to find this
10 all out, so it's really not speculation, it's about
11 political differences.

12 We are all at the end of a gun, so to speak.
13 Because we dare not speak out. But I don't do that.
14 And I believe that we all stand very firm in our
15 cause, one that we all believe in, and that's
16 freedom, freedom of speech. Freedom to say what you
17 think. And stand by it. But also to build bridges so
18 that together we could stand united. Because if we
19 don't stand united, divided we will surely fall.

20 And that's what I'd like to say today. Thank
21 you very much, everybody. Thank you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
23 Member Banks.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Thank you, Madam Majority
25 Leader.

1 Today, I'm introducing Introduction 1373, which
2 calls on the Department of DCAS to conduct a study
3 addressing the feasibility of creating a
4 reimbursement program for the civil service
5 applicants who did not receive an employment offer
6 before their eligible list number expired.

7 The inspiration for this legislation came from
8 a constituent who visited my office seeking help
9 after being denied the opportunity to move forward on
10 the FDNY's hiring process.

11 I want to take the remainder of my time to
12 recognize and pay tribute to my scheduler, Deedra
13 Cheatham, who sadly passed away over the weekend.
14 It's hard to sit here and read this, but I felt it
15 was important to honor her for the great work she did
16 for the constituents of the 33rd and the 42nd Council
17 District.

18 Deedra was a fighter passionate about so many
19 causes, including bringing awareness to domestic
20 violence survivors, autism awareness, and resources,
21 a fierce education advocate, and more.

22 During her time in the Council, she worked for
23 former Council Member Steve Levin until he was term-
24 limited, where she helped countless people stay in
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1 their homes, get the necessary resources, and more.
2 That same fight she brought with her to my office,
3 and to say I was impressed was an understatement.
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5 Just recently, on two separate occasions, I had
6 a constituent call into the office, and one even
7 pulled me aside at a back-to-school event to share
8 how much Deedra's hard work ethic and passion had
9 impacted their lives—whether it was helping them
10 stay in their apartments or securing One-Shot Deals
11 they had been previously denied in the past.

12 Deedra was everything you could ask for as a
13 co-worker—caring, compassionate, and always willing
14 to give good counsel.

15 I, along with everyone in the 42nd Council
16 District, am deeply grateful for all (TIMER) that has
17 been done for us.

18 To Deedra's son and daughter, I'm sorry, but
19 please know that I will always be there for you both.
20 To her family and friends, and to her coworkers past
21 and present, thank you for loving her and helping
22 shape the incredible woman she became.

23 Deedra, get some rest. You will be missed.

24 Thank you, Madam Majority Leader.
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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Seeing no one else
3 signed up to speak, I will now call on Speaker
4 Adrienne Adams to close today's Stated Meeting.

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you so much, Madam
6 Majority Leader.

7 Before we close, I would like to say thank you
8 to all of my colleagues for their steadfast work
9 today in accomplishing the mayoral overrides.

10 I would also like to associate myself with the
11 comments of Council Member Morano. And thank you for
12 expressing so eloquently the way that we should all
13 feel about this senseless shooting today. It is
14 horrific, and we are all very saddened by it. Thank
15 you so much, Council Member.

16 On a brighter note, I would like to acknowledge
17 that we have been joined this afternoon by the newest
18 addition to the City Council. Our wonderful
19 legislator in chief, Jeff, I will call her Andrea
20 Velasquez, gave birth this afternoon to a beautiful
21 baby, Fiona, 8 lbs. twelve oz. That's a big girl.

22 (APPLAUSE) Andrea, if you're watching, I hope you're
23 not watching, but God bless you. God bless your
24 family. We thank you for your service to this
25 Council.

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Thank you so much colleagues. The Stated Meeting of September 10th, 2025, is hereby adjourned.

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