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B E F O R E: Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker  
Amanda Farías, Majority Leader

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## A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION - Delivered By: Rabbi Aryeh Rockove of  
Congregation Nachlas Avos at 11325 Myrtle Avenue  
in Queens

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone  
3 check for the Stated Meeting on October 10, 2024. We  
4 are located in the Chambers. The recording is done by  
5 Rocco Mesiti.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please.  
7 Ladies and gentlemen, please find your seats. Folks  
8 in the balcony, please find seats. No standing in the  
9 Chambers. Take any conversations outside.

10 Good afternoon. At this time, everyone,  
11 please silence your electronic devices. We have quiet  
12 on the floor.

13 Madam Majority Leader.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Good afternoon,  
15 and welcome to the Stated Meeting of October 10,  
16 2024. I am Majority Leader Amanda Farías, and I'd  
17 like to thank you for joining us.

18 If you would like to follow along, the  
19 agenda for today's meeting is posted on our website.

20 On behalf of the Body, I welcome the  
21 members of the public who have joined us today.  
22 During Stated Meetings, only members of the Council  
23 may speak. Members of the public shall remain silent.  
24 If you wish to express your support of any remarks,  
25 you may make the silent approval gesture.

2 I want to remind my colleagues that  
3 decorum is to be respected at all times. Insulting  
4 each other is not appropriate. All remarks are to be  
5 addressed to the Chair, and Members shall not speak  
6 unless recognized by the Chair. It is essential that  
7 even if we disagree, we treat each other with  
8 respect.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Please join us for the  
10 Pledge of Allegiance.

11 COUNCIL MEMBERS: (Pledge of Allegiance)

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Roll call.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Abreu.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ariola.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Present.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Avilés.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presente.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Here.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Banks. Bottcher.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Here.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brannan.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brooks-Powers.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabán.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Carr.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Here.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: De La Rosa.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dinowitz.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Feliz. Gennaro.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gutiérrez.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presente.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanif.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanks.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Hudson.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Joseph.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Here.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Krishnan.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lee.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Marmorato.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Marte.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Here.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy. Menin.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Narcisse.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Nurse. Ossé.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Paladino. Powers.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Present.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Restler.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Riley.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Salaam.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanchez.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Schulman.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Stevens.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ung.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vernikov. Williams.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Present.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Won.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Yeger. Zhuang.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Here.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Borreli. Nurse. Farías.

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Present.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Banks.



2 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Present.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Adams.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. We

6 will now have today's invocation, which will be

7 delivered by Rabbi Aryeh Rockove of Congregation

8 Nachlas Avos, which is located at 11325 Myrtle Avenue

9 in Queens.

10 RABBI ARYEH ROCKOVE: Speaker Adrienne

11 Adams, Council Member Lynn Schulman, I'm humbled by

12 the honor you have extended to me today. To you and

13 the honorable Members of the City Council, I'd like

14 to express on behalf of my family, congregation, and

15 community our thanks for the gift of living and

16 raising our families in New York City. Its vibrancy,

17 diversity, and commitment to be welcoming has

18 provided us with freedoms and opportunities

19 unimaginable to our parents and grandparents in the

20 countries in which they were born. I understand that

21 being a member of the Council requires devotion and

22 sacrifice. That is why I stand before you saying

23 thank you. Thank you for your devotion. Thank you for

24 your personal sacrifice. Thank you for giving my

25 family and community the opportunity to live as

2 religious Jews. There is much that will be demanded  
3 of you in the year ahead. For that, we turn to God in  
4 prayer.

5           Heavenly Father, uphold and bless our  
6 country, the United States of America, and the great  
7 City of New York. Implant brotherly love among all  
8 who dwell therein. Bless the constituted officers of  
9 government. Set in their hearts the wisdom,  
10 understanding, and moral fortitude to uphold peace  
11 and freedom and to create a society that lives by  
12 your words. Spread, O Lord, the sheltering tabernacle  
13 of peace over all the earth, with mankind dwelling in  
14 brotherhood and tranquility. May this be thy will and  
15 let us say amen.

16           MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. I  
17 would now ask Council Member Lynn Schulman to spread  
18 the invocation on the record.

19           COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you. Rabbi  
20 Aryeh Rockove is a Jewish community leader in Kew  
21 Gardens, Richmond Hill, and beyond. He is a teacher  
22 in Shevach High School for Girls, the rabbi of the  
23 synagogue congregation Nakhlas Avos in Kew Gardens,  
24 which also covers Richmond Hill, and is a rabbi at  
25 Camp Sternberg, an Orthodox summer camp in upstate

2 New York. Rabbi Rockove is a person whose kindness  
3 permeates throughout his community. When he sees a  
4 need, he is the first to take responsibility and  
5 help. In Camp Sternberg, Rabbi Rockove has spent the  
6 past 14 years overseeing all aspects of the campus,  
7 taking a hands-on approach to all that needs to be  
8 done on the camp's campus. Rabbi Rockove is someone  
9 who rolls up his sleeves and does all that he can to  
10 take care of his community and those around him and  
11 beyond. I would like to thank Rabbi Rockove for being  
12 here today, and I now make a motion for unanimous  
13 consent to spread the invocation in full upon the  
14 record.

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: We will now have  
16 the adoption of minutes by Council Member Jennifer  
17 Gutiérrez.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: I move that the  
19 minutes of the Stated Meeting of September 26, 2024,  
20 be adopted as printed.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Messages and  
22 Papers from the Mayor.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

24 Communication from City, County, and  
25 Borough Offices.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: M74, Commissioner of  
3 Elections Appointment.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Rules, Privileges, and  
5 Elections.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Petitions and  
7 Communications.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Land Use Call-  
10 Ups.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: We will now have  
13 communication from Speaker Adrian Adams.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Madam  
15 Majority Leader, and good afternoon, everyone.

16 On Monday, we remember the victims and  
17 survivors of the October 7th attacks on Israel by  
18 Hamas. The horrific events of that day and those that  
19 followed have brought immense pain and grief that  
20 continues to reverberate throughout our communities  
21 here in New York City. The cycles of violence  
22 inflicted on families threaten to leave behind trauma  
23 that will be felt for generations. I mourn with those  
24 who lost loved ones and whose lives have been forever  
25 altered. In this moment, we must continue to

2 recognize our shared humanity and insist that peace  
3 is possible and to work to achieve the collective  
4 security it can bring that all people deserve.

5 October 5th was World Teachers' Day.

6 Teachers are some of the most important figures in  
7 our children's lives, responsible for their education  
8 and development. Their contributions to our society  
9 are vast, and we must continue to support this  
10 critical workforce with the resources they need.

11 Tomorrow, our Jewish communities will  
12 observe the start of Yom Kippur, the holiest day of  
13 the year. I hope that everyone who observes has a  
14 meaningful and reflective holiday. For all those  
15 celebrating Sukkot next week, I wish you a Chag  
16 Sukkot Sameach, Eric Dinowitz.

17 October 11th is National Coming Out Day,  
18 which was first observed in 1988 in support of our  
19 LGBTQIA+ communities. It celebrates coming out as an  
20 act of liberation that confronts silence and  
21 ignorance and combats homophobia. Visibility is  
22 critical, and that's why we stand with our LGBTQIA+  
23 communities.

24 October 12th is Dashain, one of the most  
25 cherished religious festivals in Nepal, and

2 celebrated by Hindus all over the world. Last week,  
3 we hosted a wonderful Dashain celebration right here  
4 in the Chambers, bringing together families and  
5 communities from across the city.

6 October 14th is Indigenous Peoples' Day,  
7 when we recognize the culture, knowledge, and  
8 contributions that Indigenous people have made  
9 throughout history and continue to do today.

10 On this day, we also celebrate our city's  
11 Italian communities and their contributions. Earlier  
12 this week, the Council hosted its annual Italian  
13 Heritage Month celebration right here in Council  
14 Chambers. Thank you to everyone who participated, and  
15 thank you to our Italian-American communities for  
16 feeding me all these many, many years with the most  
17 delicious cuisine.

18 This week, the Council also hosted a  
19 Hispanic Heritage Month celebration in the People's  
20 House. Thank you to my Colleagues and our Staff for  
21 making these events a great success.

22 October 17th is Spirit Day, which is the  
23 largest campaign in the world to spread awareness  
24 about the bullying and harassment faced by LGBTQIA+  
25 youth. We stand with you today and always.

2           Finally, I want to wish a happy birthday  
3 to Council Member Julie Menin, whose birthday was on  
4 the 6th, Council Member Bob Holden, whose birthday is  
5 on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and Council Member Justin Brannan, who  
6 will be celebrating his birthday on the 14th.

7           Now let's move on to our Stated Agenda.  
8 First, we'll vote on the following finance items. A  
9 Transparency Resolution approving new designations  
10 and changes of certain organizations receiving  
11 funding in the expense budget. A Pre-Considered  
12 Resolution sponsored by Council Member Justin  
13 Brannan, establishing a new 40-year Article XI tax  
14 exemption for one building in Council Member Carr's  
15 District.

16           Next, we'll vote on the following land  
17 use items. South Jamaica Gateway rezoning, an HPD  
18 application to facilitate the development of two  
19 mixed-use residential and community facility  
20 buildings with approximately 143 senior and  
21 affordability housing units in my District and  
22 Council Member Williams' District. MHANY Multifamily  
23 Preservation Loan Program will facilitate the  
24 preservation of affordable housing across four city-  
25 owned buildings in the Districts of Council Members

2 Joseph, Louis, and Narcisse. The rehabilitation of  
3 these buildings will preserve 12 rental units and one  
4 commercial space under the HPD Multifamily  
5 Preservation Loan Program. South Bushwick  
6 Neighborhood Homes will facilitate the creation of  
7 new affordable homeownership units on City-owned  
8 sites in Council Members Gutiérrez's and Narcisse's  
9 Districts under the HPD Open Door Program. 31-17 12th  
10 Street Rezoning will facilitate a new five-story  
11 residential building with 35 housing units, nine of  
12 which will be permanently affordable units under MIH  
13 in Council Member Cabán's District. The Council will  
14 modify this application to add the MIH deep  
15 affordability option. 343 West 47th Street Special  
16 Demolition Permit will allow the demolition of a  
17 portion of the residential floor area of an existing  
18 building in Council Member Bottcher's District. This  
19 permit request comes after approved partial  
20 demolitions in 2019 and 2020. Two applications in  
21 Council Member Brannon's District, 250 86th Street  
22 rezoning, will facilitate the legalization of a two-  
23 story mixed-use building with medical offices and  
24 residential space. The Council will modify this  
25 application to change the proposed R6B to an R5D and



2 modify the rezoning area boundaries. Coney Island  
3 Phase 3 will facilitate the construction of a mixed-  
4 use building with 420 affordable housing units as  
5 well as commercial and community facility space.  
6 Rents will be affordable to families at incomes  
7 ranging from 30 percent to 90 percent of the area  
8 median income. At least 15 percent of units will be  
9 reserved for referred formerly homeless tenants who  
10 will pay 30 percent of their income as rent. Two  
11 Landmarks Preservation designations, the Brooklyn  
12 Edison Building in Council Member Restler District,  
13 the original headquarters of our city's leading  
14 electricity company serving Brooklyn from the late  
15 19th century through the mid-20th century, was built  
16 in the Renaissance Revival style and housed a  
17 lighting and telephone system. The building was home  
18 to a variety of businesses since the Brooklyn Edison  
19 Company merged with Con Edison in 1943. Today, it is  
20 used as an office building with commercial space. And  
21 the One Wall Street Banking Room interior in Council  
22 Member Marte's district was completed in 1931 and is  
23 decorated in the Art Deco style. Designed by  
24 architects Ralph Walker and Perry Coke Smith and  
25 muralist Hildreth Meiere, the Banking Room features

2 intricate mosaics and a 30-foot-high ceiling. The  
3 interior Banking Room will soon be converted for  
4 retail use for a department store.

5 Today, we will also vote on the following  
6 pieces of legislation. Introduction 956-C, sponsored  
7 by Council Member Carlina Rivera, would update the  
8 technical requirements for artwork on sidewalk sheds  
9 and construction fences. Thank you to our Staff  
10 Members Yasmin Nichols, Taylor Zelony, Austin Malone,  
11 Jose Conde, and Andrew Bourne.

12 Next, we will vote on three bills  
13 sponsored by Council Member Julie Won, Chair of the  
14 Committee on Contracts, to increase efficiency and  
15 transparency in the City's contracting and  
16 procurement processes. Introduction 801-A would  
17 require City agencies to provide contractors with a  
18 written explanation when denying approval of a  
19 subcontractor upon the contractor's request.  
20 Introduction 802-A would require the city's Chief  
21 Procurement Officer to establish guidelines for a  
22 standard insurance policy for all food procurement  
23 vendors. Introduction 803-A would provide vendors  
24 with a formal mechanism to challenge procurement  
25 decisions, requiring the Procurement Policy Board to

2 establish rules for such challenges. Thank you to our  
3 Staff Members, Alex Paulenoff and Alex Yablon.

4           The next set of bills we will vote on are  
5 related to maternal health. Yesterday, I delivered an  
6 emergency speech to convey the urgency necessary for  
7 our city to confront maternal mortality. The  
8 continued deaths and their severe racial disparities  
9 are a continued injustice that we cannot allow to  
10 persist. In New York City, black women are six times  
11 more likely than our white counterparts to die due to  
12 pregnancy-related causes. As a society, we've  
13 accepted maternal mortality as an unfortunate  
14 casualty when, in fact, most deaths could have been  
15 prevented. New Yorkers are looking to us for  
16 leadership. While we recognize that progress has been  
17 made because of advocates, Members of this Women  
18 Majority Council, City agencies, the State, and  
19 others, we must also be honest that there are  
20 limitations to solving this issue solely through new  
21 laws alone. As a society and a city, we must reject  
22 acceptance of maternal mortality and some of the  
23 issues that perpetuate it. That's why I raised the  
24 alarm and level of urgency and announced that the  
25 Council will help convene all stakeholders from the

2 city, state, and federal government as well as the  
3 brilliant minds in our public and private hospital  
4 systems, university medical schools, community-based  
5 organizations, healthcare providers, labor unions,  
6 advocates, and survivors with the goal of creating  
7 the political will for coordinated action on  
8 solutions to end maternal mortality. The maternal  
9 health crisis is a public health emergency, and I  
10 will consistently use my voice as Speaker to keep it  
11 at the forefront of our City's agenda. We have the  
12 talent, resources, and tools to change the trajectory  
13 of maternal mortality in our city. No one should die  
14 from preventable causes, and we owe it to our  
15 mothers, without whom there is no life, to work  
16 together and get this right. At the same time, the  
17 Council will continue with oversight and lawmaking  
18 where we can to make a difference. At our last Stated  
19 Meeting, the Council passed a legislative package  
20 addressing maternal mental health in recognition that  
21 it is one of the greatest causes of maternal  
22 mortality. Today, we are continuing this work by  
23 voting on bills to strengthen support for those who  
24 can become pregnant. Resolution 293-A, sponsored by  
25 Council Member Althea Stevens, would call on the New

2 York State Legislature to pass and the Governor to  
3 sign the Chisholm Chance Act, which would establish a  
4 plan to address the severe maternal morbidity crisis  
5 in Brooklyn and the Bronx. Resolution 133-A,  
6 sponsored by Council Member Julie Menin, would call  
7 on the New York State Legislature to pass and the  
8 Governor to sign legislation to increase Medicaid  
9 reimbursement to cover eight pre- and postnatal  
10 visits as well as delivery support by doulas. We  
11 thank our Staff Member, Cristy Dwyer.

12 Introduction 891-A, sponsored by Council  
13 Member Farrah Louis, would require the Department of  
14 Health and Mental Hygiene to annually post  
15 information related to the Maternal Mortality and  
16 Morbidity Review Committee on its website.  
17 Introduction 892-A, also sponsored by Council Member  
18 Louis, would require employers to distribute their  
19 written lactation room accommodation policy to an  
20 employee when they are hired and post the policy in  
21 their workplace and on their intranet, if one exists.

22 And Introduction 912-B, sponsored by  
23 Council Member Jennifer Gutiérrez, would require  
24 DOHMH to develop and distribute parenting resource

2 materials to parents and guardians of newborn  
3 children. We thank our Staff Member, Sahar Moazami.

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

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you,  
7 Speaker Adams.

8 We will now move into Discussion of  
9 General Orders, and I'd like to first recognize  
10 Council Member Louis followed by Won then Gutiérrez.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Madam  
12 Majority Leader, and good afternoon, Colleagues.

13 Today our Body will be voting on two  
14 vital pieces of legislation, Intro. 891 and Intro.  
15 892, to address critical issues surrounding maternal  
16 health and workplace accommodations for new mothers.  
17 The tragic trends of maternal mortality and  
18 morbidity, which disproportionately affect Black and  
19 brown women in our city, demand accountability and  
20 action. Intro. 891 mandates that the Department of  
21 Health and Mental Hygiene annually publishes the  
22 names and titles of members of Maternal Mortality and  
23 Morbidity Review Committee. This is an essential step  
24 toward addressing systemic inequities and holding our  
25 City accountable for the well-being of its mothers.

2 Intro. 892 focuses on workplace equity, requiring  
3 employers to provide written policies on lactation  
4 room accommodations at the same time of hiring and  
5 making them accessible at all workplaces, ensuring  
6 new mothers are provided with necessary  
7 accommodations without facing undue barriers.

8 I also want to highlight today's vote on  
9 LU-175 and accompanying Reso. 612, authorizing the  
10 Urban Development Action Area Project for properties  
11 in my District to be managed by MHANY Management.  
12 While my vote is yes today, I am confident of MHANY's  
13 ability to develop and maintain permanent affordable  
14 housing in my District. We do not have the same  
15 sentiments for HPD. However, HPD has an obligation to  
16 be a consistent partner with the City Council when  
17 navigating any challenges throughout the project and  
18 to support the constituents of District 45 during the  
19 application process. Anything less would be  
20 unacceptable.

21 I thank Speaker Adams for her leadership  
22 and Committee Counsel Sahar Moazami and Legislative  
23 Analyst Cristy Dwyer for their support on the  
24 Maternal Health Bills. I encourage my Colleagues to  
25 vote yes. Thank you.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

3 Recognizing Council Member Won followed by Gutiérrez.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Thank you so much,

5 Majority Leader Fariás. Today, I urge my Colleagues

6 to vote aye on 802, 801, and 803. Right now, our city

7 is in a crisis where we have seen more than 13

8 million dollars in question of corrupt contracting

9 that have been steered the wrong way by former Deputy

10 Mayor Phil Banks and many others, and what we are

11 doing today is just a step in the right direction to

12 make sure that we have accountability, transparency,

13 and due process to ensure that our taxpayer dollars,

14 more than 20 percent of our City's budget annually,

15 that's more than 20 billion dollars that is at risk

16 of corrupt uses. So what 801 and 803 do is they are

17 bringing much needed accountability and transparency

18 by protecting whistleblowers and allowing people to

19 have a voice, by allowing them to have explanations

20 for subcontractor denials and City contracting. At

21 the current moment, without this bill, people are

22 denied subcontractors without any explanation and it

23 can be redirected, as well as 803, which amends the

24 City Charter in relation to protesting agency

25 procurement decisions. So now, we are able to protest



2 agency decisions on why a contract was denied for  
3 somebody else or was awarded to somebody. We want to  
4 thank the Local Laborers 1010, for their tireless  
5 advocacy and for pushing for 803 as well as our non-  
6 profit partners who also helped us craft 801 and 802.  
7 802 allows us to amend the Administrative Code in the  
8 City of New York in relation to establishing standard  
9 insurance policies for food procurement vendors. We  
10 have heard over and over again since the migrant  
11 crisis has started that there is an immense amount of  
12 food waste in our city, and this bill will allow us  
13 to partner better with local restaurants, mom and pop  
14 shops to ensure that they can compete with large-  
15 scale vendors who are catering, but not culturally  
16 sensitive food or religiously appropriate food so I  
17 urge you to vote with me. I thank Local 1010, our  
18 non-profit partners, as well as a heartfelt thanks to  
19 Isaac Blasenstein, my former Legislative Director,  
20 and Gregory Castoria, my former legislative and  
21 budget fellow who worked tirelessly on these bills.  
22 And thank you to Alex Yablon, Alex Paulenoff, and my  
23 Chief-of-Staff, Nick Gullota, and congratulations to  
24 Neily Vera Martinez...

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member,  
3 your time is expired.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: My new Legislative  
5 Director. Thank you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.  
7 Recognizing Council Member Gutiérrez.

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

10 Today I'm proud to pass the Newborn  
11 Navigator Act, a vital piece of legislation that will  
12 help ensure that new parents and guardians in New  
13 York City have the essential resources they need  
14 during one of the most critical times in their lives,  
15 or the fourth trimester. We cannot afford to let more  
16 parents and infants fall through the cracks because  
17 of bureaucracy or outdated systems. The data is  
18 clear. Maternal mortality is a crisis, and far too  
19 many tragedies occur in the first six weeks  
20 postpartum when parents are at their most vulnerable.  
21 This is about saving lives. Inspired by my District  
22 Director, Angelica Colón, who is here today, who  
23 faced these challenges firsthand, the bill is a  
24 common-sense, tech-driven solution. As she shared,  
25 leaving the hospital as a second-time mom, she did

2 not have the resources she needed despite her years  
3 of experience working in City government, and that is  
4 just unacceptable. Through this legislation, we will  
5 leverage technology to make accessing resources as  
6 easy as a few clicks, and we bring in the massive  
7 infrastructure of non-profits that are doing this  
8 work with compassion and efficiency. The Department  
9 of Health will develop comprehensive materials and a  
10 user-friendly online platform to connect new parents  
11 with crucial support, not just from the government,  
12 but from the network of non-profits doing this work,  
13 covering everything from child safety information to  
14 mental health services. The Newborn Navigator Act is  
15 an investment in our families and our future. It's  
16 affordable, it's practical, and it's exactly the kind  
17 of investment we should be making without delay. I  
18 want to thank Brooklyn Borough President Antonio  
19 Reynoso for his partnership in this work and for his  
20 dedication to reducing maternal mortality. This is  
21 just one of the many steps we are taking to support  
22 the well-being of New Yorkers, particularly our most  
23 vulnerable, and I want to thank Speaker Adams, Chair  
24 Louis, and once again, just want to shout out  
25 Angelica Colón, who's been working tirelessly for our

2 District for many years, and this is very personal,  
3 and I'm very proud of her, and thank you all for your  
4 support.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Thank you. Seeing  
6 no one else signed up to speak, Report of Special  
7 Committees.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Reports of  
10 Standing Committees.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
12 on Contracts, Intros 801-A, 802-A, and 803-A,  
13 Subcontractor and Procurement Vendors.

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

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
17 on Finance, Pre-Considered Reso. 597, Organization  
18 Funding.

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered LU 173  
21 and Reso. 604, Tax Exemption.

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
24 on Housing and Buildings, Intro. 956-C, Building  
25 Codes.

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

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
5 on Land Use, LU 130 and Reso. 605 and LU 148 and  
6 Reso. 606, Landmark Designations.

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 149 through LU 152,  
9 135th Street rezoning.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with  
11 modifications and referred to the City Planning  
12 Commission pursuant to section 197 of the New York  
13 City Charter.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 153 and Reso. 607,  
15 343 West 47th Street demolition.

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 158 and Reso. 608  
18 through LU 160 and Reso. 610, South Jamaica Gateway  
19 rezoning.

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-Considered LU 174  
22 and Reso 611 and Pre-Considered LU 175 and Reso. 612,  
23 MHANY multi-family preservation loan program.

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-Considered LU 176  
3 and Reso. 613 and Pre-Considered LU 177 and Reso.  
4 614, Coney Island Phase 3.

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered LU 178  
7 and Reso. 615 through Pre-Considered LU 180 and Reso.  
8 617, South Bushwick Neighborhood Homes.

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
11 on Women and Gender Equity, Intro. 891-A, Maternal  
12 Mortality Review Committee.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
14 General Orders.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro. 892, Lactation  
16 Room Policies.

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
18 General Orders.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro. 912-B, Parenting  
20 Resource Materials.

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
22 General Orders.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: General orders calendar.  
24 LU 138 and Reso. 618 through LU 140 and Reso. 620,  
25 various rezonings.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Resolution appointing  
4 various persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

6 I now ask that the Clerk take a roll call  
7 vote on all of the items coupled on today's General  
8 Orders Calendar.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Abreu.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ariola.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Avilés.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Banks.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Bottcher.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brannan.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brooks-Powers.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Cabán.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Carr.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: De La Rosa.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dinowitz.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Feliz.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gutiérrez.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanif.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanks.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Hudson.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Joseph.



2 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Krishnan.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lee.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Marmorato.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Marte.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy. Menin.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Narcisse.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Nurse.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ossé.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Paladino.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Restler.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Riley.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Salaam.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanchez.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Schulman.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Stevens.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ung.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vernikov.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Won.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Yeger.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all with the  
5 exception of Intro. 956.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Zhuang.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Farías.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Adams.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All items on  
15 today's General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote  
16 of 50 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and  
17 zero abstentions with the exception of Intro. 956-C,  
18 which was adopted by a vote of 49 in the affirmative,  
19 one in the negative, and zero abstentions.

20 Introduction and reading of bills.

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been  
22 referred to Committee as indicated on today's agenda.

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you.

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2 We will now move into the Discussion of  
3 Resolutions, and I'd like to recognize Council Member  
4 Stevens.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Good afternoon.  
6 As a mom, I know the firsthand importance of ensuring  
7 that our healthcare system prioritizes safety and  
8 well-being of black women and birthing people. Reso.  
9 293 will call upon the New York State legislation to  
10 pass, and Governor to sign S.32-A, 754, the Shirley  
11 Chisholm Chance Act, which established a plan to  
12 address the severe mortality crisis in Brooklyn and  
13 the Bronx. Special shoutout to my sister in  
14 government, Chantel Jackson, who led the legislation  
15 at the State level. The data outlines in this  
16 Resolution the disparities that we are all aware of,  
17 but we must continue to ring the alarm to avoid our  
18 communities continue suffering from the disparities  
19 in mental health, mortality health, rooted in  
20 systematic racism and neglect. The passing of this  
21 Resolution is to push to have signed the Chisholm Act  
22 and law and make it clear that all black women and  
23 birthing people's lives matter. Thank you.

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you,  
25 Council Member.

2           Seeing no one else signed up to speak, we  
3 will now have a voice vote on today's Resolutions. If  
4 you wish to vote against or abstain from any of  
5 today's resolutions, please notify the Legislative  
6 Documents Unit by email or by approaching the dais.

7           I'll now read today's Resolution into the  
8 record.

9           Resolution 133-A calls on the New York  
10 State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign  
11 legislation to increase Medicaid reimbursement to  
12 cover aid pre- and postnatal visits, as well as  
13 delivery support by doulas. Will all those in favor  
14 say aye?

15           COUNCIL: Aye.

16           MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say  
17 nay.

18           Any abstentions?

19           The ayes have it.

20           Resolution 293-A calls on the New York  
21 State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign  
22 Senate Bill 2898-A and Assembly Bill 4017-A, the  
23 Chisholm Chance Act, which would establish a plan to  
24 address the severe maternal morbidity crisis in  
25

2 Brooklyn and the Bronx. Will all those in favor say  
3 aye?

4 COUNCIL: Aye.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: All opposed say  
6 nay.

7 Any abstentions?

8 The ayes have it.

9 We will now move into General Discussion.

10 I'd like to first recognize Council  
11 Member Schulman followed by Lee then Louis.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you,  
13 Majority Leader. This Council has passed a number of  
14 bills to help get rid of illegal weed shops,  
15 including my legislation to hold landlords liable for  
16 knowingly renting to illegal cannabis businesses.  
17 However, these illegal businesses and bad actor  
18 landlords, or many of them, have been finding ways to  
19 circumvent our current laws. So today I'm introducing  
20 Intro. 1085 to create a watchlist, much like the bad  
21 landlords list put out by the Public Advocate's  
22 Office. Maybe by publicizing and embarrassing these  
23 bad actors, it will have some positive results. I  
24 urge my Colleagues to please consider signing on to  
25 this bill. Thank you.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

3 Recognizing Council Member Lee followed by Louis then  
4 Joseph.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Good afternoon, Madam  
6 Speaker, Majority Leader, and Colleagues. It is my  
7 pleasure to introduce legislation today in response  
8 to the growing gift card scams targeting our city's  
9 older adults. Americans over 60 years old lose  
10 approximately 28 billion dollars every year to fraud.  
11 This is nationally. Gift cards are one of the most  
12 common tactics. Gift cards are sold on racks in  
13 pharmacies and supermarkets. For fraudsters, they're  
14 better than cash, more portable, and just as  
15 anonymous. Once criminals have the gift card numbers,  
16 they use them to purchase goods online at stores  
17 around the world or sell or trade them in illicit  
18 marketplaces. Yet the vast majority of people who  
19 fall victim to scams never report it to law  
20 enforcement. Most are too embarrassed or believe they  
21 won't get their money back. They're concerned that  
22 their caregivers or authorities might take away their  
23 autonomy. To make matters worse, police and  
24 prosecutors watch and convict very few of the  
25 perpetrators, many of whom are operating from

2 overseas and are masters at identifying and  
3 manipulating their targets over the phone. Prevention  
4 is the best solution, and the industry can and should  
5 do more. Intro. 1078 will prohibit the sale of  
6 physical gift cards in New York City that lack chip  
7 and pin technology. This basic security feature is  
8 already mandated in credit cards, where it is one of  
9 the most effective ways of preventing fraud.

10 In closing, I want to dedicate this to a  
11 constituent who is a Marine veteran of the Vietnam  
12 War and is 100 percent disabled. He fell victim to  
13 one of these scams and lost thousands of his life  
14 savings. We can do more to protect people like him,  
15 and I hope you'll join me in this effort. Thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing  
17 Council Member Louis followed by Joseph then Ariola.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Madam  
19 Majority Leader. As we observe Domestic Violence  
20 Awareness Month, it is critical that we acknowledge  
21 the deeply pervasive impact of gender-based violence  
22 and trauma in our city. I am proud to introduce three  
23 pieces of legislation, Intros 1079, 1080, and Reso.  
24 599, aimed at addressing critical gaps in support for  
25 survivors and protecting the well-being of women



2 across New York City. Intro. 1079 would mandate  
3 culturally competent training across the Department  
4 of Education, Department of Health and Mental  
5 Hygiene, and the NYPD on recognizing the signs of  
6 female genitalia mutilation and cutting. This is a  
7 brutal and inhumane practice that continues to harm  
8 women and girls globally.

9 Intro. 1080 would require the NYPD to  
10 retrieve stored sexual offense evidence collection  
11 kits, also known as rape kits, within a timely  
12 manner, no more than seven days after a survivor  
13 consents to release. There are far too many instances  
14 where kits languish in storage, depriving survivors  
15 of their justice they deserve. This would ensure that  
16 the timely retrieval of the critical evidence is  
17 readily available.

18 Lastly, Reso. 599 calls upon the State  
19 Legislators to pass legislation regarding the  
20 practice of natural hair care and braiding, creating  
21 an apprenticeship program to protect and advance  
22 protections and opportunities for black and brown  
23 women statewide and within our city. We cannot allow  
24 bureaucratic delays, lack of access and awareness or  
25 training to affect our communities. I encourage my

2 Colleagues to sign on to these bills to advance  
3 equity in our city. Thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing  
5 Council Member Joseph followed by Ariola then Carr.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you,  
7 Majority Leader. Today, I'm proud to introduce my  
8 bill, Intro. 1077, alongside my prime co-sponsors,  
9 Council Member Brewer, Ossé, and Riley. This bill  
10 will require ACS to provide luggage for foster care  
11 youth when they enter the system, move between  
12 placement, exit care, head to college, or need for  
13 any other reason. As a foster mom, I know firsthand  
14 how degrading it was for children to carry their  
15 belongings in a trash bag. This is unacceptable, and  
16 New York City must do better. Places like Oregon,  
17 Texas, Maryland have already addressed this issue.  
18 It's time for New York to follow suit. And we are  
19 proud that this bill will just do that. Just want to  
20 give you a few examples.

21 It didn't feel like I mattered. It seemed  
22 like rushing me was more important than treating me  
23 with dignity. The least they could do is give us a  
24 proper luggage, 23-year-old foster care.

2           When I moved from group home to group  
3 home, my stuff was packed in garbage bags. Sometime,  
4 many things got mixed up with trash and thrown out.  
5 My belongings were treated as important. They picked  
6 what they left, felt like carrying, and threw the  
7 rest away. Traveling with trash bags became my new  
8 normal.

9           Special thanks to Next100 team for their  
10 work on helping draft this bill, staff members of  
11 HeartShare St. Vincent, who took time out of their  
12 busy schedule to be present with us at the Council  
13 for this introduction of the bill, to my staff for  
14 their hard work and the bill drafters for their  
15 collaboration, and my co-prime sponsors for their  
16 support. Thank you.

17           MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing  
18 Council Member Ariola followed by Carr then Narcisse.

19           COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Thank you very  
20 much. On March 14, 1891, 11 innocent men were dragged  
21 into the streets of New Orleans and brutally murdered  
22 before a cheering crowd. One of them, a mentally ill  
23 28-year-old man, was hanged from a lamppost and shot  
24 to death, while another was hanged from a nearby tree  
25 and riddled with bullets. The other nine were hunted

2 down and executed where they were found. These men  
3 had recently been either acquitted, had their trial  
4 declared a mistrial, or were not yet tried in a  
5 murder case that had gripped the city. Despite the  
6 acquittals, mistrials, however, the forces of bigotry  
7 and hatred prevailed, and these men were murdered not  
8 because of any crimes they were convicted of  
9 committing, but because of who they were, and no one  
10 knows their names, but they were Bagnetto, Caruso,  
11 Comitis, Geraci, Macheca, Marchesi, Monasterio,  
12 Polizzi, Romero, Scaffidi, and Traina. These men were  
13 killed for the crime of being Italian and having  
14 vowels at the end of their names. Their murder sent  
15 shockwaves throughout the world and shined a bright  
16 light on a rampant bigotry that Italian immigrants in  
17 the 19th century United States faced on a daily  
18 basis. Today, however, these names will not be  
19 forgotten. The hardships, the violence, the bigotry  
20 faced by Italian immigrants in this country has often  
21 been overlooked. However, by introducing Reso. 596,  
22 who was already signed onto by Members of our Italian  
23 Caucus, and recognizing March 14th as Innocent 11  
24 Remembrance Day in the City of New York, we can make  
25 sure that their legacy lives on. We can make sure

2 that the kind of violence and hatred that claimed  
3 these 11 lives is never forgotten, and we can create  
4 a day in which will serve as a reminder for future  
5 generations of the plight of the Italian Americans  
6 when they first came here.

7 I'd like to thank the Legislative  
8 Division, Regina Paul, my Chief-of-Staff, Phyllis  
9 Inserillo, for their hard work in writing this  
10 legislation, and my Communications Director, Ray  
11 Vann, who had the idea for this legislation after  
12 hearing the Consulate General of Italy, Fabrizio Di  
13 Micelli, tell the story of these innocent men who  
14 were brutally murdered. The horrific event was the  
15 impetus for then-President Benjamin in 1892...

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Council Member,  
17 your time has expired.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: To establish the  
19 very first Columbus Day. Thank you for the time.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. I'd  
21 like to recognize Council Member Carr followed by  
22 Narcisse then Cabán.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Thank you, Majority  
24 Leader. Good afternoon, all. I just want to thank the  
25 many folks who helped with our wonderful Italian

2 Heritage Night that was held here in Chambers earlier  
3 this week, my Council Colleagues and their respective  
4 teams who helped put together the event, and, of  
5 course, our Speaker, the Speaker's Office, and the  
6 wonderful team at Council Events and Productions who  
7 helped to make the evening such a success. We hope to  
8 do this again next year.

9 I just want to wish everyone a very happy  
10 Columbus Day coming up this weekend and invite all  
11 Colleagues to march with us in the coming Fifth  
12 Avenue Parade on Monday. It's a wonderful opportunity  
13 to celebrate the accomplishments of the Italian-  
14 American community in New York City and beyond and  
15 the triumph of integration and finding a place in  
16 this country over the forces that sought to oppose  
17 our forebears that Council Member Ariola just  
18 referenced in her remarks. In that spirit, I  
19 encourage everyone in this Body to sign on to her  
20 Resolution. Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing  
22 Council Member Narcisse followed by Cabán.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you,  
24 Majority Leader. Thank you, Madam Speaker, and  
25 congratulations to all my Colleagues and especially

2 Council Member Farrah Louis, for your hard work in  
3 passing this bill, the vitals to our community, the  
4 strength of maternal care and bring transparency to  
5 maternal mortality information and we know who are  
6 dying in our community, especially the black and  
7 brown communities. It's about time, so I want to say  
8 thank you. Today's legislation is a significant step  
9 forward in addressing the stark maternal health  
10 disparities that disproportionately attack black  
11 women in our city, but we know this is just the  
12 beginning, so thank you, Madam Speaker. As we  
13 celebrate the milestone, I urge us all to remain  
14 committed to securing the additional resources and  
15 funding needed to ensure that every mother,  
16 regardless of the race or income, has access to the  
17 care they deserve. Together, we can continue working  
18 toward a city where all mothers can deliver their  
19 babies safely and thrive as they raise the next  
20 generation of New Yorkers.

21           Additionally, I would like to ask to my  
22 Colleagues for the support of Intro. 1082, which is  
23 being introduced today. This bill will study and  
24 report on this and the cost required to start and  
25 maintain a small business with recommendation on how

2 we can reduce these barriers. Small businesses are  
3 the backbone of the community. That's what we said.  
4 This is the rhetoric. But the black and brown  
5 communities are losing their business left and right,  
6 and we must ensure that entrepreneurs are given the  
7 support they need and deserve to success, especially  
8 in today's challenging economic environment is not  
9 really welcoming those that have the big dream so I  
10 thank you all.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing  
12 Council Member Cabán.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you. I'm  
14 proud to be introducing legislation today, co-  
15 sponsored by my Colleague, Council Member Abreu,  
16 which would require large buildings in New York City  
17 to retrofit their windows with bird-friendly  
18 materials. Each year, a billion birds die in the  
19 United States due to collisions with buildings. That  
20 equates to nearly 30 birds per second losing their  
21 lives in such avoidable accidents. New York City is  
22 not exempt from this crisis, with an estimated  
23 250,000 birds dying each year within our city limits,  
24 and this loss of life is a direct contributor to the  
25 biodiversity crisis our planet is experiencing. Local



2 Law 15 of 2020 took a step towards addressing this  
3 problem by requiring that newly constructed or  
4 altered buildings use bird-friendly materials, but  
5 this legislation didn't touch the more than 1 million  
6 existing buildings that also pose a significant  
7 threat to vulnerable creatures. The recent death of  
8 Flaco, a Eurasian eagle owl, highlighted the urgent  
9 need to address the issue of birds killed by window  
10 collisions in New York City. This bill aims to  
11 prevent such tragedies by requiring building owners  
12 to install bird-friendly window treatments by 2030.  
13 These critical building upgrades will create a  
14 substantial number of good union jobs for painters  
15 and glazers tasked with replacing existing windows.  
16 We will continue to advocate for animal protection  
17 and job creation in New York City at the Lights Out  
18 Coalition Rally on October 23rd. I hope you'll sign  
19 on to this ledge and join us at the rally, and  
20 together we can create good union jobs and make a  
21 difference for our city's wildlife. And as a PS, if  
22 y'all didn't make it known from my outfit today,  
23 today is the first WNBA finals game for our very own  
24 New York Liberty. Go Liberty! And I am calling it

2 right now, Leone Phoebus is going to have a monster  
3 game so go Liberty.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you,  
5 Council Member Cabán.

6 Seeing no one else signed up to speak,  
7 can we have silence in the Chambers?

8 I'll now call on Speaker Adrienne Adams  
9 to close today's Stated Meeting.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much, Madam  
11 Majority Leader.

12 Before we do, I do want to recognize  
13 those young adults who are here who are in support of  
14 Intro. 1077 today. I want to call out my Fair Futures  
15 daughter, Cheyenne (INAUDIBLE) Okay. We wanted to  
16 shout them out.

17 Madam Majority Leader and Colleagues, the  
18 Stated Meeting of October 10, 2024, is hereby  
19 adjourned.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: [GAVEL] Folks  
21 wearing pink, if you want to come to the front of the  
22 room and take a group photo as instructed for the  
23 Women's Caucus.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date October 12, 2024