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

LAURIE CUMBO, Majority Leader of New York  
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JAVIER E. GOMEZ, Journalist, media  
professional, communications  
extraordinaire

LEANDRA GUZMAN-FELIZ, mother of Lesandro  
"Junior" Guzman-Feliz

LISANDRO GUZMAN-FELIZ, father of Lesandro  
"Junior" Guzman-Feliz

BISHOP CALVIN RICE, Bishop at New  
Jerusalem Worship Center at 12205 Smith  
Street in Jamaica, New York

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE

2 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Test test, this is a  
3 test. Today's date is October 17, 2018. This is a  
4 stated hearing being recorded by Sargeant at Arms  
5 Adenelwolf (SP?). Test, test this is a test.  
6 Today's date is October 17, 2018, this is a stated  
7 meeting being recorded by Sargeant at Arms Adenelwolf  
8 (SP?).

9 LAURIE CUMBO: Hello, good afternoon, my  
10 name is Laurie Cumbo. I am the Majority Leader of  
11 the New York City Council, welcome to City Hall.  
12 Today the Council is proud to honor Javier E. Gomez,  
13 can Javier please come forward, yes. We are so happy  
14 to have Javier here with us today. This is an  
15 extraordinary honor for the New York City Council,  
16 please come and join us. Mr. Gomez is a journalist,  
17 media professional and communications extraordinaire  
18 for his contributions to our community. For over 20  
19 years, Javier has been a presence in government,  
20 politics, not for profit organizations, journalism,  
21 public affairs and campaigns and what hasn't he been  
22 a part of. Many of us here at the Council at some  
23 point have worked with Javier or seen him at various  
24 events or press conferences, making sure that things  
25 are running smoothly. Some may not know that aside

2 from making sure that things are on message or  
3 working with the press Javier is also a noted stage  
4 actor and an award winning film producer and also  
5 hosts a Spanish language public affairs program  
6 called "Diagolo Abierto" on Bronx New TV. How did I  
7 do?

8 JAVIER E. GOMEZ: You did good, Bronx Net  
9 TV.

10 LAURIE CUMBO: Uhm Bronx, Net, Bronx Net  
11 TV. After Hurrricane Marie hit Puerto Rico in 2017,  
12 Javier has been instrumental in organizing massive  
13 efforts to rebuilding the island and bringing  
14 awareness to the devastation of Puerto Rico. So  
15 please join me in congratulating Javier and his  
16 amazing achievements, service and contributions to  
17 this city and to the community. Congratulations it's  
18 an honor to have you here today. Thank you.

19 (applause). And now I will turn it over to Council  
20 Member Cabrera and then we will hear from our Clerk.

21 FERNANDO CABRERA: Thank you so much uhm  
22 Majority Leader for this opportunity and we honor you  
23 Javier because you are an amazing man. You have a  
24 biography here that is par excellent beyond what  
25 I've, have normally seen even if this field but

2 beyond that you are a man of character. You are one  
3 of the kindest men that I have ever known. You are  
4 always so courteous, so helpful, your help in Puerto  
5 Rico was tremendous. Your passion didn't just stop  
6 in the first three or four weeks it has continued  
7 even to this very moment, you continue to do amazing  
8 work and because of that, people's lives have  
9 changed. In a Hispanic world you are a true hero.  
10 You are a model. Many children will look up to you  
11 and say when I grow up I want to be just like you.  
12 Thank you so much for the work that you have done and  
13 especially in the Bronx we say to you, uhm we say to  
14 you, we honor you and we thank you and your legacy  
15 will definitely outlive you for many years because  
16 you have literally made a difference in people's life  
17 and with that I turn it over to our City Clerk.

18 CLERK: Council, City Clerk Proclamation.  
19 Council City of New York Proclamation. The Council  
20 of the City of New York is proud to honor Javier E.  
21 Gomez for his outstanding service and contributions  
22 to our community and whereas for more than 20 years,  
23 Mr. Gomez has worked in media and communications,  
24 specializing in public affairs, government,  
25 nonprofits organizations, politics and issue driven

2 campaigns. Additionally he served a press officer  
3 for former New York State Governor George Pataki,  
4 former New York State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo  
5 and former Bronx borough Presidents Fernando Ferrer  
6 and Adolfo Carrion, Jr. He also worked as a  
7 communications director for the Campaign for Fiscal  
8 Equity, the Latino International Theatre Festival of  
9 New York or Evolution Latina and the National Puerto  
10 Day Parade among other organizations and whereas Mr.  
11 Gomez is an award winning journalist with print  
12 online, radio and television credits as well as the  
13 founder of "High Pitch" a media relations firm  
14 specializing in Hispanic public affairs. He is the  
15 recipient of four national Hispanic publications  
16 print awards for his work in New York's El Diario/La  
17 Prensa the oldest Spanish language daily newspaper in  
18 the nation and whereas Mr. Gomez is also a noted  
19 stage actor and award winning film producer. He has  
20 appeared in television and radio commercials, films  
21 and TV series and currently hosts the Dialogo  
22 Albieto, Bronx Net's TVs Spanish Language Public  
23 Affairs programs and whereas Mr. Gomez is a graduate  
24 of the City College of New York with a degree in  
25 broadcast journalism and holds a Master's Degree in

2 Business Journalism from Baruch College and a  
3 Conservatory Degree in Meisner Acting from the  
4 William Esper Studio. And whereas born in Puerto  
5 Rico, Mr. Gomez has been instrumental in implementing  
6 and managing outreach, communications, special events  
7 and news coverage related to the massive efforts to  
8 rebuilt Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria. He  
9 also regularly volunteers his time with various  
10 community organizations and initiatives including  
11 Comite Noviembre and the Actor's Funds, actors work  
12 program where he helps actors of all levels, craft  
13 and launch parallel careers and small businesses that  
14 are compatible with their careers in entertainment  
15 and whereas we are grateful to Mr. Gomez for his  
16 contributions in the areas of media, public service  
17 and entertainment especially within the Hispanic  
18 communities. His commitment to rebuilding Puerto  
19 Rico has enriched our city and nation. Now therefore  
20 be it known at the Council of the City of New York  
21 gratefully honors Javier E. Gomez for his outstanding  
22 service and contributions to the community. Corey  
23 Johnson speaker for the entire council, Laurie Cumbo,  
24 Majority Leader, Ritchie Torres, Council Member 15<sup>th</sup>  
25 District Bronx, Andrew Cohen Council Member 11<sup>th</sup>



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2 District Bronx, Fernando Cabrera Council Member 14<sup>th</sup>  
3 District the Bronx, Danny Dromm Council Member and  
4 Chair of Finance Committee and the rest of the Bronx  
5 Delegation of the City Council. (applause).

6 FERNANDO CABRERA: Amazing, totally  
7 amazing and now we get to hear now from Javier.

8 JAVIER E. GOMEZ: Thank you Council man  
9 and really, thank you for doing this. It is very  
10 homely. I first came through those doors 23 years  
11 ago as a rookie, very green, very naïve still in  
12 college news reporter for El Diadio. I was stationed  
13 in room 9 sitting along giants from the Daily News,  
14 the New York Post, New York Newsday at the time and  
15 seeing myself here was magical. The place to see to  
16 witness up close where things happen to meet up close  
17 leadership from the City but also meet up close the  
18 leaders and the communities that came here who fill  
19 the second floor every day and reminded us about the  
20 importance of Democracy and who as a young man gave  
21 me a very, very powerful lesson about civic  
22 engagement and the responsibility that we all have to  
23 make our communities better. So that stuck with me,  
24 uhm forever and I think that coming back 23 years ago  
25 in a different capacity, it is very humbling and it

2 is very moving to see the places and the faces and I  
3 think if there is something to learn here it is the  
4 importance of perseverance and persistence and really  
5 thinking what is your role, what is everyone's role  
6 in making communities better. I think we all have a  
7 call, we have to be very honest about what it is and  
8 we all should make the contribution to whatever our  
9 trenches are be it media, be journalism, be the art,  
10 be it organizing, be government not for profit and  
11 this is a strong reminder of the work that we do of  
12 the responsibility that we all have to make  
13 communities better across the board and it is also  
14 for me a renewal of the commitment to continue to  
15 work to build the legacy and build communities  
16 stronger, particularly at this day and age when the  
17 world is in so much turmoil and we need everybody's  
18 work and we need everyone's contribution. Thank you  
19 and congratulation to the other honorees tonight.  
20 Thank you to the Council and let's get out and  
21 continue working and making communities better and  
22 grander. (applause).

23 LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you so very much for  
24 all the dynamic work that you do, just hearing the  
25 proclamation you must also have a fountain of youth

2 in your backyard somewhere because I can't believe  
3 that you have accomplished so much in such a short  
4 period of time. It would be an honor if we can all  
5 gather together to take a photo. Join us. I want to  
6 give you a hug, I give you this hug I have a cold,  
7 mmwuah, uhm air kisses, mmwuah.

8 JAVIER E. GOMEZ: Thank you.

9 LAURIE CUMBO: There you go.  
10 Congratulations. Uhm, uhm... (background noise). I  
11 have a cold I'll give you an air hug.

12 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Okay we are going  
13 to do... sshh... sshh... Paul, Rafael, if you guys  
14 could come up with us and the other Council Members,  
15 Reverend, Mark, Adrian if you all could come up here  
16 please, if you could please come up. I would ask the  
17 family to, to please come and join us and of course  
18 the members of the NYPD who are here. You can come  
19 over here. Okay you guys, come over here in the  
20 center. Stand right here, yes. Stand right here.  
21 Okay folks we are going to start. Shh, please,  
22 quiet, we are going to start. Today the New York  
23 City Council is posthumously honoring Lesandro  
24 "Junior" Guzman-Feliz I know for his impact  
25 throughout New York City and especially in his Bronx

2 community. As many of you may know, Junior was  
3 senselessly killed earlier this summer which sparked  
4 worldwide attention and increased awareness for  
5 change in gang violence prevention. Junior was on  
6 the road to becoming a big, big, big example and role  
7 model in his community. He had aspirations of  
8 becoming a detective in the NYPD and he was part of  
9 the NYPD's Explorers Program which taught him the  
10 importance of community service. But his death as  
11 painful, tragic and horrifying as it is and still is  
12 for his family, his mother, his father, his  
13 grandmother and his other family members who are here  
14 it was not in vain. It prompted extra funding for  
15 the 48<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct to our violence program and  
16 it lead to various ways to help everyday New Yorkers  
17 to be responsible bystanders and not allow violence  
18 to happen in their communities. So I ask everyone  
19 who is gathered here today in this chamber to present  
20 this proclamation. We are presenting this  
21 proclamation on behalf of Junior his mother, Leandra  
22 Guzman-Feliz, his father Lisandro, his grandmother  
23 Elvin Garcia and to his other family members and to  
24 the members of the NYPD who were his mentors and  
25 really supported him throughout his life. Ms. Feliz

2 on behalf of myself and as you can see you are  
3 surrounded by nearly every member of the New York  
4 City Council I want to extend my deepest sympathies  
5 and condolences, none of us, I can't possibly imagine  
6 the pain you and your family have gone through since  
7 the summer but we want to recognize your son here at  
8 the City Council for the life that he led, for the  
9 difference that he made, for the role model that he  
10 was and for the impact that he had on our great city  
11 and the great borough of the Bronx uhm during his  
12 life. I came to the wake and I got to see you and I  
13 remember the outpouring of support, the crowds of  
14 people in the street outside of the funeral home,  
15 people rallying because they knew your son and they  
16 saw what happened and so before I ask Council Member  
17 Torres and you and your family to speak, I want to  
18 have the City Clerk read the proclamation that we are  
19 presenting to you and your family today. Uhm Mr.  
20 Clerk.

21 CLERK: Council, City of New York  
22 Proclamation. In honor and the life and legacy of  
23 Junior Guzman-Feliz's life the Council of the City of  
24 New York is proud to honor him posthumously for his  
25 achievements and impact on the Bronx community and in

2 New York City and whereas Lesandro Guzman-Feliz known  
3 as Junior was born November 11, 2002 in the Bronx New  
4 York to parents, Leandra Feliz and Lisandro Guzman of  
5 the Dominican Republic. Raised in the Central Bronx  
6 he was the youngest of four and admired the New York  
7 Yankees as his favorite baseball and whereas Junior  
8 was a rising sophomore in the high school, Dr.  
9 Richard Izquierdo Health and Sciences Charter School.  
10 Junior had aspirations of becoming a detective and  
11 joined the NYPD Explorers Program at the 45<sup>th</sup>  
12 Precinct. The NYPD Explorers Program is geared  
13 toward youth interested in Law Enforcement careers  
14 and teaches them the importance of self-discipline,  
15 higher education and respect for diversity and human  
16 dignity through training and involvement and  
17 community service. It is through NYPD Explorers that  
18 Junior met his group of friends and began his  
19 community service projects and whereas on June 28,  
20 2018, the New York City Police Foundation established  
21 a Lesandro Guzman-Feliz Memorial College Fund which  
22 will provide tuition assistance to two NYPD Explorer  
23 high school graduates for every, for college every  
24 year and whereas Junior's tragic death sparked  
25 worldwide attention on gang violence with the hash

2 tag #justiceforjunior. From this tragedy arose the  
3 increased awareness for the fight for change in gang  
4 violence prevention, community programs for youth and  
5 bystander training and security enforcements for  
6 business owners, specifically bodegas and low income  
7 communities. This has prompted the extra funding to  
8 the 48<sup>th</sup> Precinct Program Cure Violence which is a  
9 gang violence prevention initiative that is geared to  
10 connect with youth-at-risk of joining gangs all  
11 around New York State. It has also lead to the  
12 proposal of a combination of written guides and  
13 public training and security enhancements and bodegas  
14 to help us be responsible bystanders and whereas  
15 Junior's legacy will live on. Now therefore be it  
16 known that the Council of the City of New York  
17 gratefully, gratefully honors Junior Guzman-Feliz for  
18 his achievements and impact on the Bronx community  
19 and in New York City. Corey Johnson, speaker for the  
20 entire Council, Ritchie Torres Council Member 15<sup>th</sup>  
21 District the Bronx, Andrew Cohen Council Member 11<sup>th</sup>  
22 District the Bronx and all of the members of the  
23 Council of the City of New York.

2 COREY JOHNSON: Thank you Mr. Clerk.  
3 (applause). I want to ask Council Member Torres to  
4 say a few words.

5 RITCHIE TORRES: The tragedy of losing a  
6 son to an unthinkable act of violence is just a  
7 mother's worst nightmare, it's a father's worst  
8 nightmare, it's a family's worst nightmare and even  
9 though all of us are shaken by the pain you are  
10 feeling I just want to say that I am inspired by the  
11 strength and the resilience that you have shown from  
12 day one and your son's death was not in vain because  
13 the legacy he leaves behind, it is summed up in the  
14 hash tag #justiceforjunior has been an awakening for  
15 all of us. It has become a national rallying cry.  
16 You had thousands of people waiting in line in the  
17 wake. You had Carmelo Anthony and Corey B and  
18 celebrities I've never heard of uhm come to the wake  
19 and commemorate the memory of your son. And so every  
20 member of the City Council is indebted to your son's  
21 legacy for inspiring us to do more to rescue our  
22 young people from the plague of violence on our  
23 streets and on behalf of my colleagues and myself I  
24 just want to say thank you for the sacrifice that you



2 made for all of us. We are a safer City because of  
3 your son's legacy and because of your strength.

4 LEANDRA GUZMAN-FELIX: Wow thank you very  
5 much and God Bless you all of us. Uhm thank you  
6 Ritchie Torres for all you do. I appreciating you  
7 know I don't have no words to say about, I lost my  
8 son but thank you for all you do and for all of you  
9 and God Bless You. Thank you.

10 COREY JOHNSON: Thank you did you want to  
11 say anything sir?

12 LISANDRO GUZMAN-FELIZ: The same, no  
13 thank you for being here. Thank you for everybody.  
14 Thank you for everybody's support. You know, thank  
15 you Ritchie Torres. And I want to continue doing  
16 justice for junior and thank you everybody thank you.

17 COREY JOHNSON: Thank you very much.  
18 Thank you very much. (long silence background  
19 noise).

20 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentleman  
21 can I have your attention please, can I please have  
22 your attention. Quiet on the floor please. Quiet on  
23 the floor please. At this time I ask that you turn  
24 all electronic devices, all electronic devices to  
25 vibrate. Will all non-Council employees, non-Council

2 employees please leave the main floor of the  
3 chambers, thank you.

4 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Members please  
5 have their seats. Members please have their seats.  
6 Thank you. All rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

7 SARGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

8 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: I Pledged  
9 Allegiance to the flag of the United States of  
10 America and to the Republic for which it stands, one  
11 nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and  
12 justice for all. Please be seated, roll call.

13 CLERK: Adams?

14 ADRIENNE ADAMS: Present.

15 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

16 ALICKA AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

17 CLERK: Ayala?

18 DIANA AYALA: Present.

19 CLERK: Barron?

20 INEZ BARRON: Present.

21 CLERK: Borelli? Brannan? Cabrera?

22 FERNANDO CABRERE: Here.

23 CLERK: Chin?

24 MARGARET CHIN: Here.

25 CLERK: Cohen? Constantinides?

2 COSTA CONSTANTINIDES: Present.

3 CLERK: Cornegy?

4 ROBERT CORNEGY: Present.

5 CLERK: Deutsch?

6 CHAIM DEUTSCH: Present.

7 CLERK: Diaz?

8 RUBEN DIAZ: Here.

9 CLERK: Dromm?

10 DANIEL DROMM: Present.

11 CLERK: Espinal? Eugene?

12 MATHIEU EUGENE: Here.

13 CLERK: Gibson? Gjonaj? Grodenchik?

14 BARRY GRODENCHIK: Here.

15 CLERK: Holden?

16 ROBERT HOLDEN: Here.

17 CLERK: Kallos?

18 BEN KALLOS: Here.

19 CLERK: King? Koo? Koslowtiz?

20 KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Here.

21 CLERK: Lancman?

22 RORY LANCMAN: Here.

23 CLERK: Kallos?

24 BEN KALLOS: Here.

25 CLERK: Lander?

2 BRAD LANDER: Here.

3 CLERK: Shh... Levin? Levine?

4 MARK LEVINE: Here.

5 CLERK: Maisel?

6 ALAN MAISEL: Here.

7 CLERK: Menchaca?

8 CARLOS MENCHACA: Presente. 29:03

9 CLERK: Cohen? Miller? Moya? Perkins?  
10 Powers? Reynoso? Richards?

11 DONOVAN RICHARDS: Present.

12 CLERK: Rivera?

13 CARLINA RIVERA: Present.

14 CLERK: Rodriguez? Rose?

15 DEBORAH ROSE: Here.

16 CLERK: Rosenthal?

17 HELEN ROSENTHAL: Here.

18 CLERK: SALAMANCA?

19 RAFAEL SALAMANCA: Present.

20 CLERK: Torres? Treyger?

21 MARK TREYGER: Here.

22 CLERK: Ulrich?

23 ERIC ULRICH: Here.

24 CLERK: Vallone?

25 PAUL VALLONE: Here.

2 CLERK: Van Bramer?

3 JAMES VAN BRAMER: Here.

4 CLERK: Williams? Yeger?

5 KALMAN YEGER: Here.

6 CLERK: Matteo? Cumbo?

7 LAURIE CUMBO: Present.

8 CLERK: Gibson?

9 VANESSA GIBSON: Present.

10 CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

11 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Here.

12 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Quiet in the  
13 Chambers, all rise for the invocation.

14 SARGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

15 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: The invocation  
16 will be delivered by Bishop Calvin Rice of New  
17 Jerusalem Worship Center at 12205 Smith Street in  
18 Jamaica, New York. Quiet in the chambers.

19 BISHOP CALVIN RICE: Good afternoon  
20 everyone, may we pray. Dear Lord of Heaven and of  
21 Earth, maker and rule of all things, we the  
22 benefactors of your goodness and your grace that is  
23 renewed every single day, each and every day, humbly  
24 express our sincere and profound thanks for all  
25 things nature has provided for us to sustain life.

2 We are grateful for the water we drink the air we  
3 breathe and the food we eat. Thank you for the  
4 intellect to produce manmade comforts of clothing and  
5 of shelter and all things necessary to sustain a  
6 bountiful life. I pray this afternoon that you would  
7 grant this governing body divine wisdom to Legislate  
8 Laws and Ordinances that would enhance and protect  
9 the lives of all the people in every borough, in  
10 every neighborhood. Give these Council men and  
11 Council women a spirit of unity and purpose to make  
12 our City a light to the world, the melting pot of  
13 culture and diversity, working and living as one  
14 people. We ask this in the name of the God of our  
15 Faith. Amen.

16 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amen. Please be  
17 seated. Bishop. A motion to spread the invocation  
18 on the record, Council Member Adrienne Adams.

19 ADRIENNE ADAMS: Thank you Madam Public  
20 Advocate. Bishop Calvin Rice has served as the  
21 senior pastor of the New Jerusalem Worship Center in  
22 Jamaica, New York since January 2005 before going to  
23 New Jerusalem, Bishop Rice served for 20 years as  
24 senior pastor of the First Central Baptist Church of  
25 Staten Island where he grew FCBC from 35 to more than

2 2,000 members. He also founded the First Central  
3 Housing Development Corporation which restored two  
4 residential buildings and converted an abandoned  
5 supermarket into a 15,000 square feet Family Life  
6 Community Center. In addition, he served as the  
7 Executive Director of Staten Island Communities  
8 United, a not for profit charged with distributing  
9 \$2.5 million in funding to five communities on the  
10 North Shore under a New York State Family  
11 Preservation Grant. During his tenure in Jamaica  
12 Queens Bishop Rice has successfully led the effort to  
13 complete a \$9 million construction project on the  
14 church. In addition to completing the church  
15 building project which doubled the size of the  
16 facility the membership and attendance has increased  
17 by 40%. Bishop Rice also founded and serves as the  
18 CEO of the Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School.  
19 A pre K through grade 5 publically funded education  
20 institution housed in the lower level at  
21 administration wing of the New Jerusalem Worship  
22 Center Complex. The school which opened in 2010 has  
23 a current enrollment of 319 students and was recently  
24 listed as a reward school, an honor given to only 155  
25 schools in the entire state of New York. Bishop Rice

2 is currently planning a \$5 million expansion to  
3 increase the enrollment to 430. Bishop Rice has  
4 served as a member of Mayor Bloomberg's Economic  
5 Development Task Force and Staten Island Borough  
6 President's Anti-biased Task Force. He received the  
7 recognition from the New York Association of Black  
8 and Puerto Rican Legislators for his community and  
9 economic development work. Most recently Bishop Rice  
10 was awarded the Vernon M. Dougherty Distinction in  
11 Ministry Award, the highest honor granted by the new  
12 theological seminary alumnus. He has received  
13 countless proclamations for the proclamations from  
14 the Governor of New York, three New York City  
15 Mayor's, two United States Senators and five New York  
16 City Council Members. Bishop Rice has held more than  
17 12 Board positions and served as chairman of four.  
18 He has been featured in more than 30 newspaper and  
19 magazine articles, has received more than 75 awards  
20 and honors for his work including the coveted Living  
21 the Dream Award from the American Broadcasting  
22 Company. In 1994, Bishop Rice was inducted into the  
23 Staten Island College Hall of Fame and was the first  
24 living African American to have a New York City  
25 Street in the borough of Staten Island named in his



2 honor. He has preached throughout the United States  
3 of America, Canada, the Middle East and South Africa.  
4 He has licensed and ordained 40 sons and daughters in  
5 ministry including two who currently serve as senior  
6 pastors. Bishop Rice is a New York State certified  
7 Chaplin and served for 22 years as Protestant Chaplin  
8 at the South Beach Psychiatric Center in Staten  
9 Island. Bishop Rice's academic achievements include  
10 a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the college  
11 of Staten Island and a Master's of Professional  
12 Studies from the New York Theological Seminary. He  
13 completed graduate studies at the National  
14 Theological Seminary of Baltimore, Maryland and the  
15 Post Graduate Center for Mental Health of New York  
16 City in conjunction with Hebrew Union Seminary. He  
17 has also attended the Catawba Bible College of Rock  
18 Hill, South Carolina and holds a Certificate of study  
19 from the Hebrew University Jerusalem Israel. He is  
20 married for the former Willie Mae Rogers and together  
21 they have three children and five grandchildren. I  
22 am honored to call Bishop Calvin Rice my friend and  
23 one of the most revered spiritual leaders, not just  
24 in Queens but in all of New York City and beyond.  
25 Bishop on behalf of Council Members Richards, Miller

2 and myself and the entire New York City Council, we  
3 are honored and grateful for your selfless dedication  
4 and service and we thank you for giving us today's  
5 blessing. Madam public advocate I move to spread the  
6 invocation in full upon the record.

7 ADRIENNE ADAMS: So moved and I join in  
8 those comments, thank you, thank you Bishop thank  
9 you. Adoption of minutes, Council Member Gibson.

10 VANESSA GIBSON: Thank you Madam Public  
11 Advocate, good afternoon colleagues, I make a motion  
12 that the minutes of the Stated Meeting of August 29,  
13 2018 and September 12, 2018 be adopted and printed.  
14 Thank you.

15 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.  
16 Messages and papers from the Mayor.

17 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Pre-considered  
18 M104, TLC appointment.

19 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Communication for  
20 City, County and borough offices.

21 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Uhm rules,  
22 privileges and elections on messages and papers from  
23 the Mayor and rules, privileges and elections from  
24 communication from City, County and borough offices.

2 CITY, COUNTY AND BOROUGH OFFICES: Thank  
3 you Mr. Speaker, that's preconsidered M105, a  
4 planning commission appointment.

5 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Petitions and  
6 communications?

7 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: None.

8 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Land Use Call-  
9 ups.

10 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: M106 through  
11 M108. Coupled on a call up voting at this time, I  
12 would ask for a roll call vote on all of the items on  
13 today's Land Use Call ups. We are just voting on  
14 Land Use Call ups now.

15 CLERK: Adams?

16 ADRIENNE ADAMS: Aye on all.

17 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

18 ALICKA AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Ayala?

20 DIANA AYALA: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Barron?

22 INEZ BARRON: I vote aye.

23 CLERK: Borelli? Brannan? Cabrera?

24 FERNANDO CABRERA: Aye.

25 CLERK: Chin?

2 MARGARET CHIN: Aye.

3 CLERK: Cohen?

4 ANDREW COHEN: Aye.

5 CLERK: Constantinides?

6 COSTA CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on all.

7 CLERK: Cornegy?

8 ROBERT CORNEGY: Aye on all.

9 CLERK: Deutsch?

10 CHAIM DEUTSCH: Aye.

11 CLERK: Diaz? Dromm?

12 DANIEL DROMM: Aye.

13 CLERK: Espinal? Eugene?

14 MATHIEU EUGENE: Aye.

15 CLERK: Gibson? Gjonaj?

16 MARK GJONAJ: Aye on all.

17 CLERK: Grodenchik?

18 BARRY GRODENCHIK: Aye.

19 CLERK: Holden?

20 ROBERT HOLDEN: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Kallos?

22 BEN KALLOS: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: King.

24 ANDY KING: Aye on all.

25 CLERK: Matteo?

2 STEVEN MATTEO: Aye.

3 CLERK: Koo.

4 PETER KOO: Aye.

5 CLERK: Koslowitz?

6 KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

7 CLERK: Lancman?

8 RORY LANCMAN: Aye.

9 CLERK: Lander?

10 BRAD LANDER: Aye.

11 CLERK: Levin?

12 STEPHEN LEVIN: Aye.

13 CLERK: Levine?

14 MARK LEVINE: Aye.

15 CLERK: Maisel?

16 ALAN MAISEL: Yes.

17 CLERK: Menchaca?

18 CARLOS MENCHACA: Aye...

19 CLERK: Miller?

20 I. DANEEK MILLER: Aye.

21 CLERK: Moya? Perkins? Powers?

22 KEITH POWERS: Aye.

23 CLERK: Reynoso?

24 LAURIE CUMBO: Reynoso?

25 CLERK: Gibson?

2 VANESSA GIBSON: Madam Public Advocate I  
3 would like permission to vote on all Land Use Call  
4 Ups and General Order Calendars?

5 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes?

6 VANESSA GIBSON: Thank you I vote aye on  
7 all, thank you.

8 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Thank you.

9 CLERK: Richards?

10 DONOVAN RICHARDS: Aye.

11 CLERK: Borelli?

12 JOSEPH BORELLI: Aye.

13 CLERK: Rivera?

14 CARLINA RIVERA: Aye.

15 CLERK: Rodriguez?

16 YDANIS RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

17 CLERK: Rose?

18 DEBORAH ROSE: Aye.

19 CLERK: Rosenthal?

20 HELEN ROSENTHAL: Aye, aye on all.

21 CLERK: Salamanca?

22 RAFAEL SALAMANCA: Aye.

23 CLERK: Torres?

24 RITCHIE TORRES: Aye.

25 CLERK: Treyger?

2 MARK TREYGER: Aye.

3 CLERK: Ulrich? Vallone?

4 PAUL VALLONE: Aye.

5 CLERK: Van Bramer?

6 JAMES VAN BRAMER: Aye.

7 CLERK: Williams? Yeger?

8 KALMAN YEGER: Aye.

9 CLERK: Cumbo?

10 LAURIE CUMBO: Aye.

11 CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

12 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Aye.

13 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

14 Today's Land Use Call Ups are adopted by a vote of 45  
15 in the affirmative, 0 negative. Quiet in the  
16 chambers please.

17 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Sit down, keep it  
18 down.

19 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: As we now hear  
20 from the Speaker, Corey Johnson.

21 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I thank you Madam  
22 Public Advocate it is nice to see you up there on  
23 dias and it may not be for much longer so we are  
24 really grateful to have you hear uhm today. Good  
25 afternoon everyone. Today we celebrate our truths.

2 A few of us here in the Council shared our stories  
3 last week on National Coming Out Day. It was not  
4 easy for all of us but it is important to show the  
5 next generation of LGBT individuals that they are not  
6 alone and that we stand in solidarity with them and  
7 it is also important that those of us here who are  
8 allies of LGBT people reinforce our commitment to  
9 creating a safe and welcoming environment of the LGBT  
10 community and their families and friends and  
11 colleagues. I want to thank everyone who is wearing  
12 a rainbow ribbon today for your support it means the  
13 world to all of us here in the LGBT Caucus and of  
14 course there are five members of the Caucus; Council  
15 Member Van Bramer, Council Member Dromm, Council  
16 Member Torres, Council Member Menchaca and myself and  
17 I want to thank LGBT Network CEO David Kilmnick for  
18 supplying us with these ribbons. I am not going to  
19 stand here today and tell you my whole story but I  
20 will just say that National Coming Out Day is not  
21 just a moment for LGBT people to come out and share  
22 their story and talk about the adversity they faced  
23 and how they came to come out and accept themselves  
24 and live their lives. It is also an opportunity for  
25 other people to come out about things that have been



2 difficult for them to talk about in their own lives  
3 that have nothing to do with their sexual orientation  
4 and what we saw even from some members of this  
5 Council and of course from members of the public, is  
6 that day being as an opportunity to talk about  
7 difficult things that involve shame and adversity but  
8 to use it as an occasion to inspire others. I stand  
9 here today as Speaker of the Council from a path that  
10 had me as a despondent, clinically depressed,  
11 suicidal 15-year-old boy in a small town of 3,000  
12 people, 30 miles north of Boston. Never dreaming  
13 that I would leave that small town and never knowing  
14 that I would end up in this great City or knowing  
15 that I would even run for office or knowing that I  
16 would become Speaker of this august and important body  
17 but I didn't do that on my own and I didn't get here  
18 on my own. I am here today because of all of the  
19 people that came before me to lay the groundwork and  
20 clear the path to make that possible and I think that  
21 Jimmy, Danny, Carlos and Ritchie would say the same  
22 things. We stand on the shoulders of all of those  
23 who came before us, whether it be Tom Dewayne who was  
24 the first openly gay member of this City Council and  
25 he was openly HIV positive in the early 1990s when

2 people were dying of AIDS in this City or B. Bared  
3 Ruston who lived at Penn South in my District and  
4 organized the March on Washington for Dr. King or  
5 Aundry Lord or Sylvia Rivera or Marcia Peed-Johnson  
6 or Larry Cramer. All of those brave men and women  
7 who put their lives and bodies on the line before  
8 Stonewall, during Stonewall, after Stonewall at the  
9 height of the AIDS epidemic when people were dying  
10 and when it was still legal in this City to  
11 discriminate and fire people just because they were  
12 gay. In 1986, this body went through a difficult  
13 chapter and finally there was a vote to codify  
14 discrimination not being allowed in the basis of  
15 sexual orientation and people were screaming from the  
16 rafters here in this body that passed in 1986, it  
17 took years, many years for it to pass. And at that  
18 moment in time there was not an LGBT member of the  
19 City Council to be able to stand here on the floor  
20 and debate that Bill and talk about the real life  
21 impact it was having on the lives of LGBT New  
22 Yorkers. Times have changed, we have five LGBT  
23 members of the Council, we are down a little bit from  
24 the previous term and I stand here today as an  
25 opening gay, opening HIV positive man who is only

2 able to stand here because of the hard work and  
3 activism of all those who came before me and who came  
4 before us. So this rainbow that we are wearing, this  
5 ribbon is not merely a token of visibility it is a  
6 thread that shares the longer, deeper, important  
7 story that has allowed many of us to be able to be  
8 here today to stand here proudly and openly to talk  
9 about ourselves, our struggle and our story and there  
10 are still many people in New York City. There are  
11 still many children who struggle with their sexual  
12 orientation, who are still bullied in school, who are  
13 still rejected by their parents and end up on the  
14 streets and subways of New York City without a roof  
15 over their head. We are the lucky ones. The ones  
16 that get to stand here today but there are still too  
17 many people who are not as fortunate and so I know  
18 the members of this caucus and the members of this  
19 body seek to make this a City that every person  
20 regardless of their sexual orientation or gender  
21 identity or race or gender, ethnicity or religion is  
22 able to be someone who lives with dignity and  
23 protection and value in our City. We talk about this  
24 today even though it is not National Coming Out Day,  
25 that was last week but we talk about this from a

2 personal place, many of our paths could have gone a  
3 different way if one person had potentially treated  
4 us differently and so I want to thank all of you, for  
5 your commitment to our City, the best City in the  
6 world, the most diverse City in the world. The City  
7 where 40% of the people living here were not born in  
8 the United States of America, the City that was the  
9 birth place of the modern LGBT Civil Rights Movement.  
10 The City that has been a huge part of the worldwide  
11 struggle for equality for all people not just LGBT  
12 people. The Women Suffrage Movement, the Underground  
13 Railroad, all of it started to happen here in our  
14 great City and I want to recognize all of those brave  
15 men and women, those who are in this room, those who  
16 are not, dead or alive, that put themselves and their  
17 bodies on the line to make this possible for someone  
18 like me who as a 15-year-old boy contemplating taking  
19 my own life in a small town not knowing a single  
20 other openly gay person. We do this on their  
21 shoulders, we do this in their name and we do it in  
22 their spirit. Thank you very much. Uhm today I  
23 would like to dedicate (applause). Today I would  
24 like to dedicate our thoughts and prayers to a few  
25 New Yorkers, Felipe Torres, Felipe Torre an FDNY

2 Medic who succumbed to 9/11 related cancer this past  
3 week. He was 54 years old. A medic who was working  
4 at Ground Zero to help other New Yorkers, died of  
5 cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with his  
6 children and friends and everyone at the Fire  
7 Department in New York City, Shakeem Farnam who was  
8 killed in an accident while driving the forklift in a  
9 food distribution center in Hunt's Points last week,  
10 last month, Shakeem was 43 years old. Velesa Monte  
11 (SP?) a 47-year-old worker who died at the scene of a  
12 wall collapse at a construction site, Sunset Park in  
13 Council Member Menchaca's District and Council Member  
14 Menchaca was there on the scene that day, tending to  
15 the family. Juan Otoya, a Queens resident who was  
16 struck and killed by a construction vehicle at a  
17 building site on the upper East side, Juan was 40,  
18 was 66 years old. Brian Trinidad a 27 year old who  
19 was killed by a co-worker in a fight in a Brooklyn  
20 Warehouse where they worked and finally on Saturday  
21 the NYPD added 43 names of fallen officers to its  
22 police memorial wall. The names included 24 officers  
23 who died from 9/11 related illnesses, 15 cops who  
24 died in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and one officer who died in  
25 the 1869 Ferry Yard Accident in Brooklyn. I think,

2 Police Commissioner James O'Neal said it best when he  
3 said "their lives were spent and ultimately ended in  
4 great service to this City and the people they cared  
5 so much about." If all of us could stand for a  
6 moment of silence for all of those we are remembering  
7 today. Thank you very much and it is actually quite  
8 fitting now, sad but fitting, sad for us but good for  
9 the City of New York and I want to acknowledge that  
10 one of our Assistant Sargeant at Arms, Mohamad  
11 Arshad, Mo is leaving us, that big smile, that  
12 friendly demeanor, that helpful presence that he is  
13 leaving us to join the Police Academy in New York  
14 City, I get the chills saying it. I want to thank  
15 him so much (applause). Whoever the next speaker is  
16 has to consider him for the detail. Okay now the  
17 Council is going to vote on the following Land Use  
18 items today LeForte's Boulevard Rezoning; it is in  
19 Councilman Adams District; 95 Lennox Avenue, it is an  
20 article 11 tax exemption to preserve affordable  
21 housing in Council Member Perkins District; Lutheran  
22 Social Services of New York Early Life Child Center  
23 in Council Member Salamanca's District, the Borem  
24 Hill Historic District Extension in Council Member  
25 Levin's District and the 180 Myrtle Avenue Text

2 Amendment I believe that is in Majority Leader  
3 Cumbo's District. I want to thank the Land Use Staff  
4 who worked on these projects, Brian Paul, Jeff Une  
5 and John Douglas as well as our Land Use Director  
6 Roger Mann. The Council is going to vote on the  
7 following Legislation today. We will vote on the  
8 Parental Empowerment Package, we first announced this  
9 package of Bills for Mother's Day and we are very  
10 proud to be voting on these Bills today. You know  
11 they say it takes a village to raise a child but uhm  
12 too often we can fall short in supporting parents and  
13 caregivers who are tending to children. Uhm this  
14 package of Bills will help provide New York City  
15 families with exactly the type of support they need  
16 to raise healthy, happy families. I want to commend  
17 my amazing colleagues. I especially want to  
18 recognize Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo who came to me  
19 with this package of Legislation uhm maybe a week  
20 before Mother's Day and said we need to announce it  
21 on Mother's Day so thank you for giving me a lot of  
22 time to consider then and our incredible Women's  
23 Committee Chair, who is not here, Helen Rosenthal for  
24 her leadership as well. They have been unwavering in  
25 their commitment to improving the lives of families

2 across New York City. Introduction 913 A sponsored  
3 by Chair Rosenthal required the Department of Health  
4 and Mental Hygiene to increase access to doulas for  
5 pregnant people in the City including relevant  
6 timelines and strategies. The Health Department will  
7 also report annually on known City and community  
8 based programs that provide doula services and  
9 training, areas with a disproportionately high rate  
10 of maternal mortality, Cesarean birth and other poor  
11 birth outcomes in the City and any updates to the  
12 plan. The next Bill is also by Council Member  
13 Rosenthal, introduction 914A it will expand upon the  
14 report required by local law 55 of 2017 and require  
15 the Health Department to submit additional data on  
16 maternal mortality as well as information on severe  
17 maternal morbidity. The report will include more  
18 nuance information such as insurance status,  
19 trimester of prenatal care entry and preexisting  
20 health conditions. The Bill will require the report  
21 to provide recommendations for enhancing agency  
22 cooperation to approve outcomes and finally this  
23 Legislation will codify the multi-disciplinary  
24 maternal mortality and morbidity review committee  
25 known at M3RC and require the Health Department to



2 post online information on the disciplines  
3 represented in the M3RC committee. Introduction 879A  
4 sponsored by Majority Leader Cumbo will expand upon  
5 existing laws to require any employer with 15 or more  
6 employees to provide a lactation room with a service  
7 to place a breast pump and require that room be a  
8 reasonable proximity from the employee's work area  
9 and also to have a refrigerator suitable for breast  
10 milk storage. Introduction 878A sponsored by Council  
11 Member Robert Cornegy will expand upon Local Law 94  
12 of 2016 which was also his Bill which became Law  
13 which required lactation rooms in places like City  
14 Health Centers requiring that City Jails that accept  
15 visitors and police precincts offer lactations room  
16 for a police precinct or a jail to provide a  
17 lactation room due to security concerns, limited  
18 space, if it is not practicable to have them, the  
19 Bill will require those agencies provide an  
20 explanation why it is not practicable as well as  
21 information on any future plans to improve the  
22 availability of lactation rooms. Introduction 905A  
23 sponsored by Council Woman Carlina Rivera will  
24 require employers to develop, implement and  
25 distribute all new hires, a written policy regarding

2 the provision of a lactation room. The policy will  
3 include a statement that employees have the right to  
4 request a lactation room, identify the appropriate  
5 process for doing so and provide guidance for what to  
6 do if two or more persons need the room at the same  
7 time. The Bill will also require the New York City  
8 Commissioner on Human Rights to establish and post  
9 online a model lactation room accommodation policy.  
10 I want to thank the staff who worked on all of these  
11 Bills, Brenda McKinney, Austin Branford, Chloe  
12 Rivera, Smita Desmuke and Audrea Vasquez for their  
13 help in getting us this Legislation. Introduction  
14 853A sponsored by our public advocate Leticia James  
15 would require the establishment of a working group to  
16 study the feasibility of providing discounted group  
17 child care services for children aged 4 and under of  
18 City employees, the working group would include  
19 experts in the field of childcare and agency  
20 representatives and would issue it's feasibility  
21 report 12 months from when it was signed into Law.  
22 The study would be followed by a pilot project to  
23 provide such childcare at one more centers in the  
24 City and I want to thank the public advocate for this  
25 very important Bill that we are passing into Law

2 today and then lastly Introduction 380A sponsored by  
3 Council Member Mark Treyger would require the  
4 Department of Citywide Administrative Services, DCAS  
5 to make available a supply of diapers and baby wipes  
6 sufficient to meet the needs of children 3 years old  
7 and younger at domestic violence shelters, temporary  
8 shelters, family justice centers, life programs and  
9 city contracted childcare centers. It would also  
10 require visible signage or written notice of the  
11 availability of such diapers and baby wipes. It is  
12 such an important Bill mark. I am really glad that  
13 we are passing it today. All of the Bills are. I  
14 want to staff who worked on the Public Advocates Bill  
15 as well as Council Member Treyger's Bill, Brad Reed,  
16 Elizabeth Cronk, Zachary Harris and Rachel Cordero.  
17 That concludes our agenda for today's state and I  
18 look forward to proceeding with today's votes. Thank  
19 you all very much for being here and I also want to  
20 tell everyone who celebrated the high holidays, I  
21 hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. With  
22 that, Madam Public Advocate I turn it back to you.

23 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you Mr.  
24 Speaker, discussion of General Orders, seeing none,  
25 report of Special Committees?

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2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: None.

3 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Reports of  
4 Standing Committees?

5 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Report of the  
6 Committee on Governmental Operations, Intros 380A and  
7 853A Childcare Bill, amended and coupled on general  
8 orders. Report of the Committee on Land Use, LU208  
9 and Reso 570 and LU216 and Reso 571 Zoning  
10 Amendments.

11 CLERK: Coupled to General Orders.

12 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: LU219 and Reso  
13 572 Landmark designation.

14 CLERK: Coupled to General Orders.

15 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: LU220 and Reso  
16 573 Childcare Facility.

17 CLERK: Coupled to General Orders.

18 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: LU223 and Reso  
19 574 through LU225 and Reso 576 Lennox Avenue Plan.

20 CLERK: Coupled to General Orders.

21 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Report of the  
22 Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections, Pre-  
23 considered M104 and Reso 577 Approving the  
24 Appointment of Steven Kest, Taxi and Limousine  
25 Commission.

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2 CLERK: Coupled to General Orders.

3 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Pre-considered  
4 M105 and Reso 578 Approving the Appointment of Uda  
5 Shram Raj Rampersad, City Planning Commission.

6 CLERK: Coupled to General Orders.

7 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Report of the  
8 Committee on Women, Intro 878A, 879A, 905A and 913A  
9 and 914A Parental Empowerment Package.

10 CLERK: Amended and coupled to General  
11 Orders.

12 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: On the General  
13 Order calendar, Intro 720, Site Safety Training.

14 CLERK: Laid over.

15 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Site Safety  
16 Training.

17 CLERK: Laid over.

18 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Resolution  
19 appointment various persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

20 CLERK: Coupled to General Orders at this  
21 time I would ask for a roll call vote on all of the  
22 items on today's General Order Calendar.

23 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Quiet in the  
24 chambers please. The first vote is Council Member  
25 Rodriguez.

2 YDANIS RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

3 CLERK: Cumbo?

4 LAURIE CUMBO: Aye.

5 CLERK: Adams?

6 ADRIENNE ADAMS: Permission to explain my  
7 vote?

8 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

9 ADRIENNE ADAMS: I would like to  
10 congratulate Raj Rampashad, my former colleague,  
11 former Chair Person of Community Board 9 on his  
12 appointment today. We are more than happy to have  
13 you with your background, your knowledge and your  
14 heart for the community, congratulations Raj. I vote  
15 aye on all.

16 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

17 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

18 ALICKA AMPRY-SAMUEL: I vote aye.

19 LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you.

20 CLERK: Ayala?

21 DIANA AYALA: Aye.

22 CLERK: Barron?

23 INEZ BARRON: Permission to explain my  
24 vote?

25 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

2 INEZ BARRON: Thank you. Uhm I want to  
3 commend my colleagues for the Legislation,  
4 particularly that concerning mortality for mortality  
5 rates and looking that study is really very important  
6 especially in communities such as ours where the  
7 rates are the highest. In terms of the Bills, I am  
8 voting aye on all with the exception of LU223, 224,  
9 225 and the accompanying resolutions. It's the same  
10 story that I have had before. If I could have  
11 crossed out the piece that would have been article  
12 11ed and separated out, I would have done that but it  
13 is a collective and I am looking at Lot 155,  
14 described in that Bill, 80% of the apartment there  
15 would be at 130% of AMI and market so for those  
16 reasons I'm abstaining on that one. Thank you.

17 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

18 CLERK: Borelli?

19 JOSEPH BORELLI: Aye on all except M104  
20 and the accompanying resolution.

21 CLERK: Brannan?

22 JUSTIN BRANNAN: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: Cabrera?

24 FERNANDO CABRERA: Aye.

25 CLERK: Chin?

2 MARGARET CHIN: Aye on all.

3 CLERK: Cohen?

4 ANDREW COHEN: Aye.

5 CLERK: Constantinides?

6 COSTA CONSTANTINIDES: Congratulations to  
7 all of my colleagues on today's Legislation I vote  
8 aye on all.

9 CLERK: Cornegy?

10 ROBERT CORNEGY: Aye.

11 CLERK: Deutsch?

12 CHAIM DEUTSCH: Aye.

13 CLERK: Diaz.

14 RUBEN DIAZ: Aye.

15 CLERK: Dromm.

16 DANIEL DROMM: Aye.

17 CLERK: Eugene?

18 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Eugene?

19 CLERK: Gjonaj?

20 MARK GJONAJ: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Grodenchik?

22 BARRY GRODENCHIK: Aye on all Madam

23 Public Advocate. I just want to add to Council Woman  
24 Adams' comments. I am delighted to be and urge all  
25 my colleagues to vote yes for Raj Rampashad. I had



2 the honor of working with him uhm when I was Director  
3 of Community Boards for both Borough President  
4 Marshall, God rest her soul and Borough President  
5 Katz and I congratulate Borough President Katz on  
6 this outstanding appointment and with that, aye on  
7 all.

8 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

9 CLERK: Holden?

10 ROBERT HOLDEN: Aye on all.

11 CLERK: Kallos?

12 BEN KALLOS: Aye on all.

13 CLERK: King?

14 ANDY KING: Aye on all.

15 CLERK: Koo?

16 PETER KOO: Aye on all.

17 CLERK: Koslowitz?

18 KAREN KOSLOWITZ: The excuse to explain  
19 my vote. I want to congratulate Raj I also had the  
20 privilege of working with him as a Community Board  
21 Director, as the Deputy Borough President and as a  
22 Council Member. He was a great chair of Community  
23 Board 9 and a great member to our community so I want  
24 to congratulate Raj. I vote aye on all other General  
25 Coupled Orders.

2 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

3 CLERK: Lancman?

4 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Lancman?

5 CLERK: Lander?

6 BRAD LANDER: Permission to explain?

7 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

8 BRAD LANDER: I vote aye on all and I  
9 just want to give a big shout out to Steve Cast who  
10 is somebody who has really given his whole life to  
11 organizing workers and organizing communities and  
12 finding ways to make public policy work better for  
13 people and I am proud that we are electing him today  
14 to serve on the Taxi and Limousine Commission. I  
15 vote aye on all.

16 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

17 CLERK: Levin?

18 STEPHEN LEVIN: Permission to explain my  
19 vote?

20 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

21 STEPHEN LEVIN: I just want to  
22 congratulate the Borem Hill Community on the  
23 expansion of the Borem Hill Historic District. The  
24 Borem Hill Community has long been fighting to have  
25 more of their community protected by Landmark status

2 which with forces of gentrification going on all  
3 around us and the incentives new owners to come in  
4 and tear down non-Landmark protected buildings which  
5 have historic significance. It is important that we,  
6 where we can and where appropriate extend Landmark  
7 status to our communities that can preserve this  
8 great architectural heritage that we have throughout  
9 New York City and so I want to thank the Landmarks  
10 Commission and the Boren Hill Association for working  
11 with us on this and congratulate the Borem Hill  
12 Association and all the residence of Borem Hill that  
13 have come out to advocate for this and with that I  
14 vote aye on all.

15 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amen, thank you.

16 CLERK: Lanman?

17 RORY LANCMAN: Aye.

18 CLERK: Levine?

19 MARK LEVINE: Aye.

20 CLERK: Maisel?

21 ALAN MAISEL: Yes.

22 CLERK: Menchaca?

23 CARLOS MENCHACA: Aye.

24 CLERK: Miller?

25 I. DANEEK MILLER: Aye.

2 CLERK: Moya?

3 FRANCISCO MOYA: Aye.

4 CLERK: Powers?

5 KEITH POWERS: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Reynoso?

7 ANTONIO REYNOSO: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Richards?

9 DONOVAN RICHARDS: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Rivera?

11 CARLINA RIVERA: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Rose?

13 DEBORAH ROSE: Aye.

14 CLERK: Rosenthal?

15 HELEN ROSENTHAL: Aye on all.

16 CLERK: Salamanca?

17 RAFAEL SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Torres?

19 RITCHIE TORRES: Aye on all.

20 CLERK: Treyger?

21 MARK TREYGER: Permission to explain my  
22 vote?

23 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

24 MARK TREYGER: Thank you colleagues I,  
25 today we are voting on my Bill Introduction 380A a

2 law that provides diapers and baby wipes to our  
3 childcare centers, to our homeless shelters, domestic  
4 violence shelters. Diapers and wipes are not a  
5 luxury item. These are an expensive necessity and  
6 many families struggle to afford them. The cost of  
7 diapers can especially be a hardship for single  
8 parents. In New York State, infant care can account  
9 for 55% of a single parents household income and WIC  
10 and SNAP assistance cannot be used to pay for the  
11 cost of the diapers. Studies also show the mom who  
12 struggle to afford diapers are more likely to have  
13 depression and babies who are exposed to dirty  
14 diapers are at risk of developing potentially severe  
15 long-lasting medical complications. Our City must  
16 show basic decency. Mild childcare center do not  
17 allow infants to be dropped off without a supply of  
18 diapers, putting some parents in the unnameable  
19 (SP?) position being unable to go to work or school  
20 because they have nowhere to leave their child.  
21 Furthermore, these children are missing out on the  
22 early childhood programs that can be critical for  
23 their academic, social and emotional development. I  
24 am very proud that our City is stepping up to make  
25 sure that diapers are available for our families.

2 This is common sense Legislation and I am proud that  
3 we are taking a major step to do right by our  
4 families, this is a historic day. I want to thank  
5 Speaker Corey Johnson, all my colleagues for their  
6 support, Warwa Poppa (SP?), Jeff Baker, Brad Reed,  
7 Andrea Vasquez, Rachel Cordera and Jason Goldman for  
8 their hard work and finally to my staff Anna Scaife,  
9 Vanessa Ogle, Eric Fanberg for their work as well.  
10 Thank you very much to my colleagues I thank you for  
11 your support.

12 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

13 MARK TREYGER: And I vote aye on all.

14 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

15 CLERK: Eugene?

16 MATHEIU EUGENE: I vote aye.

17 CLERK: Ulrich?

18 ERIC ULRICH: I vote aye on all and I  
19 also want to congratulate my good friend and former  
20 constituent Raj Rampershad (SP?), Melinda Katz our  
21 great Borough President could not have picked a  
22 better person to join the City Planning Commissioner,  
23 again I vote aye.

24 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

25 CLERK: Vallone?

2 PAUL VALLONE: Aye on all.

3 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

4 CLERK: Van Bramer?

5 JAMES VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Williams?

7 JUMAANE WILLIAMS: Aye on all with the  
8 exception of LU224 and accompanying resolution which  
9 I abstain.

10 CLERK: Yeger?

11 KALMAN YEGER: Aye on all with the  
12 exception of LU219 and accompanying Resolution 572  
13 and M104 and accompanying Resolution 577 on which I  
14 abstain on those four items. Thank you.

15 CLERK: Matteo?

16 STEVEN MATTEO: No on 104 and  
17 accompanying Reso 577, aye on the rest.

18 CLERK: Cumbo?

19 LAURIE CUMBO: Permission to explain my  
20 vote?

21 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

22 LAURIE CUMBO: I was proud to bring  
23 forward today this Mother's Day package which takes a  
24 comprehensive approach to empowering parents across  
25 New York City. As the mother of a 14-month-old I

2 know that Mother's Day is great with chocolate and  
3 roses and flowers and all of those but what we really  
4 need and we need those things too, but what we really  
5 need is real support and today's package really gives  
6 moms and parents across New York City that support.  
7 In this day and age in the City of New York it is  
8 still very difficult to raise a child. In the 35<sup>th</sup>  
9 Council District, childcare for an average 14-month-  
10 old runs at about \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year if you  
11 can believe that and we know that doula care makes  
12 the difference for so many mothers, particularly  
13 black and Latino women if they have the appropriate  
14 care would be alive to see their children today and  
15 we need to make sure that more women have access to  
16 post and prenatal care. We also know that  
17 breastfeeding, for me, breastfeeding for almost a  
18 year for my son was really difficult, the ability to  
19 have more spaces to do so really creates an  
20 environment where mother's know that they are able to  
21 breastfeed and that there is an environment that  
22 supports that. We also know in closing that so many  
23 women today as I mentioned black and Latino women are  
24 still dying as they are giving birth and we want to  
25 make sure that we recognize that black women's lives



2 matter, that the mother's matter, that we do all that  
3 we can as a City to end this horrible epidemic that  
4 is so preventable and I thank this body, this entire  
5 body for recognizing that things like diapers and  
6 wipes and childcare are not frivolous but are  
7 critical to the survival and well being of families  
8 across the City of New York and I proudly vote aye  
9 and Happy Mother's Day you are all the rock stars,  
10 you get up every morning and you do it, you change  
11 the diapers, you pump the milk, you change your  
12 baby's clothes, daddy's too, yes Donovan and we make  
13 sure that we get it done every day and get out of the  
14 house by 7:30, 8:00 every day so I vote aye on all.  
15 Thank you.

16 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you. Thank  
17 you. Council recalling Council Barron clarification?  
18 On your vote.

19 INEZ BARRON: Yes thank you Madam Public  
20 Advocate?

21 ADRIENNE ADAMS: Yeah.

22 INEZ BARRON: As I said in the beginning I  
23 would have voted for article 11, I have been told  
24 that it is separated out so I am voting in favor of  
25

2 the article 11 and I believe that is LU225 and the  
3 accompanying resolution.

4 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

5 INEZ BARRON: Thank you.

6 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

7 CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

8 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I vote aye on  
9 all.

10 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: As they tabulate  
11 the votes I just want to thank everyone for this Bill  
12 that I have been a sponsor of which will create a  
13 real process for studying and implementing on-site  
14 childcare for New York's 600,000 municipal workers.  
15 It guarantees a real feasibility study with a one  
16 year of implementation and a program Bill of three  
17 and I want to thank all of those who are involved. I  
18 particularly want to thank Majority Leader Cumbo,  
19 Rosenthal, Cabrera and all of the staff members, and  
20 particularly my staff Ms. Barbara Sherman and  
21 Michelle Kim. And with that we are ready with a  
22 vote. All items on today's General Order Calendar  
23 were adopted by a vote of 49 in the affirmative, 0  
24 negative and 0 abstentions with the extension of M104  
25 and accompanying Resolution 577 which was adopted by

2 a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative  
3 and 1 abstention, NL Land Use 223 and accompanying  
4 Resolution 574 which was adopted by a vote of 48 in  
5 the affirmative, 0 negative and 1 abstention and Land  
6 Use 219 and accompanying Resolution 574 which was  
7 adopted by a vote of 48 in the affirmative, one  
8 negative and 0 abstentions and Land Use 224 and  
9 Resolution 575 which was adopted by a vote of 47 in  
10 the affirmative, 0 negative and 2 abstentions and the  
11 revised Land Use Call Up vote is 49 in the  
12 affirmative, 0 negative. Gentleman are there any  
13 corrections as you huddle? Any corrections? That's  
14 it. Uhm and now Introduction and Reading of Bills.

15 CLERK: All Bills have been referred to  
16 the Committee as indicated on the Agenda.

17 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Discussion of  
18 Resolution? Seeing none, now General Discussions  
19 beginning with Council Member Andy King?

20 ANDY KING: Good afternoon everyone,  
21 first I want to commend everyone for passing the  
22 Legislation today but I just want to make an  
23 announcement as an Ambassador for the American Cancer  
24 Society Real Men Wear Pink, I am asking us all this  
25 week to give our respect and commitment as I have

2 asked the men to wear their dowsing their pink today  
3 because so many men suffer from breast cancer. This  
4 week has been declared since 2009 by Dr. Cuomo and 40  
5 other states as Male Breast Awareness Week uhm Male  
6 Breast Cancer Awareness Week and for all our men who  
7 have never gotten checked, I ask you to do so for  
8 your wives, for your children just to make sure that  
9 you stay around because we want to make sure that our  
10 men are here to take care of our families and more  
11 importantly be apart of society. So if you haven't  
12 been checked today, get yourself checked and thank  
13 you all you, all of my colleagues today who are  
14 wearing the color pink because Real Men Do Wear Pink.  
15 Thank you Ma'am.

16 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.  
17 Council Member Kallos?

18 BEN KALLOS: Three years ago this Council  
19 responded to a deadly outbreak of Legionnaire's  
20 Disease with an over haul of regulations on the  
21 cooling towers where the legionella bacteria grows.  
22 Today I am introducing two Bills as part of a  
23 Legislative Package with Council Member and Speaker  
24 Corey Johnson, Health Chair Mark Levine, Council  
25 Member Ampry-Samuel, Council Member Constantinides,

2 Torres and Salamanca, these Bills together will  
3 improve upon the inspection resume that we  
4 established in 2015, last summer a small cluster of  
5 Legionnaire's in my District on the upper East Side  
6 spurred us as a City to dig into how well those new  
7 regulations were working. We found there were  
8 increased inspections of cooling towers but there was  
9 also widespread noncompliance of the new Laws. An  
10 investigation of NY, WNYC News Sean Carlson, and Wyla  
11 Eunice (SP?) found that as of 2016 nearly half of the  
12 City's 1000 cooling towers were out of compliance.  
13 As the Department of Health issues violations to  
14 bring towers into compliance many buildings with  
15 cooling towers are still failing to report the  
16 results of their inspections, leaving us to wonder if  
17 the inspections are incurring at all and although  
18 inspections happen four times a year, they are only  
19 reported annually. When we do get results, they are  
20 often unreliable as towers may be cleaned the day  
21 before the inspection which means we have no idea  
22 whether the tower was clean for the rest of the year.  
23 Uhm the first Introduction was co-sponsored by  
24 Council Member Levine and Council Member Ampry-  
25 Samuel, Introduction 1150 would prevent building

2 owners cleaning towers directly before an inspection  
3 is scheduled and tag them with other Bills in the  
4 package that would require follow up cleanings if  
5 towers are unclear and allow for surprise  
6 inspections. This Bill would mean that we are  
7 getting real results for where there are dangerous  
8 conditions and where towers are clean we would  
9 incentivize businesses to keep their towers clean  
10 throughout the year, not just on inspection day.  
11 Introduction 1149 would require the Health Department  
12 to send electronic notices 30 days prior to the date  
13 when a building needs to certify that towers have  
14 been inspected. This may include a prefilled  
15 certification form when the building forgets to  
16 certify. We have no way of knowing whether the  
17 towers have been cleaned and inspected. This Bill  
18 would ease that process for buildings with towers to  
19 ensure they know when they need to certify in order to  
20 comply with the law. It would send data to the  
21 Health Department as soon as inspections are done  
22 four times a year instead of only through the annual  
23 certification. I want to thank Legislative Counsel  
24 Sara Liss for her work on these Bills and this  
25 important package.

2 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you Council  
3 Member Koo?

4 PETER KOO: Thank you. I rise today to  
5 ask my colleagues to join me in signing on three  
6 Introductions. The first one Intro 1151 will require  
7 the publication of machine readable versions of New  
8 York City Consultant Code including amendments.  
9 Currently the various codes are spread out online and  
10 if you want to buy the 2014 New York City Building  
11 Code, just one vote, you will need to spend \$155 at  
12 the City's toll. My next two Bills deal with  
13 protecting New Yorkers from Cyber Security attacks.  
14 In March the world watched as Atlanta was hit with a  
15 large Ransomware Cyber Attack which shut the City  
16 down for five days. My Bill Intro 1153 co-sponsored  
17 by Council Member Rivera will require an electronic  
18 system penetration testing protocols and security  
19 briefings and reports. This is to make sure that we  
20 are ready to defend against attacks, to defend  
21 against attacks against our system. The last  
22 Introduction 1152 will protect New Yorkers in case  
23 our systems ever go down. Intro 1152 will create an  
24 online payment grace period in the event of an  
25 electronic security system breach lasting more than

2 24 hours. New Yorkers will have a 48 hour grace  
3 period to make their periods after the system, after  
4 the system goes back up where no late fees could be  
5 charged. I ask my colleagues to please sign on to  
6 these three pieces of Legislation.

7 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.  
8 Council Member Cumbo?

9 LAURIE CUMBO: I just wanted to quickly  
10 thank Gail Black and Monica Abin (SP?) on my staff  
11 who worked tirelessly on the Mother's Day package and  
12 I just wanted to acknowledge their work. My office  
13 has, we have welcomed 10 babies into the world uhm in  
14 my 5 years and so having a staff with children has  
15 been very meaningful and inspiration and informative  
16 in much of the, much of Legislation we have brought  
17 forward today.

18 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Congratulations  
19 Majority Leader, be fruitful and multiply. Uhm  
20 Council Member Rodriguez? Council Member Adams,  
21 excuse me?

22 ADRIENNE ADAMS: Thank you Madam Public  
23 Advocate, approximately 800,000 people are trafficked  
24 across international borders each year. 50% of which  
25 are minors. In an effort to combat human trafficking



2 I have introduced Resolution 561 urging the US  
3 Department of Education to provide basic training for  
4 school administrators, teachers and staff in order to  
5 recognize the warning signs and risk factors of human  
6 trafficking. This Legislation would ensure that New  
7 York City remains at the forefront of best practices  
8 in public education alongside California, Virginia  
9 and North Carolina all of which have passed Laws that  
10 mandate training in trafficking prevention. Today I  
11 am also proud to introduce Intro 1137. This Bill  
12 will codify into the New York City Charter the  
13 Mayor's Office of Data Analytics. This office is New  
14 York City's objective intelligence center allowing  
15 the City to aggregate and analyze data from across  
16 City agencies to more effectively address crime,  
17 quality of life issues and public safety. This  
18 Office is of valuable tool for the New York City  
19 Council helping us be more robust in our work. While  
20 the Mayor's Office of Data Analytics was created by  
21 Executive Order under Mayor Bloomberg we must ensure  
22 that this office successive Mayoral Administrations.  
23 I would like to thank our Legislative Division and my  
24 Legislative Coordinator Stacy Yearwood for all of  
25 their efforts and I urge my colleagues to sign on and

2 support both of these very important piece of  
3 Legislation. Thank you Madam Public Advocate.

4 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you Council  
5 Member Rose?

6 DEBORAH ROSE: My, my colleagues today is  
7 bitter sweet because today is the last stated meeting  
8 for my TV Coordinator and Legislative aid Esa Rogers  
9 (SP?). Many of you know her by her smile and her  
10 willingness to help. Later this month she will be  
11 joining New York Foundling. I met Esa (SP?) one week  
12 and five years ago when I needed to exchange my phone  
13 and she gave me not only good advice and a new phone  
14 but her resume also. She came here as an intern.  
15 She helped to organize my 2013 campaign and formerly  
16 joined my team after the election. I am really sad  
17 to have her leave because I do not like change and  
18 she is like one of the family but I am so proud of  
19 how she has grown and developed as a professional  
20 over the last five years and I know that New York  
21 Foundling is very, very lucky to be getting her. We  
22 will miss her energy, her smile and her competent  
23 executive of her responsibilities. Esa (SP?) here at  
24 the Council we never say goodbye but farewell until  
25

2 we meet again. (SPEAKING SPANISH). Go with Godspeed  
3 Esa (SP?) we will miss you.

4 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.  
5 (applause). We will miss you Esa (SP?). Council  
6 Member Rivera.

7 CARLINA RIVERA: Thank you first I want  
8 to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues for  
9 voting on my Bill Intro 905. I want to thank my  
10 staff, especially Jeremy Unger and of course the  
11 Speaker's team. This Bill as mentioned would require  
12 that employers establish lactation accommodation  
13 policies and post them in the workplace just as they  
14 would for any other right that an employer is due to  
15 provide. So if we are going to be the fairest city  
16 in America we must continue to pass Legislation that  
17 addresses the financial and career inequities that  
18 women face in accessing quality healthcare and  
19 childcare including providing lactation areas. Women  
20 still face stigma for nursing in the workplace even  
21 though State and Federal Law permits nursing in  
22 public. This leads to challenges for working mothers  
23 to provide the time and the private space to  
24 breastfeed. So I am proud that our package of Bill  
25 moved through the City Council and that these and

2 other issues women face in the workplace uhm just  
3 continues to get a spotlight in the City Council as  
4 we move one step closer to really codifying Laws that  
5 I think that are important for equality. So these  
6 Laws in this package are taking care of not just  
7 women but the health of all New York families and I  
8 am really proud that we as a council are treating  
9 family planning and parenthood as a priority. So I  
10 want to thank uhm I also want to call on my Council  
11 colleagues to support two new Bills I am introducing  
12 today. The first Bill is Intro 1163, 1163 will  
13 require folders of DOT permits allowing construction  
14 or equipment on City Streets to preserve any impacted  
15 bike lanes with a safe and sufficient detour. These  
16 kinds of lane closures are not just an inconvenience  
17 to cyclist they are a public safety hazard to all New  
18 Yorkers. This Bill will prevent cyclist from being  
19 forced suddenly into pedestrian or vehicular traffic  
20 without notice and instead give them a detour that  
21 includes safe protective barriers. The second Bill  
22 will help keep Council Members and Community Leaders  
23 informed about public hearings and notices for the  
24 Districts. Intro 1162 would require the Director and  
25 Deputy Director of the City Records to send and

2 electronic mail notification to relevant parties. So  
3 we all how inconvenient and what a service it is to  
4 our neighborhoods when they do not receive adequate  
5 notice and it is so important to keep our communities  
6 informed and I think that is just a benefit to all of  
7 us so I invite you to sign on and I hope you will  
8 join me in supporting these important efforts.

9 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

10 CARLINA RIVERA: Thank you.

11 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Council Member  
12 Miller?

13 I. DANEEK MILLER: Thank you Madam Public  
14 Advocate. Uhm first of all let me congratulate uhm  
15 Majority Leader Cumbo and the others on the pack,  
16 important package of Legislation that support working  
17 families. I happen to have been a working dad who  
18 supported and raised two children and also on behalf  
19 of the Public Advocate, thank you so much for the  
20 work on 853 and supporting Public and Municipal  
21 Workers and that I am very proud of the fact that I  
22 was the (INAUDIBLE) agent of the (INAUDIBLE) Transit  
23 Union which was the first municipal union in the  
24 country to have childcare program and it is so  
25 important that nearly 20 or 15 years later that this

2 struggle still exists that we have not addressed the  
3 needs of working families and this, this package is  
4 certainly a step, a positive step in the right  
5 direction to ensuring that we continue to value our  
6 workforce and our future workforce. Uhm today I will  
7 also be introducing Intro 1160. It is a, it will  
8 require all cyclist under the age of 18 to wear a  
9 helmet. Now we have carefully crafted this  
10 Legislation so that there are provisions in the Bill  
11 that require parents to be available and other  
12 measure so that young folks in communities that have  
13 been disproportionately violated will not continue to  
14 do so but considering the dangers and what we have  
15 seen in terms of cycle accidents this is important  
16 Legislation and I hope that my colleagues would  
17 support it. Also Resolution 566, myself and Council  
18 Member Dromm are introducing this resolution for the  
19 State and for the Governor to pass which would  
20 require that uhm automatic enrollment to the  
21 retirement system for workers after 90 days unless  
22 they affirmatively opt out. Their employees will  
23 have gone their whole 20 or 25 year careers and not  
24 affirmatively belonged to the system and it makes it  
25 impossible for them to receive the pension that they

2 had worked for tirelessly for. Thank you Madam  
3 Public Advocate.

4 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you. Thank  
5 you. Council Member Steve Levine?

6 STEVEN LEVINE: Thank you Madam Public  
7 Advocate, I just want to call my colleagues attention  
8 to Intro 1156 which I am introducing with Council  
9 Member Rafael Espinal. Uhm this is to amend the  
10 Administrative Code of the City of New York in  
11 relation to requiring the Mayor's Office of Criminal  
12 Justice to report on the multi-agency response to  
13 Community Hot Spots Operation, otherwise known as  
14 MARCH. If you don't know what MARCH is it is  
15 probably for good reason because it operates in the  
16 Bureaucratic shadows of New York City. It is a  
17 multi-agency task force. They bring together the  
18 Police Department, the Department of Buildings,  
19 sometimes the State Liquor Authority, sometimes the  
20 Fire Department and and they do raids on businesses  
21 and uhm they are done without any notice and you can  
22 be, it can be at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, it could  
23 be at 1 o'clock in the morning, you never know and  
24 your business could be basically raided by basically  
25 a multi-agency and we have no oversight over it. We

2 don't know how many times they have done these. We  
3 don't know how they determine where they are going to  
4 go. We don't know how, once you are on the MARCH  
5 list how to get off the MARCH list and so this Bill  
6 would bring some transparency and some sunlight to  
7 the MARCH operations and we will get a good sense  
8 hopefully from the Legislation of how they are  
9 actually doing their business. I want to thank the  
10 new Night Life Mayor Ariel Pallet who has been very  
11 responsive to trying to figure out how we can best  
12 work together but uhm but in every New Yorker has a  
13 right to know what their government is doing and, and  
14 to operate, to understand with a level of  
15 transparency what we, what we do here. And uhm and  
16 this is no different so this Legislation would seek  
17 to bring that transparency and bring the operations  
18 of MARCH into the light of day. Thank you.

19 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.  
20 Council Member Eugene?

21 MATHEIU EUGENE: Thank you very much  
22 Madam Public Advocate. I rise to invite all of my  
23 colleagues to a very important event that will take  
24 place on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Brooklyn Museum  
25 at 7:00 p.m. We are going to set up with the New



2 York City (INAUDIBLE), a very important. We know  
3 that New York City is a great city, it is a powerful  
4 City. United City is a great because of the  
5 contribution of so many people and what makes it  
6 strong is when we sit with each other culture in  
7 every day. Three years ago we voted in the City  
8 Council a Legislation to establish October 9 as New  
9 York City Asian Day. In recognition of the  
10 contribution of Haitian people to the United States  
11 of America. I just want to remind people that among  
12 the people of contributed to the United States of  
13 America Haitian people were there too. On 7... on  
14 October 9, 1779 Haitian people came from Haiti and  
15 fought the numb sided American soldiers for their  
16 independence of United States of America in Savannah,  
17 Georgia. I didn't make it. If you go to Savannah,  
18 Georgia you will see a beautiful monument erected to  
19 pay tribute to the Haitian people and also you know  
20 about the Louisiana Purchase. It was possible  
21 because of the revolution in Haiti. The Haitian  
22 Revolution. Because of the Haitian Revolution  
23 Napoleon didn't have enough resources to expand his  
24 empire. He had to sell Louisiana to the United States  
25 of America and that doubled the size of the United

2 States of America. You know about Chicago. The Fire  
3 of Chicago is Haitian, Jean Bac Dusad (SP?) is the  
4 one who created infrastructure and many buildings and  
5 now we are talking about Chicago and also St. Partic  
6 (SP?) Corridor right here in New York City one of the  
7 first people to be funding for St. Partic Corridor  
8 (SP?) was Haitian Pierre Tusane (SP?). So I am  
9 inviting you to sit up with the reality of the United  
10 States and Haiti and the contribution of Haitian  
11 people to the United States of America. Remember  
12 Sunday October 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brooklyn  
13 Museum. Thank you very much.

14 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you and  
15 lastly Council Member Williams?

16 JUMAANE WILLIAMS: I thank you, this past  
17 week we've seen a bunch of attacks. We have seen  
18 what's been called Caroline's Carol. We've seen the  
19 Prod Boys, by the way we can't admonish behavior but  
20 there is not two sides of both sides of hatred. We  
21 have seen anti-Semitic attacks in Borough Park and  
22 last, just a couple of days ago in Crown Heights. I  
23 join my colleague, Council Member Deutsch to talk  
24 about the anti-Semitic attacks. I just want to point  
25 out that one we cannot hate neatly so the best thing

2 to do with these attacks is to stand up and speak  
3 about them every time they happen, no matter what  
4 community. My hope is that every community does that  
5 and does not wait for its own community to be  
6 attacked. We are in a heightened state I believe  
7 much of this is increasing because of the rhetoric  
8 coming directly from the White House and the people  
9 who continue to hold him up. My hope is in this City  
10 we will continue to speak up and speak out against  
11 every one of these kinds of attacks and more  
12 importantly these attacks were caught on video. I  
13 firmly believe that there are many more that are not  
14 being caught on video. We have to be vigilant about  
15 that as well. Yesterday I attended a Property Tax  
16 Commission, talking about the need to address the  
17 inequities. I am thankful of the Commission's  
18 hearing because the Mayor disallowed myself and three  
19 other Council Member for joining calling on these  
20 kind of reforms. I hope you will continue to push  
21 forward and deal with this inequity. Lastly I was to  
22 just salute my Legislative Director, Malik Wright who  
23 made 40 under 40, congratulations to him and with  
24 that I'm finished.

2 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you and now  
3 to close the Speaker, Corey Johnson.

4 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Thank you Madam  
5 Public Advocate and I would ask that the members who  
6 are here today who decided to wear pink uhm I think  
7 Council Member King wore pink so I think he's  
8 organized. Of all the members who are wearing pink  
9 for the American Cancer Society so if you could  
10 please come up to the front so that you can  
11 compliment Council Member King's suit, he would be  
12 most grateful.

13 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Or clash.

14 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: And with that,  
15 today's stated meeting on October 17, 2018 is hereby  
16 adjourned. (gavel pounding).

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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 November 13, 2018