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Thursday, September 26, 2024

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

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

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## NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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

## INVOCATION:

Delivered by Pastor Raymond Serrano,  
Life Together Works NYC  
2347 Lafayette Avenue, Bronx N.Y. 10473.

2 SERGEANT PAYTUVI: This is a microphone check for  
3 the Stated Meeting, recorded on September 26, 2024;  
4 located in Chambers and recorded by Nazly Paytuvi.

5 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen, at this  
6 time, please place all electronic devices, electronic  
7 devices, to vibrate or silent mode. Madam, Majority  
8 Leader?

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Good afternoon, and  
10 welcome to the Stated Meeting of September 26, 2024;  
11 I am Majority Leader Amanda Fariás, and I would like  
12 to thank you for joining us. If you would like to  
13 follow along, the agenda for today's meeting is  
14 posted on our website.

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

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

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

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

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

7 ALL: (PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE)

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Roll call?

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Present

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Here

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Banks?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Present

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Present

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Carr?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO RESPONSE)

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presenté

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Holden?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Here

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Lee?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Louis?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marte?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Menin?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: (MEDICAL)

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Moya?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: (NO RESPONSE)

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Powers?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: (NO RESPONSE)

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Restler?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Riley?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salaam

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Present

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ung?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: (ABSENT)

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Williams?



2 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Present

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Won?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Here

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: (ABSENT)

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Farías?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present

13 CITY CLERK: Speaker Adams?

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. We will now  
16 have today's Invocation, which will be delivered by  
17 Pastor Raymond Serrano of Life Together Works NYC,  
18 which is located at 2347 Lafayette Avenue in the  
19 Bronx.

20 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

21 PASTOR SERRANO: I want to begin by thanking each  
22 and every one of you for your service to every  
23 community you represent. I am part of the communities  
24 you represent, and we are so thankful that you care,  
25

2 that you serve, and that you fight, and it's well  
3 appreciated. Don't think you're doing it for nothing.

4 Father, we thank you. We thank you for this day  
5 that you have given us, and we thank you that we made  
6 it here safe. We thank you for this meeting that is  
7 about to take place. Lord, I pray that you would give  
8 everyone here wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, O  
9 God. I pray, Lord, that they would see and come  
10 together as partners to serve best this city, this  
11 great city, my God. Lord, we are in some rough times,  
12 my God, but I thank you, Lord, that these folks have  
13 come together and stand firm, because they've  
14 listened, and they are about to put in action what  
15 they feel is best for this city, my God. I pray,  
16 Lord, that you continue to bless them, that you would  
17 open the windows of heaven, my God, and shower them  
18 with your blessings, strength, and good health. I  
19 pray, Lord, that our communities would get better, my  
20 God, each and every day, my God, as we fight to do  
21 what's best for everyone. Your word says to love your  
22 neighbor as yourself. This is part of loving our  
23 neighbors, fighting for them when they don't have a  
24 voice. We thank you for this time together. We pray

2 this in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the  
3 Holy Spirit. Amen.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Reverend.

5 For more than 15 years, Reverend Raymond Serrano  
6 has been building a community in the Bronx through  
7 his devotion and love for his neighbors. His church  
8 in the Castle Hill neighborhood of my district is a  
9 place of worship and connection, as well as a  
10 dedicated community space serving hundreds of people  
11 a month with food distributions, community events,  
12 and more.

13 Reverend Serrano was born and raised in the Bronx  
14 living in Fordham, Parkchester, and Co-op City. He  
15 earned his bachelor's degree in pastoral ministry  
16 from NIAC College and has been serving in full time  
17 ministry for the past 26 years. He served as a  
18 director of the Care Ministry at Crossroads  
19 Tabernacle and the administrative pastor at Harvest  
20 Fields Community Church. Before he was led to plan  
21 Life Together Fellowship in 2010 with his beautiful  
22 wife, Pastor Persis Serrano, and his 12 other  
23 brothers and sisters in Christ. In 2020, Reverend  
24 Serrano found Life Together Works NYC, a nonprofit  
25 organization that serves the community with free

2 services such as a weekly food pantry, senior citizen  
3 nutrition classes, movie afternoons, and the LT Works  
4 NYC School of the Arts, which provides children in  
5 the community with free music lessons.

6 Pastor Ray has served as regional director for  
7 the Ilam Fellowship Metro New York-New Jersey region  
8 as board president of Didasko (phonetic) Christians  
9 Association and currently as Founder and Executive  
10 Director of Life Together Works NYC in the East Bronx  
11 Community Active in (INAUDIBLE) I'm fortunate to have  
12 pastor Serrano and the Life Together community as  
13 neighbors and with them just down the block from my  
14 district office. Thank you, again, so much for being  
15 with us today and for all that you do in the Castle  
16 Hill community and for making this trek down to City  
17 Hall on this very rainy day.

18 I will now make a motion to spread today's  
19 Invitation on the Record.

20 We will now have the Adoption of the Minutes by  
21 Council Member Lincoln Restler.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I would like to make a  
23 Motion that the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of  
24 September 12, 2024 be adopted as printed.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Messages and Papers  
3 from the Mayor?  
4 CLERK: None.  
5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Communications from City,  
6 County and Borough Offices?  
7 CLERK: M 71, Queens Borough President  
8 appointment?  
9 (PAUSE)  
10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Rules, Privileges and Elections.  
11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Petitions and  
12 Communications?  
13 CLERK: None.  
14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Land Use Call-ups?  
15 CLERK: M 72 and M 73?  
16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on Call-Up vote. I now ask  
17 that the Clerk take a rollcall vote on today's Land  
18 Use Call-Ups.  
19 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?  
20 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye  
21 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?  
22 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye  
23 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?  
24 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye  
25 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Pass

9 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes

11 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Permission to vote

13 on Land Use Call-ups and items on the General Order

14 Calendar?

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: (NO RESPONSE)

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Your vote, Council

18 Member?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: (INAUDIBLE) talking

20 really quickly, aye on all, and congrats to everyone.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you

22 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Permission to vote on all

24 items on today's Agenda?

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: I vote aye on all, thank  
3 you.

4 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO RESPONSE)

6 CLERK: Land Use Call-ups?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO MIC) Aye

8 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member Carr.

9 Council Member De La Rosa?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

11 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

19 CLERK: Thank you.

20 Council Member Hanif?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

22 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye

2 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye

4 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: (NO RESPONSE)

6 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

8 CLERK: Council Member Joseph, Land Use Call-ups.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Thank you

11 Council Member Lee?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye

21 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: (MEDICAL)

23 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

25 CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?



2 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye

9 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye

11 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

17 CLERK: Council Member Salaam

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

19 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye

21 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: (ABSENT)

5 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

9 CLERK: Council Member Won?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye

11 CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: (ABSENT)

17 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

19 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

21 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Today's Land Use Call-ups

24 are adopted by a vote of 48 in the affirmative and 0

25 in the negative.

1           We now have communication from Speaker Adrienne  
2  
3 Adams.

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

6           Over the weekend, our city lost a dedicated  
7 public servant to a workplace accident. Richard  
8 Errico was a 19-year veteran sanitation worker based  
9 in Northeast Queens, and his contributions to our  
10 city will never be forgotten.

11          Earlier this month, we lost 56-year-old vendor  
12 Leslie Sanchez in the Bronx and 26-year-old spa  
13 worker Jui Mei Tang in Queen's to workplace violence.

14          And we also mourn the loss of a 71-year-old  
15 resident who died in a fatal fire in Council Member  
16 Louis's district on Friday.

17          Our hearts go out to their families, colleagues,  
18 and loved ones as they work to heal from these  
19 tragedies.

20          On September 15th, NYPD officers opened fire at  
21 the Cedar Avenue L train station in Brooklyn,  
22 resulting in severe injuries for several New  
23 Yorkers, including one police officer and two  
24 bystanders. Our thoughts are with all those that were  
25 harmed in this incident. The safety of everyone in

1  
2 our city must be prioritized, and there are serious  
3 and legitimate questions about this use of deadly  
4 force that has left New Yorkers simply going about  
5 their days with grave life-changing injuries. The  
6 health of public transit requires New Yorkers feeling  
7 safe while using it, and this incident only threatens  
8 public confidence. It's important that an independent  
9 investigation be conducted to determine how we avoid  
10 any repeat of this horrific episode.

11 Last Saturday was the National Opioid Awareness  
12 Day. We can keep each and our community safe by  
13 approaching substance abuse as an urgent matter of  
14 public health and safety, concentrating on public  
15 health solutions to this deadly crisis. We must  
16 recognize the racial disparities in the addiction and  
17 overdose crisis and focus on more prevention, harm  
18 reduction, and treatment services in the most  
19 impacted communities.

20 Last Saturday was also World Alzheimer's Day, a  
21 day to increase public awareness about Alzheimer's  
22 disease, which is a growing public health crisis. So  
23 many have personal connections to this disease,  
24 including our own council member and Aging committee  
25 chair, Crystal Hudson, who cared for her mother as

1 she lived with Alzheimer's. We thank Council Member  
2 Hudson for advocacy for New Yorkers living with  
3 Alzheimer's and their families.  
4

5 As we approach the month of October, we want to  
6 recognize National Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
7 at a time when we uplift survivors of domestic  
8 violence. Here in New York City, thousands of  
9 domestic violence cases are reported each year, yet  
10 we know there is an undercount due to the trauma and  
11 stigma associated with domestic violence, resulting  
12 in survivors living in fear and silence. We must all  
13 work together to end gender based violence and  
14 advance solutions that keep survivors safe and help  
15 them recover.

16 October marks the start of Italian American  
17 Heritage and Culture Month; German American Heritage  
18 Month; Filipino American Heritage Month; and Polish  
19 American Heritage Month.

20 I also want to recognize October as AIDS  
21 Awareness Month; Dyslexia Awareness Month, and  
22 National Bullying Prevention Month.

23 In Council Chambers this month, we will be  
24 celebrating (INAUDIBLE) on October 1st, Italian  
25 Heritage Month on October 8th, and Hispanic Heritage

1  
2 month on October 9th, we invite all New Yorkers to  
3 celebrate with us at City Hall.

4 In observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month,  
5 the Women's Caucus is partnering with the American  
6 Italian Cancer Foundation to bring a mammogram bus to  
7 the front of City Hall on October 10th from 9:00 to  
8 11: 00 a.m. They will be providing mammograms for  
9 women ages 40 to 79 who are New York City residents.  
10 If you are eligible and interested, I encourage you  
11 to sign up through our Women's Caucus.

12 Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, starts on the  
13 evening of October 2nd through October 4th. I wish  
14 everyone a happy and sweet new year. Shana Tova to  
15 all New Yorkers who are celebrating.

16 And finally, I want to wish a happy belated  
17 birthday to our very own beloved Deputy Speaker,  
18 Diana Ayala, who celebrated her birthday on 24th  
19 (APPLAUSE); Council Member, Farah Lewis, whose  
20 birthday was yesterday (APPLAUSE); and Council  
21 Member, Chris Banks, who will be celebrating his  
22 birthday on the 30th, happy birthday! (APPLAUSE).

23 And now let's move on to our Stated Agenda:

24 First, we'll vote on the following Land Use  
25 items:

1 Memorial Sloan Kettering Pavilion, will  
2 facilitate the development of a new 31-story hospital  
3 building and Council Member Menin's district. The  
4 hospital will contain 28 operating rooms, 206 patient  
5 beds, and a two-story enclosed patient bridge over  
6 East 67th Street connecting the new development with  
7 Memorial Hospital on the main block.  
8

9 The Council also secured more than \$10 million in  
10 commitments from Memorial Sloan Kettering to support  
11 construction mitigation efforts, community  
12 infrastructure investments, and other improvements  
13 for the surrounding neighborhood.

14 The project will deliver results for the Upper  
15 East Side community, New Yorkers, and people who come  
16 from around the country to seek world class health  
17 care and treatment.

18 Malcolm Shabazz Harlem Plaza, an HPD application  
19 for a UDAAP approval and disposition of city owned  
20 property to facilitate the construction of one new  
21 mixed-use building and Council Member Salaam's  
22 district. It will include two nine-story towers  
23 containing 108 affordable units through HPD's  
24 extremely low and low income affordability program or  
25

1  
2 ELLA and a new community facility space for the  
3 preexisting vendors market.

4 150 Mill Street rezoning will facilitate the  
5 development of a mixed-use commercial at industrial  
6 building and Council Member Avilas's district.

7 2390 McDonald Avenue rezoning will facilitate a  
8 new eight-story mixed-use building with 80 housing  
9 units, including approximately 80 24 Affordable units  
10 under MIH, retail and medical office space, in  
11 Council Member Yeger's district.

12 21st Street rezoning will facilitate the  
13 redevelopment of two vacant sites near Astoria Park,  
14 with new mixed-use buildings, including 92  
15 homeownership units, 28 of which will be affordable  
16 homeownership under MIH in Council Member Cabán's  
17 district.

18 Two applications in Council Member Ossé's  
19 district, Marcus Garvey Boulevard an HPD application  
20 for an Article XI tax exemption to facilitate the  
21 construction of two 10-story mixed-use buildings  
22 consisting of 155 affordable units under HPD's ELLA  
23 program and retail space.

24 The Willoughby Historic District, a Landmark's  
25 Preservation Commission application to create a new



1 historic district in Bedford Stuyvesant. The  
2 designation includes two blocks of the late 19th  
3 century row houses construction in the Néo-Grec, that  
4 over the years were home to a diversity of New  
5 Yorkers, including German and Irish immigrants of the  
6 mid-19th century, Russian Jewish immigrants of the  
7 1920s and 1930s, and the city's largest Black  
8 community in the mid-20th century.  
9

10 Lastly, two sidewalk café applications. The  
11 Council will approve Seis Vecinos Restaurant's  
12 application for a revocable consent to operate the  
13 sidewalk café in Council Member Rafael Salamanca's  
14 district.

15 The Council will disapprove Cozy Corner Bar's  
16 application for a revocable consent to operate a  
17 sidewalk café in Council Member Holden's district.

18 Today, we will also vote on the following pieces  
19 of legislation:

20 Introduction 353-A, sponsored By Council Member  
21 Sandy Nurse, would require the Department of Citywide  
22 Administrative Services to stall at least 150  
23 megawatts of solar power on city owned property by  
24 December 31, 2035. The bill would also require DCAS  
25 to meet several interim deadlines, including having

1  
2 100 megawatts completed and the location of the  
3 remaining 50 megawatts planned by 2030. In selecting  
4 sites for solar installations, DCAS would be required  
5 to prioritize properties and disadvantaged  
6 communities. As we Mark Climate Week NYC this week,  
7 the Council will continue to pass bills that advance  
8 efforts to combat the climate crisis. Thank you to  
9 staff members Austin Malone and Clare McLaughlin.

10 Introduction 346-A, sponsored by Council Member  
11 Mercedes Narcisse, would permit pedestrians to  
12 legally cross a roadway at any point, including  
13 outside of a marked or unmarked crosswalk, and allow  
14 for crossing against traffic signals. It would  
15 legalize the activity commonly referred to as  
16 jaywalking, and, specifically, that crossing against  
17 a traffic signal or outside of a crosswalk will not  
18 be a violation of the Administrative Code, and  
19 therefore; can no longer be the subject of a summons.

20 The bill would also require the Department of  
21 Transportation to conduct an education effort  
22 regarding the rights and responsibilities of  
23 pedestrians, and of operators of motor vehicles,  
24 bicycles, and other mobility devices on city  
25 roadways. Thank you to staff members Mark Chen, Sahar

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2 Moazami, Conner Mealey, John Basile, and Kevin  
3 Kotowski.

4 Introduction 736-A, sponsored by Council Member  
5 Shaun Abreu, would require the Department of Health  
6 and Mental Hygiene in consultation with the  
7 Department of Sanitation and an expert in rodent  
8 control, to establish a pilot program to deploy rat  
9 contraceptives within 180 days of the bills enactment  
10 for a period of at least 12 months. DOHMH would be  
11 required to establish two pilot program areas and at  
12 least one comparison area with similar building  
13 types. During the pilot program, DOHMH would be  
14 required to perform monthly inspections of such areas  
15 to track signs of rats. After the pilot program,  
16 DOHMH would be required to provide a report to the  
17 Mayor and Council of its findings and other  
18 information collected during the pilot program.

19 Thank you to our staff members Morganne Barrett,  
20 Reese Serotta (phonetic), Ricky Chawla, and Audrey  
21 Son.

22 Finally, we will be voting on a package of bills  
23 and resolutions to address maternal mental health,  
24 which represent the 3rd stop of the Council's Mental  
25 Health Roadmap.

1           The legislation we're passing today came out of  
2 priorities outlined in my State of the City Address  
3 that are aimed at addressing the mental health  
4 challenges faced by new parents and birthing people.

5           The bills include providing support for  
6 individuals during postpartum, which is a  
7 particularly challenging period for mothers in their  
8 health.

9           The maternal health of Black women and other  
10 people who can become pregnant is a matter of life  
11 and death. And for our women-majority Council, this  
12 issue is personal.

13           Nationwide, and in our city, we are still seeing  
14 far too many women in certain communities suffer  
15 preventable complications and deaths during pregnancy  
16 and childbirth.

17           Recent data revealed that Black New Yorkers are  
18 six times more likely to die due to pregnancy related  
19 causes than their white counterparts.

20           Too often Black women have their pain and  
21 symptoms dismissed by medical professionals, leading  
22 to delayed diagnosis and insufficient care.

23           Addressing these longstanding inequities requires  
24 sustained focus and ongoing action and this council  
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1  
2 has been clear about the need to deliver results. We  
3 will continue to advance comprehensive and holistic  
4 solutions to confront this growing crisis.

5 We will vote on the following Resolutions,  
6 sponsored by Council Member Linda Lee:

7 Resolution 402 calling on the New York State  
8 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
9 legislation to require health insurance plans to  
10 develop and implement a maternal mental health  
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12 affordable and comprehensive maternal mental health  
13 services.

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17 residency programs to offer a one-year, post-  
18 residency fellowship program specifically focused on  
19 Perinatal Mental Health (PMH).

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23 gynecologists (OBGYNs) to conduct maternal mental  
24 health screening during pregnancy and postpartum, and  
25 to require Medicaid to cover such services.

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5 organizations to collect and report prenatal and  
6 postpartum depression screenings and follow-up data  
7 using HEDIS (Healthcare Effectiveness Data and  
8 Information Set) measures

9 And Resolution 406 designating May annually as  
10 Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of  
11 New York and calling on the New York State  
12 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
13 S.156/A.6603, which would make the same designation  
14 Statewide

15 Next, Introduction 651-A, sponsored by Council  
16 Member Kevin Riley, would require the Commission Of  
17 Health and Mental Hygiene to create materials that  
18 provide information about the effects of pregnancy  
19 loss on mental health and identify mental health  
20 resources available to individuals who have  
21 experienced pregnancy loss. The commissioner would be  
22 required to distribute physical copies of these  
23 materials to all facilities operated by the  
24 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene that provide  
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1  
2 reproductive health care and to post electronic  
3 copies on the Department's website.

4 Additionally, the commissioner must, to the  
5 extent practicable, inform family planning clinics  
6 within the City and Hospital departments primarily  
7 providing reproductive health care about the  
8 availability of these materials and make physical  
9 copies available to them upon request.

10 Introduction 869-A, sponsored by Council Member  
11 Jennifer Gutiérrez, would require the Mayor's Office  
12 of Community Mental Health to a conduct a public  
13 outreach and education campaign to raise awareness  
14 about resources available at the city, state, and  
15 federal level addressing mental health challenges  
16 faced by parents, including perinatal mood disorders.  
17 The campaign would be required to be available in the  
18 designated citywide languages.

19 Finally, Introduction 898, sponsored by Council  
20 Member Linda Lee, would require the Commissioner Of  
21 Health and Mental Hygiene to implement a three-year  
22 pilot program to establish postpartum support groups  
23 focused on the mental health of postpartum  
24 individuals. The support groups would be  
25 professionally facilitated and provide access to peer

1 support, educational materials, and resources on home  
2 visiting support lactation consultants, and other  
3 maternal health experts. There would need to be at  
4 least one group established in each borough, at least  
5 one group established in each of the three community  
6 districts with the highest rates of postpartum mental  
7 health issues, and at least one group established in  
8 each of the three community districts facing the  
9 greatest community and geographic impacts due to  
10 social determinants of poor mental health.

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12 The commissioner would be required to submit to  
13 the Mayor and the Council and post online a report on  
14 the program, including recommendations on whether to  
15 establish a permanent postpartum support group  
16 program.

17 Thank you to our staff members, Christie Dwyer,  
18 John LaRosa, Sara Sucher, Sahar Moazami, Nicholas  
19 Connells (phonetic), Sarah Liss, and Smita Deshmukh.

20 Thank you very much for your attention. I now  
21 turn it back over to our majority leader.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Speaker Adams.

23 We will now move into Discussion of General  
24 Orders, and I would like to first recognize Council  
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1  
2 Member Kevin Riley, followed by Council Member Nurse,  
3 Council Member Narcisse, and Council Member Abreu.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority Leader.

5 I am incredibly humbled to be here today to stand  
6 here to pass meaningful action to support individuals  
7 and families in our city. At a time when womens  
8 health protections are being rolled back in other  
9 parts of the country, the New York City Council is  
10 moving forward, committed to ensuring that those  
11 experiencing pregnancy loss, whether through  
12 miscarriage, still birth, or termination, receive the  
13 resources and care they deserve.

14 My bill, Introduction 651-A, cosponsored to by 22  
15 of my colleagues, directs the Department of Health  
16 and Mental Hygiene to create and distribute essential  
17 materials that not only address the impact of  
18 pregnancy loss, but also connects families to  
19 critical mental health support available in multiple  
20 languages across the City.

21 These resources will be accessible in DOHMH  
22 operated facilities, family planning clinics,  
23 hospitals, and online ensuring that as many families  
24 as possible can reach the support they need.

2 This bill ensures that during one of the most  
3 painful experiences a family can endure, they have  
4 access to the compassion and care necessary for  
5 healing.

6 I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to my  
7 colleagues for the unwavering support of this bill.  
8 Together, we are demonstrating that in New York City,  
9 we stand with families and prioritize compassionate  
10 care during their most vulnerable times. Thank you,  
11 Majority Leader

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council  
13 Member Nurse, followed by Council Member Narcisse,  
14 and Council Member Abreu.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you, Majority Leader.  
16 Good afternoon, colleagues, and Happy Climate Week.

17 Last year, during Climate Week, we introduced  
18 Introduction 353, our public solar bill, and today,  
19 nearly one year to the day, we are set to vote on and  
20 hopefully pass this bill.

21 This bill, which has the most sponsors out of any  
22 other bill this session, a bipartisan bill, will  
23 require the City to install, maintain, and operate a  
24 150 megawatts of solar capacity on public sites by  
25 2035 and a hundred megawatts of solar by 2030.

1           This is a remarkable achievement, and we should  
2  
3 all be very proud. But as we pass this, we have to be  
4 clear of the stakes. Since introducing this bill last  
5 year, the U.S. Has had over 20 confirmed climate  
6 events of a \$billion or more. Cumulatively, these  
7 billion dollar climate disasters have cost nearly \$4  
8 trillion in damages since 1980, to say nothing about  
9 the day to day harm people suffer that doesn't make  
10 the headlines.

11          New York state is on track to exceed the CLCPA's  
12 goal of installing six gigawatts of solar capacity by  
13 2035. And today, we are making sure that New York  
14 City is doing its part. By utilizing our public  
15 assets for solar capacity, whether it's public  
16 buildings, parking lots, schools, industrial sites,  
17 we will not only help reach our climate goals, but  
18 create family sustaining green union jobs.

19          This bill also prioritizes installations in  
20 disadvantaged communities who are already bearing the  
21 brunt of environmental racism.

22          I'm extremely proud of this bill and the work of  
23 Climate Jobs New York and Climate Works for All.

24          And I want to thank my Legislation Director,  
25 Ryan Hickey, my former Legislative Director, Annel

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2 Hernandez (phonetic), the Speaker, Jeff Baker,  
3 Christopher Murray, Austin Malone, and everyone who  
4 helped make this happen, thank you so much.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I would like to recognize  
6 Council Member Narcisse, followed by Council Member  
7 Abreu.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you, Madam  
9 Majority Leader and Madam Speaker for giving me the  
10 opportunity to speak on the floor.

11 Today, we have the chance to take an important  
12 step toward fairness, equity, and public safety with  
13 the vote on Intro Number 346-A.

14 Jaywalking happens in every neighborhood across  
15 New York City, but enforcement has disproportionately  
16 impacted certain communities with 96.5 percent of  
17 jaywalking tickets this year issued to Black and  
18 Hispanic New Yorkers. This bill seeks to address that  
19 imbalance.

20 Under Introduction Number 346-A, crossing outside  
21 of the crosswalk will no longer be a violation of the  
22 Administrative Code and can no longer be the subject  
23 of a summons.

24 I have spoken with police officers, and many of  
25 them have said they prefer to focus on real public

1  
2 safety concerns rather than stopping people for gym  
3 walking.

4 Let's face it, no one ever said, I am so glad  
5 they caught that jaywalker, I feel so much safer now.  
6 Never. Anybody in the room can tell me they never  
7 jaywalking (sic)? I'm still waiting. No hands.

8 By removing these penalties, we allow our  
9 officers to focus on the issues that really matter to  
10 public safety. Additionally, this bill will require  
11 the DOT to conduct an education effort regarding the  
12 rights and responsibilities of pedestrians,  
13 operators of motor vehicles, bicycles, and other  
14 devices on our city streets. This is crucial for  
15 ensuring that everyone understand how to use our  
16 streets safely and responsibly.

17 As a registered nurse, I will encourage safety  
18 because that's what I work for. So, I say, Madam  
19 Speaker, thank you so much for understanding the  
20 important issue that we have faced in our community  
21 for decades and addressing the inequities for real.

22 So, thank you to all the great legislative team  
23 here. We rock. That's all I can say. So thank you to  
24 you all.

2 And I have to say happy birthday to my Deputy of  
3 Communication, Frank Shea, (TIMER CHIMES) and my  
4 Chief of Staff Saye Joseph, and all my team that are  
5 doing amazing work to keep our community going. Thank  
6 you so much, God bless.

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council  
8 Member. I would like to recognize Council Member  
9 Abreu, followed by Council Member Lee.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Majora leader.

11 Today, the Council will vote on our legislation,  
12 Introduction 736, which would create a pilot program  
13 for rat contraceptives.

14 The battle against the City's rats has predated  
15 us, and it will outlast us. Winning this war doesn't  
16 mean a complete eradication of the other side,  
17 however. Instead, we need to learn how to manage the  
18 rat population and get it down to a reasonable level  
19 and employ alternative pest management strategies so  
20 New Yorkers can have more peace of mind they're out  
21 and about in the city.

22 I want to thank the Lights Out Coalition and the  
23 advocates that have worked extensively with us on  
24 this bill in memory of Flaco, our friend on the Upper  
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2 West Side whose life outside of captivity was cut  
3 short after ingesting a poisoned rat.

4 I also want to thank Speaker Adams and all of my  
5 colleagues on this council for supporting this bill.

6 I would also like to thank Committee Counsel,  
7 Morganne Barrett, and my Legislative Director,  
8 Jalissa Quigley.

9 We need more nontoxic, environmentally friendly  
10 solutions to pest management in New York City, like  
11 rat birth control and trash containerization. With  
12 today's passage, I'm encouraged that we are headed in  
13 the right direction. The days of fighting with  
14 outdated methods will hopefully soon be over, thank  
15 you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, I would like  
17 to recognize Council Member Lee.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Good afternoon, Madam  
19 Speaker, Majority Leader, colleagues.

20 A little over a year ago, this council embarked  
21 on the Mental Health Road Map, ambitious policy plan  
22 to help chart a way out of our city's current mental  
23 health crisis. Together we created a blueprint  
24 spanning multiple levels of government to address  
25 decades of government neglect and the revolving door

1 of hospitalizations, discharges, and arrests that  
2 have trapped some of our most vulnerable New Yorkers.

3 Today, we are here as a women-led city council to  
4 pass the third stop of that mental health road map  
5 focusing on maternal mental health.

6 I want to draw special attention to Intro 890,  
7 which would establish a three year pilot program of  
8 postpartum support groups across the City.

9 Many of us in this room know firsthand that the  
10 period after childbirth is full of emotional,  
11 physical, and psychological challenges. Becoming a  
12 parent is wonderful, but can also be extremely  
13 difficult. Due to stigma or complacency, our society  
14 has not talked about this nearly as much as it  
15 should. For too long, too many have suffered in  
16 silence while navigating life with a newborn.

17 There's still a lot of work to do, but I want to  
18 thank the advocates who have worked to shed light on  
19 this vital issue as well as Speaker Adams and Chair  
20 Louis for their leadership and partnership to promote  
21 maternal mental health, thank you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, seeing no one  
23 else signed up to speak, Report of Special  
24 Committees?  
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2 CLERK: None.

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Report of Standing  
4 Committees?

5 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Environmental  
6 Protection, Resiliency and Waterfronts, Intro 353-A,  
7 solar systems?

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

10 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use LU 132  
11 and Reso 581 through LU 136 and Reso 585, MSK  
12 Pavilion

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled of General Orders.

14 CLERK: LU 137 and Reso 586, 150 Mill Street  
15 Rezoning?

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled of General Orders.

17 CLERK: LU 138 through 140, various rezonings?

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with modifications and  
19 referred to the City Planning pursuant to Sections  
20 197 of the New York City Charter.

21 CLERK: LU 141 250 86th Street Rezoning?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled to be Filed Pursuant to  
23 Letter of Withdrawal.

24 CLERK: LU 153 and Reso 587, Malcolm Shabazz  
25 Harlem Plaza?

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

3 CLERK: LU 144 and Reso 588, Willoughby Hart  
4 Historic District?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

6 CLERK: LU 145 and Reso 589 and LU 146 and Reso  
7 590, 21st Street Rezoning?

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

9 CLERK: LU 147 and Reso 591, tax exemptions?

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

11 CLERK: LU 154 and Reso 592, Seis Vecinos  
12 Restaurant?

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

14 CLERK: LU 155 and Reso 593, Cozy Corner Bar?

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Motion to Disapprove

16 CLERK: Preconsidered LU 156 and Reso 594 and  
17 Preconsidered LU 157 and Reso 595, 2390 McDonald  
18 Avenue Rezoning?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

20 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Mental Health,  
21 Disabilities and Addiction, Intro 651-A, 869-A, and  
22 890-A, Parental Mental Health Resources?

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

2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Sanitation and  
3 Solid Waste Management, Intro 736, Rat Conceptive  
4 Pilot Program?

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

7 CLERK: General Order Calendar, Intro 346-A,  
8 Pedestrian Crossing Guidelines?

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

10 I now ask that the Clerk take a roll call vote on  
11 all of the items coupled on today's General Order  
12 Calendar.

13 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all except no on  
15 LU 144 and accompanying Reso 588 and no on Intro 346-  
16 A, thank you.

17 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye on all with the  
21 exception of Intro 346-A, which I am a no.

22 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye on all,  
24 congratulations, Council Member Nurse.

25 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye on all, and  
5 congratulations to the council members.

6 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye on all, with the  
10 exception of LU 144 and Reso 588, of which I abstain.

11 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I vote no on Intro 346-A,  
15 and aye on the rest.

16 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

20 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all, congratulations  
22 to everyone passing bills today.

23 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye on all.

3 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye on all.

5 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye on all.

7 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all, except for

9 Intro 346-A and LU 144 and accompanying Reso 588, for  
10 which I vote no.

11 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

13 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all.

15 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye on all.

17 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye on all with

23 the exception of Intro 346-A, on which I am a no.

24 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye on all.

2 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye on all.

4 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: (MEDICAL)

6 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye on all.

8 CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye on all.

12 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye on all.

14 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: I vote aye on all,  
16 except for LU 144 coupled with Reso 588 and also no  
17 vote on Intro 346-A

18 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all.

20 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I am voting aye on all  
22 and abstaining on LU 144 and Reso 588, thank you.

23 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

3 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Permission to explain my  
5 vote?

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted...

7 (CROSS-TALK)

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: on Reso 587...

9 The Malcolm Shabazz Harlem Plaza is more than  
10 just a new development in Harlem, it's a reflection  
11 on our community's resilience and commitment to  
12 economic empowerment and social justice.

13 Based on the feedback that I've received from my  
14 constituents, I'm confident that this development  
15 will include strong support for veterans and minority  
16 owned businesses looking to bolster the legacy of  
17 trade in Harlem. Community based organizations are  
18 also motivated to provide the resources necessary for  
19 both residents and shop owners to thrive. The legacy  
20 of Malcolm X will be honored throughout this plaza  
21 ensuring Harlem remains a hub of Black excellence.

22 With affordable housing, commercial spaces, and  
23 room for community gatherings, this project bridges  
24 Harlem's past with its promising future. I want to

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2 thank everyone involved in making this vision a  
3 reality with that, I proudly vote aye on all.

4 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: (ABSENT)

14 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye on all.

16 CLERK: Council Member Won?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all with the  
20 exception of Intro 346-A and LU 144 and accompanying  
21 Reso 588, thank you.

22 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye on all, except 346-A,  
24 and I want to abstain on LU 144 and accompanying Reso  
25 588, thank you.



2 CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: (ABSENT)

4 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: I vote aye on all.

6 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All items on today's  
9 General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 48 in  
10 the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0  
11 abstentions; with the exception of LU 144 and  
12 accompanying Reso 588, which was adopted by a vote of  
13 41 in the affirmative, 5 in the negative, and 2  
14 abstentions; and Introduction 346-A, which was  
15 adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 8 in the  
16 negative, and 0 abstentions.

17 **(\*TRANSCRIBER NOTE - VOTE REVISION):**

18 **LU 144 and Reso 588 approved: 41 affirmative, 4**  
19 **negative, and 3 abstentions.**

20 We will now move into the Introduction and  
21 Reading of Bills.

22 (PAUSE)

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been referred to  
24 Committee as indicated on today's Agenda.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, we will now  
3 move into Discussion of resolutions, and seeing no  
4 one signed up to speak, we will now have a voice vote  
5 on today's resolutions. If you wish to vote against  
6 or abstain from any of today's resolutions, please  
7 notify the Legislative Documents Unit by email or by  
8 approaching the dais.

9 I will now read today's resolutions into the  
10 record:

11 Resolution 402 calls on the New York State  
12 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
13 legislation to require health insurance plans to  
14 develop and implement a maternal mental health  
15 quality management program to promote access to  
16 affordable and comprehensive maternal mental health  
17 services.

18 Will all those in favor say aye?

19 ALL: Aye

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

21 ALL: (SILENT)

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

23 ALL: (SILENT)

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

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2 Resolution 403 calling upon the New York State  
3 legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
4 legislation mandating all accredited psychiatry  
5 residency programs to offer a one-year, post-  
6 residency fellowship program specifically focused on  
7 Perinatal Mental Health (PMH).

8 Will all those in favor say aye?

9 ALL: Aye

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

11 ALL: (SILENT)

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

13 ALL: (SILENT)

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

15 Resolution 404 calling on the New York State  
16 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
17 legislation to require obstetricians and  
18 gynecologists (OBGYNs) to conduct maternal mental  
19 health screening during pregnancy and postpartum, and  
20 to require Medicaid to cover such services.

21 Will all those in favor say aye?

22 ALL: Aye

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

24 ALL: (SILENT)

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

2 ALL: (SILENT)

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

4 Resolution 405 calling upon the New York State  
5 legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
6 legislation mandating Medicaid Managed Care  
7 Organizations to collect and report prenatal and  
8 postpartum depression screenings and follow-up data  
9 using HEDIS measures.

10 Will all those in favor say aye?

11 ALL: Aye

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

13 ALL: (SILENT)

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

15 ALL: (SILENT)

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

17 Resolution 406 designating May annually as  
18 Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of  
19 New York and calling on the New York State  
20 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
21 S.156/A.6603, which would make the same designation  
22 Statewide.

23 Will all those in favor say aye?

24 ALL: Aye

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

2 ALL: (SILENT)

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

4 ALL: (SILENT)

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

6 We will now move into General Discussion, and I  
7 would like to recognize Council Member Hanks,  
8 followed by Council Member Restler, then Council  
9 Member Louis.

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

12 Today I will speak on a matter that cuts deep  
13 into the history of our city, an often forgotten and  
14 unrecognized part of our collective past, Intro 1051.

15 Many of you may be aware with the African  
16 American burial ground in Lower Manhattan discovered  
17 by accident during construction, but you may not know  
18 that there are similar burial grounds right here  
19 under our feet across the city. There are places  
20 where the remains of our ancestors, people who  
21 endured unimaginable hardships, were laid to rest,  
22 and then buried again under asphalt and concrete.

23 In my own district, we discovered one such burial  
24 ground beneath parking lot. Under a 7-Eleven and a  
25 Santander Bank lie the unmarked graves of African

1 Americans, including Benjamin Prine, a veteran of the  
2 War of 1812, and the last person born enslaved in and  
3 living in New York City. His final resting place,  
4 like many others, was nearly erased from history, but  
5 we are working to ensure that that doesn't happen.  
6 We've conamed the street where he is buried Benjamin  
7 Prine Way. This is the first in the City's history, a  
8 street that has been conamed for a formally enslaved  
9 person. We've installed a plaque, and the Landmark's  
10 Preservation Commission is now working to protect  
11 this site on a map and has an historical landmark.

12 But colleagues, this is not just about my  
13 district, it is about all of ours. The sad truth is  
14 there are likely unmarked African burial grounds in  
15 many of our districts, sites where important pieces  
16 of our history have been paved over and forgotten.

17 We cannot let this continue. That is why I am  
18 asking you today to join me as cosponsors on LS 1051,  
19 the Benjamin Prine Act. This bill will establish a  
20 formal process to identify, recognize, and preserve  
21 formally African American burial sites across our  
22 city. This will ensure that these sacred places are  
23 marked, protected, and remembered as they should have  
24 been from the start. We have an opportunity and a  
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2 responsibility to prevent further (TIMER CHIMES)  
3 erasure of these burial grounds and restore dignity  
4 to those who built the city and ensure... (CROSS-  
5 TALK)

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member...

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: that future generations...

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: your time has expired.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: learn the history of our  
10 past, thank you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

12 I would now like to recognize Council Member  
13 Restler, followed by Council Member Louis, then  
14 Council Member Joseph.

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

17 I am proud well, I guess when we drafted this  
18 bill, it was kind of during quaint times before the  
19 chaos of today. But, I'm very proud to be introducing  
20 Intro 1062 with 38 coprime sponsors on this bill, a  
21 bipartisan and diverse coalition of council members  
22 from every borough in support of this legislation to  
23 repeal the Mayor's silly form.

24 We're duly elected to do our jobs, which is to  
25 hold the City agencies accountable and make sure that

1 City agencies are keeping our neighborhoods clean and  
2 safe. And unfortunately, the Mayor created this form  
3 to prevent us from being able to do our jobs. It  
4 shouldn't matter whether you're a Democrat or  
5 Republican, a friend of the Mayor, or a skeptic of  
6 the Mayor, we should be able to deliver for our  
7 constituents. And the Mayor's form has gotten in the  
8 way, and I'm really proud that at the time of  
9 introduction, we have a veto proof majority on this  
10 bill. I think it's unclear whether the Mayor's gonna  
11 be around to continue to implement his form, but if  
12 he is, I'm eager for us to push this bill forward.  
13 And, I really want to thank each and every one of my  
14 colleagues who signed on in support of this  
15 legislation so that we can most effectively and  
16 efficiently deliver for our constituents.

17 So thank you very much to each of the cosponsors  
18 to the other twelve folks out there, there's still  
19 time. We can get a unanimous consent on this one, and  
20 hope you'll consider cosigning this bill as well.  
21 Thank you again.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I would now like to  
23 recognize Council Member Louis, followed by Council  
24 Member Joseph, then Council Member Sanchez.  
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COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Majority Leader.

Imagine arriving at Rikers Island for routine intake trying to navigate an unfamiliar system, you wouldn't think that being deceived, harassed, or sexually assaulted is part of the protocol.

Now imagine hundreds of inmates who have experienced violence, with no recourse or recognition from the government subjected to horrific abuses of power, with no clear path to justice - over 700 incarcerated women with lawsuits against the City this year for rampant sexual abuse by the Department of Corrections staff.

Under the Adult Survivors Act, we know these alarming claims are not isolated incidents, they are systemic failures that have plagued Rikers Island for decades. Jail wardens, and even medical staff, are now known predators through groping, forcible touching, and other forms of sexual violence.

This is why today I'm introducing Intro 1061 aiming to rectify critical gaps in the Department of Corrections reporting on allegations of sexual harassment and abuse. This bill will require the Department to assign unique identifiers for each incident and victim, clarify their reporting, and

2 provide justifications when subjugated cases are not  
3 referred to district attorneys.

4 An audit by the City Council's Data Team revealed  
5 that the current reports mandated by Local Law 21 of  
6 2019, lack transparency, use undefined terms, and  
7 fail to provide clear information about allegations  
8 and investigations, putting vulnerable individuals,  
9 particularly women and LGBTQ+ inmates in custody, at  
10 severe for unreported violence.

11 I urge my colleagues to sign on to this critical  
12 bill, and I want to thank Speaker Adams for  
13 prioritizing this bill and our commitment to justice,  
14 thank you.

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I would now like to  
16 recognize Council Member Joseph, followed by Council  
17 Member Sanchez, then Council Member Paladino.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you, Madam Majority  
19 Leader, Madam Speaker, and fellow colleagues.

20 Today, I'm proud to introduce my bill, Intro  
21 1057, alongside my coprime sponsors Council Member  
22 Ossé, Council Member Hanif, Council Member Narcisse,  
23 Council Member Brooks-Powers, and Council Member  
24 Riley.

1           This bill, Intro 1057, which amends the  
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3 Administrative Code of New York City, focuses on  
4 student journalism programs in our New York City high  
5 schools. It requires the chancellor to submit an  
6 annual report to the Mayor and the Speaker of the  
7 City by August 31st each year. This report must also  
8 be posted on New York City Public Schools' website  
9 detailing the students' program.

10           Earlier this year, with the support of my  
11 colleagues, I introduced and passed Resolution 372,  
12 calling a New York City Public Schools support the  
13 creation of student newspapers in every high school.  
14 This bill is another step in ensuring that all high  
15 school students not only have access to student  
16 publications but also receive journalism education.

17           As I said in my interview with the New York  
18 Times, that with the introduction of this bill, I  
19 hope to create a workforce of young journalists who  
20 can tell stories from their neighborhoods where they  
21 grew up, resilient immigrant stories, and all stories  
22 across the city.

23           I encourage my fellow council members to reach  
24 out and sign on to the bill.

2 Finally, I'd like to thank the Youth Coalition  
3 Journalism Team for their advocacy, my staff for  
4 their hard work, and the bill drafter for helping  
5 turn this idea into reality, thank you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. I would like  
7 to recognize Council Member Sanchez, followed by  
8 Council Member Paladino, then Council Member Brewer.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you, Majority  
10 Leader.

11 Across the City, hundreds of thousands of New  
12 Yorkers live in distressed buildings - 10,000  
13 buildings with a 115,000 units with owners that owe  
14 tens of millions of dollars to the City. We're  
15 talking about children, families, elderly persons  
16 living with mold, vermin, lead, collapsed ceilings,  
17 and the threat thereof, and more.

18 The program that the City had to deal with this  
19 kind of condition, the Third Party Transfer Program,  
20 was disastrous in its previous administration,  
21 scarring to communities of color in its final round  
22 administered in 2019, the round ten.

23 So today, I'm proud to be introducing the Housing  
24 Rescue and Resident Protection Act, which conserves  
25 the power of the City to municipally foreclose on

1 buildings taking buildings away from the worst  
2 actors, but rectifying the harms of the past.

3 This act, the Housing Rescue and Resident  
4 Protection Act, tries to protect homeownership while  
5 targeting the rescue of the worst buildings. I hope  
6 my colleagues will join me in taking a look at Intro  
7 1063, which will be heard on Monday at 1:00 p.m.

8 We don't think we got everything right, but we  
9 did incorporate feedback from over 50 organizations  
10 and individuals who have participated in reform  
11 efforts over the past five years, have testified, and  
12 it's a great body of work.

13 Shout out to Ben Ratner, to Taylor Zelony, and  
14 everyone else who worked on the seventy-page bill  
15 and, of course, to our coprimers. Thank you, Majority  
16 Leader.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I would like to recognize  
18 Council Member Paladino, followed by Council Member  
19 Brewer.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Thank you very much.

21 As the Speaker mentioned earlier in her opening  
22 statement, that sanitation worker, Richard Errico,  
23 came from my district, and I want to extend my  
24 deepest condolences to the family and friends and  
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1  
2 colleagues of Richard, a 19-year veteran of the  
3 Department of Sanitation who tragically lost his life  
4 in the line of duty. Words cannot express or  
5 adequately convey the profound sadness and sense of  
6 loss for someone who was so dedicated to the people  
7 of the city of New York. May Richard rest in peace,  
8 may his wife, Carol, his daughters Brooke and Paige,  
9 find peace, and his brother, Tommy, carry on (sic).  
10 Thank you very much.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I would like to recognize  
12 Council Member Brewer.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much.

14 Intro 1048 is what I'm discussing. One of the  
15 biggest complaints that we all get, at least I get,  
16 are regarding siren noise pollution. Yet there's no  
17 way for people to file a proper complaint or for the  
18 City to gather data on this problem.

19 So, 1048 directs the Department of Environmental  
20 Protection and related agencies to conduct a study to  
21 identify areas with the highest levels of siren noise  
22 levels, peak times of occurrence, and proposed  
23 measures for reducing this noise. DEP will also  
24 establish a tollfree number and dedicated web page  
25 for residents to submit complaints during the study

2 and report findings. Hopefully, this will have  
3 crucial data to understand and mitigate the impact of  
4 siren noise in our community and an effective  
5 emergency response. We don't have yet the ability to  
6 get rid of the loudest of the sirens.

7 Interns and attendance here today, Nora Siegelson  
8 (phonetic), who's at the Columbia School of Social  
9 Work; Savannah Jackson from Hunter College; and Eric  
10 Haleb (phonetic), Middlebury College, and, of course,  
11 we have hundreds more in my office. Thank you very  
12 much.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council  
14 Members.

15 Seeing no one else signed up to speak today, I  
16 will now call on Speaker Adrienne Adams to close  
17 today's Stated Meeting.

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority Leader. The  
19 Stated Meeting of September 26, 2024 is hereby  
20 adjourned. (GAVELING OUT)

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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.



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