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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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June 13, 2019
Start: 1:30 p.m.
Recess: 3:33 p.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Corey Johnson
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne Adams
Alicka Ampry-Samuel
Diana Ayala
Inez D. Barron
Joseph Borelli
Justin Brannan
Fernando Cabrera
Margaret S. Chin
Andy Cohen
Costa G. Constantinides
Robert Cornegy, Jr.
Chaim Deutsch
Ruben Diaz
Daniel Dromm
Rafael Epsinal
Mathieu Eugene
Deborah L. Gibson
Mark S. Gjonaj
Robert F. Holden
Ben Kallos
Andy L. King

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

Council Members:

Peter A. Koo
Karen Koslowitz
Rory I. Lancman
Brad S. Lander
Stephen T. Levin
Mark Levine
Farah Louis
Alan N. Maisel
Carlos Menchaca
I. Daneek Miller
Francisco Moya
Bill Perkins
Keith Powers
Joseph Borelli
Antonio Reynoso
Donovan J. Richards
Ydanis Rodriguez
Deborah L. Rose
Helen K. Rosenthal
Rafael Salamanca
Ritchie J. Torres
Eric A. Ulrich
Paul A. Vallone
James G. Van Bramer
Kalman Yeger
Steven Matteo
Laurie A. Cumbo

A P P E A R A N C E S

Kenneth Wampler, Alpha Workshops

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: [GAVEL] Okay,
3 great we are going to get ceremonial started now, so
4 I wanted to invite up Kenneth Wampler and anybody who
5 is here with him, his guests.

6 My name is Council Member Danny Dromm and
7 I am the Chair of the Finance Committee of the City
8 Council. Welcome, we want honor you today and
9 present you with a Proclamation. Hello, how are you?
10 Welcome. How are you? Nice to meet you. Nice to
11 you meet you also. Okay, nice to meet you also.

12 Alright, great, today the New York City
13 Council is proud to honor Kenneth Wampler for his
14 contributions and leadership in New York City and
15 especially in the LGBT Community. During the height
16 of the AIDS HIV epidemic, Kenneth found himself like
17 many asking themselves what can I do? How can I
18 help?

19 As an experienced artist and trained
20 social worker, he founded Alpha Workshops, located in
21 the Speaker's district in Chelsea where he helped
22 people living with HIV use creativity to help them
23 cope with their illness.

24 Over two decades later, Alpha Workshops
25 has expanded its work to help a broader spectrum of

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2 people, some struggling with disabilities or other
3 vulnerabilities.

4 Alpha Workshops has been able to train
5 hundreds of people and has employed over 150 people
6 with disabilities. Kenneth, you should be very proud
7 of your accomplishments and of the legacy you are
8 leaving behind. I know many are inspired by you and
9 will follow in your footsteps. We are proud to
10 present to you this Proclamation.

11 And so, I also want to ask the Clerk at
12 this point to read the Proclamation aloud and then we
13 will ask you to say a few words. Folks, why don't
14 you come over this way and even it up and then we are
15 going to get a nice photograph here as well.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Council City of New
17 York Proclamation. The New York City Council is
18 proud to honor Kenneth Wampler upon his retirement in
19 recognition of his decades of extraordinary service
20 and enduring contributions to his fellow New Yorkers.

21 In his earlier years, Mr. Wampler was a
22 decorative painter working with top interior design
23 firms, fashion designers in theater companies. With
24 the emergence of the HIV AIDS epidemic; however, he
25 sought to serve those effected and return to school

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2 to earn his MSU from the Hunter College School of
3 Social Work. And whereas between 1985 and 1994 as
4 the HIV AIDS epidemic continue to devastate New York
5 City and the nation with the help of widespread fear
6 and discrimination. Mr. Wampler worked as a Director
7 of the AIDS Resource Center, today known as Bailey
8 House.

9 While there, he helped create the nations
10 first housing program for homeless people living with
11 HIV AIDS, now known as the Scattered Site Model.
12 This model now replicated throughout the five
13 boroughs and beyond empowers formerly homeless people
14 with HIV and AIDS to live as independently and
15 anonymously as possible in their community.

16 And whereas, in 1990's as the public
17 health crisis and the war on AIDS continued. Mr.
18 Wampler continued asking himself, what can I do?
19 Like generations of LGBT people, he found strength in
20 his experience as an artist. In 1995 he established
21 the Alpha Workshops to help people living with HIV
22 refocus their energy away from illness and toward
23 their own creativity.

24 With the support of a dedicated Board of
25 Directors, the Alpha Workshops unified the desperate

2 spheres of decorative arts supportive in employment
3 and HIV AIDS under one progressive mission. Through
4 this innovative approach, artist began creating on
5 the same scale that illness, stigma and
6 discrimination had to destroy. And whereas, based in
7 Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood that Alpha Workshops
8 is the nations only nonprofit decorative art studio
9 of its kind.

10 Over the last 24 years, the Alpha
11 Workshops has evolved into a fully license vocational
12 training school and the lead decorative studio that
13 continues to expand its constituencies funding base
14 and design client list.

15 While the Alpha Workshops has maintained
16 a deep and lasting commitment to the HIV positive and
17 LGBTQ communities, it has recently opened a core
18 programming up to men and women with the broader
19 spectrum of disabilities and vulnerabilities and also
20 has an initiative focusing on LGBTQ youth.

21 And whereas, under Mr. Wampler's
22 visionary leadership as Executive Director, the Alpha
23 Workshops has become cherished space for working,
24 teaching and learning and doing business that truly
25 benefits all involved.

2 For it's talented professional artists,
3 it is a rare space where they can socializes and
4 discover a sense of purpose by focusing on creating
5 and producing, rather than focusing on a diagnosis,
6 disability or other chronic illness.

7 As they gain industry specific vocational
8 training in the competitive, decorative arts field,
9 they also move toward a rewarding future of economic
10 independence. The signature work created for many
11 prominent architects and interior designers,
12 frequently appears in architectural digest and
13 interior design magazines as well as the New York
14 Times.

15 Alpha Workshop Studio School, graduates
16 demonstrate the highest level of craftsmanship and
17 artistry needed to launch their careers to
18 successfully compete in the marketplace. To date,
19 the Alpha Workshops has trained more than 550 men and
20 women that has employed over 150 people living with
21 disabilities.

22 And whereas, upon Mr. Wampler's
23 retirement, he can be proud knowing that he has
24 played a major role in making many communities
25 stronger, healthier, and more resilient. May his

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2 incredible legacy inspire others to harness their
3 creativity. To build a better future for us all.

4 Now, therefore be it known that the New
5 York City Council is proud to honor Kenneth Wampler
6 for his outstanding leadership to the Alpha Workshops
7 and his extraordinary contributions to New York City.
8 Corey Johnson Speaker for the entire Council, Danny
9 Dromm Council Member 25th District Queens Chair
10 Finance Committee.

11 [APPLAUSE]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: So, just before I
13 turn the mic over, I want to say you know this is
14 LGBT pride month. Outside, we have the pride flags
15 above the entrance to City Hall and it is really
16 important to honor and recognize the contributions by
17 people like you who have given so much of themselves
18 to our community, but I think it is also very
19 important to remember that HIV and AIDS is not over
20 it is not done with and it is still an important
21 issue within our own community but you have extended
22 this out to other communities for people who are
23 living with other disabilities as well I really
24 exceptional and should be admired and esteemed and
25 held up as an example for other people as well.

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2 So, congratulations to you on behalf of
3 the City Council. The Speaker today is downstairs,
4 you know, we are very close to a budget, but he will
5 be coming back up shortly when we start the Stated
6 Meeting. So, congratulation to you.

7 KENNETH WAMPLER: Thank you very much.

8 [APPLAUSE]

9 I am a little overwhelmed by this. It is
10 amazing to be acknowledged by the city that I love so
11 much. My life changed, as so many lives changed when
12 HIV hit this city and the Alpha Workshops is a
13 testament to what can happen if a group of creative
14 people set their hearts and minds to making a
15 situation, no matter how bad, making it better. I
16 hope that Alpha can be an inspiration to others.
17 Hybrid businesses are greatly needed, and I hope that
18 Alpha can be an inspiration for others.

19 I want to acknowledge everybody who has
20 had anything to do with Alpha, especially the Board
21 of Directors and all of the staff members and
22 students who have come to Alpha to learn and grow and
23 use their creativity to create beauty and change
24 their lives. And I especially want to thank the City
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2 Council for this enormous and very, very overwhelming
3 acknowledgment. Thank you.

4 [APPLAUSE]

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Okay, yeah, this
6 is our Public Advocate Jumaane Williams.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Congratulation
8 to the Proclamation and I love the intersectionality
9 that you made sure was involved today. So, I just
10 want to say thank you. I know there is a lot of New
11 Yorkers who will be thankful for your work. So,
12 congratulations.

13 KENNETH WAMPLER: Thank you. Thank you
14 very much.

15 [APPLAUSE]

16 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Once again, if
17 everyone could please find seats, non-Council
18 employees, please make your way up to the balcony.
19 Once again, non-Council employees, please make your
20 way up to the balcony. Could we have it quite
21 please. Quite in the Chambers. Also, if you could
22 please silence all electronic devices at this time.
23 Thank you.

24 [INAUDIBLE 00:28:47 - 00:35:15]

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2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Once again, ladies and
3 gentleman if you could all please find seats at this
4 time, we are beginning momentarily. Once again, if
5 you could please find seats at this time. Non-
6 Council staff please make your way up to the balcony.
7 Once again, non-Council staff, please make your way
8 up to the balcony. If you have any cellphones or
9 electronic devices, please set them to silent. Any
10 private conversations, we ask you to please take
11 outside into the rotunda. Thank you.

12 [INAUDIBLE 00:35:53 - 00:44:16]

13 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quite please, quite
14 please, quite on the floor. Quite on the floor.
15 Ladies and gentleman at this time, please place all
16 electronic devices to vibrate. All electronic
17 devices to vibrate. Will all non-Council employees,
18 non-Council employees, please leave the main floor of
19 the Chambers. Thank you.

20 [INAUDIBLE 00:44:48 - 00:45:06]

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Good afternoon
22 and welcome to the recessed Stated Meeting of May 29,
23 2019 being held June 13th. My name is Jumaane
24 Williams Public Advocate City of New York. Roll call
25 please.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli? Brannan?

9 Cabrera?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Chin?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Cohen?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Constantinides?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Present.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Presente.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Deutsch?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Diaz?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Presente.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Espinal? Eugene?

3 Gibson? Gjonaj?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik? Holden?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: King? Koo?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Lancman? Lander?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Levine?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Miller?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Present.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Moya? Perkins?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Estamos aqui.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers? Reynoso?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Here.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Richards?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez? Rose?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you, Salamanca?

14 Torres? Treyger? Ulrich? Vallone?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer? Yeger?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo? Cumbo?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Present.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I am here.

22 [INAUDIBLE 00:48:23 - 00:48:31]

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you, I

24 am now closing the recessed Stated Meeting of May 29,

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2 2019. [GAVEL] [GAVEL] I would now like to open the
3 Stated Meeting of June 13, 2019. Roll call please.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli? Brannan?

13 Cabrera?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Chin?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Cohen?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Constantinides?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Present.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Here.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Deutsch?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Diaz?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Presente.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Espinal? Eugene?

6 Gibson?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I am here.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik? Holden?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: King? Koo?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Lancman? Lander?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Levine?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Miller?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Present.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Moya? Perkins?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Presente.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers? Reynoso?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Here.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Richards?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present yes.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez? Rose?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Present.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you, Salamanca?

19 Torres? Treyger? Ulrich? Vallone?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Present.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I am here.

9 **[INAUDIBLE 00:52:02 - 00:52:07]**

10 Would everyone please rise for the Pledge
11 of Allegiance.

12 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

13 ALL: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of
14 the United States of America and to the Republic for
15 which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible,
16 with liberty and justice for all.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: We will now
18 have today's invocation which will be delivered by
19 Reverend Mark E. Erson the pastor of St. John's
20 Lutheran Church, located at 81 Christopher Street in
21 Manhattan.

22 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

23 REVEREND MARK ERSON: Speaker Johnson, I
24 thank you for this privilege to be with you today.

25 Public Advocate Williams and Council Members, I bring

2 you greetings from the people of St. John's in the
3 West village of Manhattan serving in the shadow of
4 this stone hall national monument.

5 It is especially a privilege to be here
6 in this month as we celebrate 50 years of progress
7 for LGBTQ plus people and those who love us. A
8 journey from uprising to fuller inclusion, from
9 hidden behind stonewalls and closet doors, to greater
10 participation in the wider community, but the work is
11 not done. Nor is the work done for other
12 marginalized and oppress community so that all might
13 live in peace and dignity. And so, we pray.

14 We pray to a power that is greater than
15 us. We pray to a wisdom that is deeper than ours.
16 Let us pray.

17 Creator in divine presence we call you by
18 different names, yet we share your call to live as
19 your image in the wonder of all that you made. And
20 we are united by your challenge to build communities
21 of justice and peace. We give you thanks for the
22 privilege to serve. We give you thanks for those who
23 lead with courage, mercy and wisdom. Be present in
24 this place, open our hearts to those who are
25 vulnerable, open our minds to creatively address the

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2 needs of every member of our community. Open our ears
3 to hear the stories of those who live a different
4 life from our own. Open our eyes to see those who
5 the world judges invisible and insignificant. Open
6 our hands to reach out in love and welcome. Kindle
7 and feed the fire that burns in each one of us, so
8 that your light might fill every corner, warm every
9 chill and guide every step. In the name of love, for
10 the sake of your peace and your justice. Amen.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you
12 Pastor, I would now like to ask Speaker Johnson to
13 spread the invocation on the record.

14 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you, Public
15 Advocate. I want to thank you so much Pastor Mark
16 Erson for being with us today. I make a motion that
17 the invocation be spread in full upon the record.

18 Pastor Mark has served at St. John's
19 Lutheran Church on Christopher Street in my district
20 since 2011. He combined his love theology and
21 theater and spent years as an actor and theater
22 teacher. And although he grew up in a church led by
23 his father, Messiah Lutheran Church in Staten Island,
24 Pastor Mark feared he would not be able to follow in
25 his father's footsteps because he is gay but he

2 followed his calling and was ordained in April of
3 2009 after studying at the General Theological
4 Seminary in New York City and the Theological
5 Seminary in Philadelphia. Now, he is a welcome
6 integral figure in the west village. He leads St.
7 John's with acceptance and optimism and drives
8 forward countless initiatives to engage the LGBTQ
9 community, especially LGBT youth and young people and
10 further, the artistic history of the neighborhood.

11 He has tirelessly worked on behalf of
12 homeless LGBT youth and he offers opportunities and
13 space for our trans community to gather and host
14 activities. I want to thank you again Pastor Mark
15 for all that you have done to support all New Yorkers
16 but especially the LGBTQ community. We are grateful
17 for your leadership. We are grateful for your for
18 your presence in the west village and we are grateful
19 that you are here today in this historic month for
20 our city and our country to give an invocation.

21 And with that, Mr. Public Advocate again,
22 I make a motion to spread the invocation is full upon
23 the record.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you Mr.
3 Speaker and we ask for the adoption of minutes by
4 Council Member Richards.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Motion that the
6 minutes of the Stated Meeting of April 18, 2019 be
7 adopted as printed.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you.
9 Messages and papers from the Mayor?

10 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Communication
12 from city, county and borough offices.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: M169 submitting the
14 certification of Farah N. Louis, new Council Member
15 of the 45th district.

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Received, ordered,
17 printed and filed.

18 [APPLAUSE]

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member elect
20 Louis, I am now going to ask you to raise your right
21 hand and take the oath of office. Please repeat
22 after me.

23 I Farah Louis.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I Farah Louis.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Do solemnly swear.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Do solemnly swear.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: That I will support the
4 Constitution of the United States.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: That I will support
6 the Constitution of the United States.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: And the Constitution of
8 the State of New York.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: And the
10 Constitution of the State of New York.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: And the Charter of the
12 City of New York.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: And the Charter of
14 the City of New York.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: And that I will
16 faithfully discharge.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: And that I will
18 faithfully discharge.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: The duties of the office
20 of.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: The duties of the
22 office of.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Council Member.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: For the 45th District.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: For the 45th
3 District.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Borough of Brooklyn.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Borough of
6 Brooklyn.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: County of Kings.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: County of Kings.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: In the city of New York.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: In the great city
11 of New York.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: According to the best of
13 my ability.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: According to the
15 best of my ability.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Louis,
17 congratulations.

18 [APPLAUSE]

19 [INAUDIBLE 1:02:19 - 1:03:30]

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Congratulations Council
21 Member Farah Louis.

22 [APPLAUSE]

23 [INAUDIBLE 1:03:58]

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you, I to
25 want to make sure I congratulate the newest Council

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2 Member Farah Louis who just about a month ago showed
3 me a thing or to. Congratulations.

4 Petitions and Communications?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: None.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Land use call
7 ups?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: M170.

9 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I am asking for a roll
10 call vote on the Land Use call up calendar. It is a
11 single item in my district, and I support it.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Richards?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: With permission,
14 I'd like to vote on all land use call ups and coupled
15 items on the general order calendar and all
16 Resolutions.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
18 granted.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: I vote Aye.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: With permission,
22 I'd like to vote on all land use call ups and coupled
23 items on the general order calendar and all
24 Resolutions. And I vote Aye and congratulations to

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2 Farah. Welcome to the women's caucus and we look
3 forward to working with you.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams?

5 **[INAUDIBLE 1:05:21 - 1:06:32]**

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Welcome to the
7 council again. Council Member Louis.

8 **[INAUDIBLE 1:06:39 - 1:08:32]**

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Mr. Public
11 Advocate, I vote Aye on all land use call ups and
12 with permission, I would like to vote Aye on all
13 items on general order calendar and all Resolutions.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
15 granted.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I would like
17 to also welcome our new colleague Council Member
18 Farah and I also want to give a big shout out to my
19 Chief of Staff; his wife just gave birth about an
20 hour ago to a baby boy, 9 pounds 3 ounces.

21 [APPLAUSE]

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: With a warm
24 welcome and congratulations to our new colleague
25 Council Member Farah Louis, I am so excited that you

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2 have now made the women of the City Council of New
3 York not eleven strong, but twelve strong. I vote
4 Aye.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL:

7 Congratulations Council Member Louis, I vote Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote Aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Congratulations
12 to our newest member adding to our numbers of Blacks
13 and of women at the same time and representing our
14 people I am sure to the best of her ability and I
15 vote Aye.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan?

19 COUNCIL MEMEBR BRANNAN: With
20 congratulations to my sister for another mister,
21 Council Woman Farah Louis. Congratulation, welcome,
22 Aye.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera?

24 COUNCIL MEMEBR CABRERA: Aye.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Chin?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Congratulations to
3 our new colleague. Council Member Louis and we are
4 stronger by the dozen. I vote Aye.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Cohen.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Welcome Council
7 Member Louis and I do vote Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Constantinides?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Congratulations
12 and welcome Council Member Louis and I vote Aye.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Deutsch?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Diaz?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Aye.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Welcome to Council
19 Member Louis. Aye.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Espinal? Eugene?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I want to welcome
22 and congratulate our new colleagues Farah Louis,
23 congratulations. [SPEAKING IN SPANISH 1:11:33 -
24 1:11:41] Thank you and I vote Aye.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Gibson?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I also want to
3 join with our Speaker and all of our colleagues in
4 welcoming our newest Council Member from the borough
5 of Brooklyn. Council Member Farah Louis, we are
6 honored to have you as a member and certainly as a
7 member of the women's caucus as well as the back-seat
8 crew. Welcome to the back row and I vote Aye on all.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Congratulations
11 to Council Member Louis, the other B-borough.
12 Welcome and I vote Aye on all.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenschik?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Welcome to
15 our newest colleague Ms. Louis and I vote Aye on all.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I vote Aye on
18 all. Welcome to the back row on this side.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: King? Koo?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I want to welcome
23 and congratulate our new member Council Member Louis
24 and I vote Aye on all.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ:

3 Congratulations to Council Member Louis and I vote
4 Aye.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Lancman? Lander?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Welcome Council
7 Member, I had a good tradition of working closely
8 with the Council Member from the 45th district and I
9 look very forward to continuing it with you. Welcome
10 here, I vote Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin?

12 COUNCIL MEMEBR LEVIN: Congratulations
13 Council Member Louis. I vote Aye.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Levine?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Congratulations
16 to my new seat mate, Council Member Louis and I vote
17 Aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Louis?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: It is truly a
20 blessing and an honor to be here. Voting Aye on all.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: **SPEAKING IN**
3 **SPANISH [1:14:14-1:14:15]** and welcome Council Member
4 Louis and I vote Aye on all.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Miller?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Congratulations
7 and welcome to our newest member and I vote Aye on
8 all as well.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Moya?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Perkins?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: [**INAUDIBLE**
13 **01:14:36-01:14:43]**

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: A very big
16 congratulations to Council Member Louis and I vote
17 Aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Congratulations
20 to the neighbor from Espanola Council Member Farah
21 Louis, I vote Aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Welcome I am so
24 excited to have you at the women's caucus. Aye.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez? Rose?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Welcome sister
3 Council Member Louis and I vote Aye.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: With
6 congratulations and I am so excited to welcome you to
7 the Council, Council Member Louis and we are now a
8 dozen strong and look out is all I have to say. So,
9 with that, I proudly vote Aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Torres?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Congratulations to
12 my new colleague and I happily vote Aye.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Treyger?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: With
15 congratulations to my colleague Council Member Louis.
16 Brooklyn is back to 16. The biggest coolest borough
17 in the city. I vote Aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich? Vallone?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on all and
20 welcome Council Member, it is a very special day when
21 you get sworn in at City Hall, so we all have that
22 special smile for you, God Bless.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: With
3 congratulations to Council Member Louis. I vote Aye
4 on all.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: I couldn't have
7 been prouder to stand in the rain together with
8 Council Chaim Deutsch all day on election day and to
9 pound the pavement for Farah Louis. I am so proud of
10 seeing you here. I know you are going to accomplish
11 great things. This room means the world to me and I
12 know it will to you. I vote Aye.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote Aye and I want
17 to congratulate our new colleague, Council Member
18 Farah Louis. She is someone that has worked at the
19 City Council for a long time and she is someone that
20 has an enormous amount of experience and in her
21 transition from when the election was being certified
22 and she was a Council Member Elect up until today.
23 She has been deeply engaged in the budget process;
24 she has been engaged in wanting legislation drafted.
25 She has been engaged in going to all sorts of

2 meetings and already fighting for things in her
3 district, even before it became official. So, I am
4 really grateful that she is here today, and I want to
5 congratulate her and offer the entire City Council
6 support for whatever she and her staff need over the
7 next many months especially during the budget
8 process. Congratulations Council Member Louis.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Today's land use call ups
10 are adopted by a vote including the very first vote
11 of Council Member Louis. 48 in the affirmative and
12 zero in the negative.

13 PUBLIC AVOCATE WILLIAMS: We will now
14 have communication from the Speaker.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you, Public
16 Advocate. I want to thank everyone for being here
17 today. The last few weeks have really put into
18 perspective the incredible dedication of service
19 women and men in New York City.

20 On Monday, we all watched as our amazing
21 FDNY and NYPD responded to a helicopter crash that
22 took place in Council Member Powers District in
23 Midtown. And while some of the details are still
24 under investigation, the pilot Timothy McCormick
25 sadly lost his life. Monday's crash shook many of us

2 to the core and brought up memories of 911. New
3 Yorkers will never forget that day. The same cannot
4 be said about our federal government.

5 Once again, we have to beg congress to
6 authorize funding for the September 11th Victim
7 Compensation fund. I want to thank Louis Alvarez, a
8 retired NYPD detective and 911 first responder about
9 to begin his 69th round of chemotherapy. His 69th
10 round of chemotherapy for liver cancer that he
11 developed because of his service to our city and the
12 days after our country was attacked. And I want to
13 thank John Stewart and all of those who testified
14 these past few days about the importance of this
15 funding when they testified down in Washington.

16 I also want to thank the entire New York
17 Congressional delegation. It has been a bipartisan
18 effort to get this funding. This body knows how
19 important this funding is. Every stated meeting, we
20 name the first responders that we have lost due to
21 911 illnesses and once again, once again, today,
22 while they are holding up the money for the hero's
23 who sacrifice so much. Today, since our last stated
24 meeting on May 29th, we have learned seven more first
25 responders have died. Seven in two weeks. These

2 brave individuals, James Boyle and Thomas Waterman
3 who are both members of the NYPD and they were among
4 the first people to arrive at ground zero when the
5 towers were attacked. Michael Sullivan and Maria,
6 Elaina, Diez Contero[SP?] were members of the
7 Department of Sanitation and day after day supported
8 911 recover efforts. John Balaam passed away at the
9 age of 67 years old. He was a paramedic at Saint
10 Vincent's Hospital at Greenwich Village and responded
11 that day and the days after to help those were
12 recovering.

13 Captain Thomas Kenney served as part of
14 the Hyannis Fire Department for more than 36 years
15 and he was a responder for numerous disasters
16 including 911. He was 65 years old and William James
17 Leahy, a Port Authority Police Officer for 27 years,
18 he was 49 years old. I am angry and I am sad that we
19 cannot get this funding. It needs to be permanent
20 funding so that these families and victims and those
21 who are recovering can get the money they deserve
22 without being retraumatized. Without having to go
23 down to Washington and beg when they were the hero's
24 that served our country on 911 and the days and weeks
25 and months afterwards.

2 It is the right thing to do. It looks
3 like the house is going to pass this legislation in
4 the coming weeks and I hope that the U.S. Senate will
5 immediately follow and pass a permanent fix until
6 2090, so that all victims are compensated and that
7 their healthcare is taken care of for the rest of
8 their lives.

9 I am also very sad to say that we also
10 lost two very highly respected long serving members
11 of the NYPD since our last Stated. Both tragically
12 died by suicide. Detective Joseph Calabrese was 58
13 years old and he had served in the NYPD since 1982,
14 37 years on the force. And Deputy Chief Steven Silks
15 who many Council Members from Queens know served his
16 community in Queens on the NYPD for 39 years. He was
17 62 years old. This was incredibly painful and tough
18 for the entire Police Department and our thoughts are
19 with their friends, their families and their
20 colleagues.

21 Lastly, I am saddened to have to share
22 the news that former City Council Staffer and
23 District Leader Kevin Peter Carroll passed away on
24 June 3rd. Many of us knew Kevin for his dedication
25 to his community and his passion for politics. Kevin

2 worked with Council Member Steve Levin on behalf of
3 Brooklyn for seven years and he was a member of
4 Brooklyn Community Board 10, he was 33 years old.

5 My office has details on the services for
6 Kevin, so you can please talk to any member of the
7 staff if you would like to get those details. I want
8 to ask every to rise and have a moment of silence in
9 all of those we have honored and to these dedicated
10 service men and women and civil servants who have
11 done so much for our city. Thank you all.

12 On a more positive note, I want to
13 acknowledge that it's June which means that it is
14 Pride month. This is a very special pride month
15 because it is 50 years since the storm while uprising
16 and we are the proud hosts of world pride. I can't
17 begin to say how much this personally means to me and
18 I will say that I am completely aware of the hard
19 work of all of those activists who came before me and
20 all of us to allow us to be able to serve helping the
21 next generation. It is our duty to help the next
22 generation that's going to come after us and I know I
23 say that on behalf of Council Members Torres and Van
24 Bramer and Menchaca and Dromm as well.

2 Before we get started with today's
3 agenda, I would also like to take a minute to
4 acknowledge the departure of one of our great and
5 wonderful and key and just very, very wonderful staff
6 members Elizabeth Guzman. Elizabeth has been with
7 the office of the General Council since December of
8 2016. Serving as Council to the Rules Committee as
9 our parliamentarian and as a trusted Council to all
10 members and to staff.

11 Elizabeth, I don't know what she was
12 thinking but she is moving on to support the Office
13 of the Public Advocate in a similar role as General
14 Council. I am joking Jumaane. We are very proud of
15 her and we are very happy for Jumaane as well.

16 Elizabeth will be dearly missed for the
17 levity that she has brought to stressful situations.
18 For her legal acumen that she has brought to complex
19 issues and I am sure you will all join me in thanking
20 Elizabeth for her incredible service and we are
21 really grateful that she is staying in government to
22 work with our former colleague and our great Public
23 Advocate Jumaane Williams. So, I would love to give
24 Elizabeth Guzman a big round of applause.

25 [APPLAUSE]

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2 Congratulations, lastly, we've all said
3 it, but it is important to say it again, we welcome
4 the Council's newest member Council Member Farah
5 Louis who is representing the 45th Council District.
6 We are so happy to have you here, congratulations.

7 Now, we are going to dive into these
8 agenda's. Today the Council will vote on 20 article
9 11 property tax exemptions. Out of the Finance
10 Committee, the exemption applications are within my
11 district and the districts of Council Members
12 Cabrera, Ayala, Gibson, Perkins, Reynoso, Torres,
13 King, Cohen and Gjonaj. Collectively the projects
14 that are receiving Article 11 exemptions to support
15 either the new construction or preservation of 2,059
16 units of affordable housing throughout Brooklyn, the
17 Bronx, Manhattan and Queens, and all the Council
18 Members that I listed in the relevant districts are
19 supportive of these actions. I want to thank the
20 staff Stephanie Rowise and Noah Brick for their work
21 on this.

22 The Council will vote on the site
23 selection of four new schools. The first is a 650-
24 seat intermediate school in Council Member Carlos
25 Manchaca's district. The second is a 450-seat

2 primary school in Council Member Rafael Salamanca's
3 district. The third is a 458-primary school in
4 Council Member Venessa Gibson's district. And the
5 fourth, there is a 592-intermediate school in Council
6 Member Justin Brannan district.

7 The Council will vote on the following
8 land use actions. Manhattanville Walkway in Council
9 Member Levine's district, Brownsville North Ocean
10 Hill NCP cluster in Council Member Alicka Ampry-
11 Samuel's district and the JFK North site in Council
12 Member Donovan Richards's district. We will be
13 voting on the following affordable housing
14 preservation projects, the Lennox Avenue Cluster in
15 Council Member Perkins's district. East Harlem El
16 Barrio CLT in Council Member Ayala and Perkins's
17 district. Cloth Cluster in Council Member Levine,
18 Perkins and Rodriguez's district. And I want to
19 thank the staff who worked on these land use
20 projects. John Douglas, Amy Levitin, and Jeff
21 Une[SP?] and today is Amy Levitin's birthday. So,
22 happy birthday, so happy birthday Amy.

23 Moving on, the Council will vote on the
24 following piece of legislation. First, I want to
25 congratulate Council Member Justin Brannon on

2 Introduction 826-A which would expand reporting
3 requirements to provide the public with more
4 information related to the use of life saving
5 technologies and serious fires. The bill expands
6 existing reporting requirements related to smoke
7 alarms or detectors to now include reporting
8 following all fires that causes civilian fatality or
9 life-threatening injury.

10 Additionally, the bill requires new
11 reporting on the presence and activation of automatic
12 sprinkler system, the location at each serious fire
13 incident where the Department deploys more than three
14 fire engines. Congratulations Council Member and I
15 want to thank the staff Josh Kinsley, Robert Calandra
16 and Racheal Cordero for their work on this bill.

17 Next, Introduction 732-B by Council
18 Member Ben Kallos would establish what is also
19 referred to as a full public match. Wherein all
20 participating candidates could reach their
21 expenditure limit using only matchable contributions
22 and public funds.

23 This public fund match would be available
24 to participating candidates who select Option A for
25 the 2021 elections and starting in 2022, it will be

2 required of all participating candidates.

3 Additionally, the bill amends the act to incorporate
4 relevant portions of ballot question one as approved
5 by the voters in 2018 by moving them out of the
6 Charter and into the Administrative code. It would
7 also adjust dates, deadlines and requirements within
8 the act to reflect the earlier June primary date
9 which was established by state law earlier this year
10 and finally Erasmus Language that is previously sunset
11 or otherwise been mooted. This would be a big step
12 for Campaign Finance and making public office more
13 accessible for any people who want to run for office.
14 And I want to thank the staff Brad Reed, Daniel
15 Collins, Emily Foregiono[SP?], Elizabeth and
16 Sebastian Bakkie.

17 Introduction 799, by our Public Advocate
18 Jumaane Williams would clarify that retaliation is
19 prohibited. Where an individual requests a
20 reasonable accommodation under the city's Human
21 Rights Law and I want to thank the staff Balkis
22 Merag[SP?] and Leah Scurpiack[SP?] for their work on
23 that Bill.

24 Next, we have a series of bills related
25 to incarcerated individuals including two from

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2 Council Member Keith Powers. The first, Introduction
3 1236-A is intended to improve access to care.

4 Introduction 1236-A would require the
5 Department of Correction to publish a report on data
6 pertaining to production for scheduled medical
7 appointments. It would also require the department
8 to retain all records having to do with last minute
9 sick call appointments and would ensure that
10 incarcerated individuals have access to sick call
11 five days per week excluding holidays and the next
12 bill by Council Member Powers, the Chair of our
13 Criminal Justice Committee is Introduction 1370-A
14 which would streamline the intake process for
15 grievances and improve access. It would ensure that
16 all complaints made are addressed through the
17 grievance process. It would also require all 3rd
18 party complaints to be addressed through this
19 process. It would ensure the Department informs
20 every incarcerated individual in writing about the
21 grievance process and about protections against
22 retaliation. It would also require the Department to
23 include grievance forms including appeals forms on
24 it's website. I want to congratulate Council Member
25 Powers on these two important pieces of legislation.

2 I want to thank the staff Alana Sivan and
3 Brian Crow for their work on these bills and they
4 worked on the other bills we were discussing as well.

5 Next, is Introduction 1340 by Council
6 Member Diana Ayala, which will make the grievance
7 process more efficient by requiring the Department of
8 Corrections to create a central system where it can
9 track all complaints and appeals and give regular
10 access to the board to such as a system. It would
11 also ensure greater access to the grievance process
12 by requiring at least one grievance box to be placed
13 in each facility and by requiring caseload guidelines
14 for grievance coordinators. The law will also
15 require the DOC to install electronic complaint
16 kiosks by 2026. And related to the grievance process
17 bills that we were talking about is Introduction
18 1334-A by Council Member Alicka Ampry-Samuel, which
19 would require the Board of Corrections to issue a
20 report at least every three years on issues related
21 to the Departments grievance process.

22 This report would incorporate direct
23 feedback from incarcerated individuals and proposed
24 recommendations for relevant improvements. The bill
25 requires the report to include a section of

2 recommendations on how to improve the grievance
3 process for vulnerable populations including
4 incarcerated individuals who are lesbian, gay,
5 bisexual, transgender, intersex or gender
6 nonconforming and on these bills, I want to
7 congratulate Council Member Ayala and Council Member
8 Ampry Samuel on these really important pieces of this
9 corrections package. So, congratulations Diana and
10 Alicka.

11 Finally, we have two bills related to art
12 on city owned property. One comes from Council
13 Member Inez Barron, Introduction 1114-A which will
14 create a tax force to study and issue recommendations
15 regarding monument, statues, public art and
16 historical markers on city owned property. Those
17 works that have been subject to sustained negative
18 attention or maybe viewed as inconsistent with the
19 values of diversity, equity inclusion will be
20 prioritized for review. I really want to
21 congratulate Council Member Barron for her really
22 hard work and thoughtfulness on this. She has talked
23 about some of the examples that we've had where we
24 had to make choices in saying, this is not acceptable
25 anymore.

2 So, I want to congratulate you on putting
3 forward this legislation. I look forward to working
4 together.

5 And Introduction 1439, sponsored by
6 Council Member Rafael Salamanca, would require the
7 public design commission to establish a goal that at
8 least 50 percent of the non-fictional persons
9 represented in new works of art be women.

10 It would also require the Public Design
11 Commission to advise and provide strategies to city
12 agencies on how to increase diversity of
13 representation in city artwork. And on these two
14 bills, I want to thank the staff Brenda McKinney,
15 Alia Ali, Smeetde Deshmook[SP?] and Andrea
16 Vascass[SP?].

17 That concludes our agenda for today's
18 stated meeting, and I look forward to proceeding with
19 today's votes. Thank you, Mr. Public Advocate.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you Mr.
21 Speaker. Now, I have a discussion on General Orders.
22 Council Member Kallos.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Thank you. I want
24 to wake up in a city with the government that
25 actually works for New Yorkers. Affordable housing,

2 amazing schools and a transit system that actually
3 gets you where you need to go. Now, 2021 is a worst
4 nightmare for me and every other renter in the city
5 of New York. There is 38 Council Members, 5 Borough
6 Presidents, the Comptroller and the Mayor all turned
7 out of office and I shutter to think what big money
8 can try to do to elect a government that would work
9 for them instead of the communities they represent.

10 When I ran at 2013, I didn't take money
11 from real estate. I was mocked and ridiculed to my
12 face. Who knows what people said behind my back.
13 Everyone said real estate runs this town. I was
14 offered more money that I could ever imagine from
15 real estate. I was told to take it if I wanted a
16 future in politics. I chose not to work for real
17 estate, instead to work for my community. I didn't
18 let a broken system corrupt me and today, we change
19 the system to work for New Yorkers.

20 With the support of \$1.1 million people
21 who voted in favor of November for prove that it
22 worked when we applied it to the Public Advocates
23 race and we've already elected the first citywide
24 elected official without real estate money.

2 And we thank him for overseeing today's
3 proceedings. Going forward, we will match every
4 small dollar with eight public dollars to reduce the
5 corrupting influence of big money in favor of
6 amplifying the voices of residence. I want to have a
7 special thank you to my co-prime sponsor and
8 Governmental Operations Chair Fernando Cabrera who
9 sponsored it last term. My new co-prime sponsor the
10 new reformer on the block Keith Powers and Brad
11 Lander as well as staff Rob Newman, Brad Reed, Daniel
12 Collins, Elizabeth Kronk, Emily Forgione and
13 Sebastian Bakkie and Central Staff for their work on
14 this bill. And last but not least, one
15 clarification, this will not apply for funds rolling
16 in. This only applies to funds that folks have
17 raised in this system. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you.
19 Council Member Barron.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. I
21 want to just speak briefly on Intro. 1114-A, which
22 talks about establishing a task force that would look
23 at the monuments and markers that we have on public
24 property in our city.

2 So, for those who maybe call some bible
3 stories, we know that when Joshua led the Israel
4 lights across the Jordan, he was told to have them
5 collect stones and put them there so that generations
6 coming afterwards would say, well, whats the meaning
7 of these stones? Why are they here? And we know
8 that Samuel, when he was victorious in battle had a
9 huge monument evicted so that people would remember
10 the victory at that place that God had helped them.

11 So, when we take monuments and markers
12 and put them up in our city, it calls people's
13 attentions to stop and wonder, who is that? Why is
14 that marker there? Why is this an important person
15 or an event to be commemorated by the city?

16 And we believe that there are numerous
17 monuments around this city that are not deserving of
18 having people emulate them or call positive attention
19 to them because their history is riddled with
20 injustices. To people that have existed, or they
21 don't reflect the diversity of our culture, or they
22 don't have the equitable representation for different
23 kinds of people, and they are not inclusive.

24 So, this task force would address that
25 issue. It would be chaired by the Commission of

2 Cultural Affairs or the Executive Director of the Art
3 Commission and it would include the Commissioner of
4 City Planning, Parks, and Recreation, Transportation
5 and would have seats on the task force for members
6 from each of the boroughs and those members would be
7 selected based on their expertise in history, art,
8 and antiquities, public art and public space,
9 preservation, culture heritage, diversity and
10 inclusion or education.

11 So, I am urging all of my colleagues to
12 vote Aye and I want to thank all the persons who were
13 involved in preparing this legislation and thank you
14 Speaker for his support. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you.
16 Council Member Gibson.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you Mr.
18 Public Advocate and good afternoon Speaker and all of
19 my colleagues. I just quickly wanted to speak in
20 support of pre-considered land use item 461. As the
21 Speaker mentioned is one of the items on today's
22 agenda that is going to create a 458 seat elementary
23 school in my district at 1302 EL Grand Highway in the
24 Bronx in School District 9 and this for me, is such a
25 major accomplishment and this Council last March

2 voted overwhelmingly in favor of the Jerome Avenue
3 rezoning and this was a part of that extensive
4 package and I am so proud because it recognizes that
5 as the city grows, as we continue to build housing
6 across many neighborhoods, we also have to recognize
7 the amenities and the burden it places on our local
8 schools, parks, playgrounds and mass transit.

9 And this school for us in District 9 is a
10 recognition that our school age children deserve new
11 amenities and new facilities and because it was a
12 privately owned site, we traveled through the
13 district relentlessly to find a space and work with
14 the Department of City Planning and the school
15 construction authority and the Land Use Division and
16 this was the site that was identified.

17 So, today is such a great day for me and
18 the district I represent and so, I am asking all of
19 my colleagues to please vote in favor of this in
20 recognizing that we continue to build great schools
21 with all the amenities that our children absolutely
22 deserve.

23 And with that, I want to thank our
24 Community Education Council, District 9 in the Bronx,
25 The Borough office, my superintendent, the planning

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2 division as well as SCA and all the stakeholders and
3 certainly, I want to recognize Land Use. Thank you
4 to Rodge to Amy and Jeff who walked with me held my
5 had throughout this entire process. I could not be
6 more grateful to you.

7 So, once again, I am just asking
8 colleagues to vote yes, and I will be voting Aye on
9 all. Thank you so much Mr. Public Advocate.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you.
11 Council Member Yeger.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you Mr.
13 President. A robust public financing program which
14 empowers small contributors is a good thing. It's
15 one that I participated in. It's one that members of
16 this body participated in and without it perhaps I
17 wouldn't be here.

18 Just seven months ago, our voters lowered
19 the maximum contribution allowed and increased the
20 amount of public funds available to our campaigns to
21 75 percent of the expenditure limitation or \$142,000
22 in a council race instead of the \$100,000 it had been
23 when we ran for office.

24 If we do nothing today, that's what it
25 would be. \$142,000 in a council race, 75 percent of

2 the expenditure limitation. And this was a tradeoff.
3 Fewer larger contributions, more public funds. The
4 intent was clear. In exchange for the taxpayers
5 giving more public funds to campaigns, candidates
6 would have to agree to take less private funds.

7 Today's bill, Introduction 732 ignores,
8 at least in part, what the voters enacted seven
9 months ago. You don't have to believe me, just look
10 at the first two paragraphs of the bill the word
11 repealed is there twice. Instead of receiving over
12 \$40,000 more in a Council race then what was in
13 effect when we ran, a candidate will now be able to
14 receive \$70,000 more. That might not sound like much
15 but in a Mayoral primary, that's over a million
16 dollars more to a candidate.

17 And in exchange for being more generous
18 to ourselves then the taxpayers chose to be just
19 seven months ago, we give nothing back. We are not
20 reducing contribution limits. We are not eliminating
21 special interest PAC money. We are not getting rid
22 of contributions for lobbyists. We are not getting
23 rid of money from doing businesspeople. We are not
24 even getting rid of the evil real estate money.
25 Nothing, we give nothing back.

2 All we do, is reach into the pockets of
3 the taxpayers, take the money, put it into our
4 campaigns. That's what this bill does. All the
5 words mean nothing. That's what this bill does.
6 Read the words, that's what it says.

7 I am not sure how we look a homeless New
8 Yorker in the eye and tell them we can't find them an
9 affordable place to live. I see the clock is running
10 out Mr. President, I am almost done. But don't
11 worry, we have money for our next campaign mailing.
12 Or a child going to bed hungry and tell her that we
13 don't know where she is getting her next meal, but we
14 have more money for robocalls. Over 200 years ago,
15 members of this body got together and delayed
16 constructing this building because the construction
17 was deemed to extravagant, unworthy of spending
18 taxpayer funds.

19 They delayed construction, they reduced
20 the size of the building, they spent less money and
21 the got it done.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Council
23 Member.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: I am asking my
3 colleagues to please, be brave today. Stand up and
4 vote no on 732. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you,
6 Council Member. I am going to take the privilege two
7 minutes to discuss my bill, Intro. 79 that would
8 prohibit any retaliatory action by any employer. If
9 an employer requested a reasonable accommodation the
10 basis of a religious observance, disability,
11 pregnancy, childbirth and medical condition or other
12 status as a victim of domestic violence, a sex
13 offense or stalking among other possible reasons.

14 There was previously no mention that
15 protected employees from any retaliatory action by an
16 employer and asked me for the legally required
17 accommodations. This is one of those bills where I
18 found it crazy that there was no existent
19 protections. I thought it maybe just closing a
20 loophole, but we found several instances where the
21 court did not fine for someone in this position.

22 One example, in 2015, an employee
23 requested accommodations after experiencing seizures
24 five months after beginning work and was terminated
25 shortly thereafter and Hernandez versus Weil Cornell

2 Medical College rather than hear argument over
3 whether the termination was related to her cause, the
4 court determined that the employee could not state a
5 retaliation claim because the act of requesting
6 accommodation is not recognized as a protected
7 activity.

8 This bill will allow employees to make
9 claims to the New York City Commissioner on Human
10 Rights, when employees retaliate for asking such
11 accommodation.

12 In the past, many cases have been lost or
13 stopped because there was no protection. When
14 employees have temporarily injured themselves or
15 pregnant or face domestic violence at home, their
16 workplace shouldn't be another barrier of making
17 their lives harder. Employees should not be afraid
18 of asking for a reasonable accommodation to be more
19 efficient workers. All employees have the right to
20 work free of discrimination, harassment or
21 retaliation, such as previously passed I worked on
22 with this Council, the Boss Bill, the DV Protection
23 Bill, the Veterans Bill, even why I helped introduce
24 Intro. 800 that provides paid personal time for all
25 employees of New York City.

2 All employees have the right to work with
3 dignity and it's bills like these that I advocate for
4 to create a better work environment so that New
5 Yorkers become more valued and productive employees
6 of our great city. Thank you to Council Balkees[SP?]
7 Merrick, Finance Analyst Navan Sing, Policy Analyst
8 Leah Scirpiak[SP?] and thank you to the Chair,
9 Council Member Eugene and of course the Speaker for
10 your support. I urge my colleagues to please vote
11 Aye.

12 Council Member Levin.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very
14 much Public Advocate, I want to take this opportunity
15 to acknowledge the Hope Reichbach Fellows for this
16 year. They are students at colleges around the
17 country including CUNY, SUNY, and Yale this year.
18 And the Hope Reichbach foundation is supporting
19 internships at Brooklyn based not-for-profits where
20 they are able to get involved in the important issues
21 that we all work on and support those organizations
22 being Brooklyn Community Services, Brooklyn
23 Defenders, Vocal New York, Bedside Restoration. And
24 I want to acknowledge the fellows this year, Brianna

2 Boyce, Jordan Powel, Johnathan, Elaine, Gus Mary
3 Ramirez and Maramay[SP?] Kata.

4 So, thank you and they are here in the
5 balcony. And then I would like to take a moment to
6 thank the Speaker and all my colleagues for
7 acknowledging the loss of Kevin Peter Carroll. Kevin
8 worked in my office since 2010 and he brought a real
9 exuberance to everything that he did. He loved
10 politics. He was very knowledgeable about all things
11 political. He really had encyclopedic knowledge of
12 congress and really truly loved the day to day
13 aspects of politics of getting to know people,
14 getting to know their issues. He was an incredibly
15 warm individual. He was very open and honest with
16 everybody and he really wore his heart on his sleeve
17 in a way that was really admirable. And I know that
18 he enriched my life and the lives of my staff and
19 countless others, and we are truly devastated by his
20 passing and my heart goes out to his friends and his
21 family and we wish him the deepest of piece and
22 blessing. And thank him for everything he did for
23 us.

24 So, thank you all very much.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you
3 Council Member Levin and all of us from Brooklyn I am
4 sure indeed, the entire Council share your sentiment.
5 May he rest in peace in power. Thank you. Council
6 Member Cornegy.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you Public
8 Advocate Williams. Good afternoon, we are convening
9 shortly after the 75th anniversary of D-Day and
10 reminded of the bravery of our armed forces and the
11 promise of America. If you work hard and play by the
12 rules, you should be able to get ahead.

13 Thankfully law makers in Albany help keep
14 that promise by strengthening tenant and rent
15 regulations that will effect about half of the
16 apartments in this city. This is a huge success for
17 the advocacy community that has worked tirelessly for
18 years to ensure greater equity for renters.

19 Tenants in New York continue to face the
20 pressures of rising costs to an increasingly
21 unaffordable housing market. Too often, tenants are
22 forced out of their homes merely because they do not
23 have the time or resources to combat unscrupulous
24 landlords seeking to extract higher rents.

2 The City and State must continue their
3 efforts to protect and promote equity for renters and
4 ensure that people have the opportunity to stay in
5 and even own their homes.

6 It's also pride month and the 50th
7 anniversary of the stonewall riots. The days long
8 protest spark the shift in the national conversation
9 about homosexual and transgender individuals and
10 press government and society to be more tolerant and
11 acceptant.

12 Next year will be the 50th anniversary of
13 the first gay pride march. The first in the nation
14 that took place right here in New York City. We
15 commend and celebrate the 50 years of progress and
16 want people from every background to know that no
17 matter who you are, you belong here in New York City.

18 I also want to call attention to some
19 recent events in the city. First, there was a
20 helicopter crash on top of a building in Midtown that
21 resulted in a fire. My sincerest condolences to the
22 family of the pilot who tragically lost his left. As
23 more information is released and the investigation is
24 completed, I will join with colleagues in pushing for
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2 whatever appropriate measures are necessary to ensure
3 safety and avoid similar tragic events in the future.

4 Second, I would like to call attention to
5 a young hero, Lucas Severino who passed away late
6 last night due to injuries sustained in a fire in the
7 Belmont section of the Bronx. Lucas risked his life
8 to save three-year-old Laslian[SP?] McDonald who also
9 tragically passed away due to sustained injuries. My
10 heart aches for the families and loved ones impacted.

11 Additionally, my team and I are
12 monitoring developments on a fire this morning that
13 tore through three homes in the mid-section of
14 Brooklyn. Twelve people are in the hospital
15 including three fire fighters and a six-week-old
16 infant. They are in our thoughts and we would like
17 to thank the FDNY and first responders for their
18 quick and effective response to the blaze.

19 While the cost of this fire is unclear, I
20 am committed to working with the Council to reduce
21 the likelihood of fires, increase preparing this and
22 do everything in my power to ensure incidents like
23 these are avoided in the future.

24 Finally, I'd like to introduce the new
25 Communications and Legislative Director for our

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2 office Eddy Amador. He has a background in housing
3 and homelessness, and we are excited to have him on
4 board. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you. A
6 report on Special Committees?

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Non.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Report of
9 Standing Committees?

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
11 on Civil and Human Rights Intro. 799, Reasonable
12 Accommodation Law.

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
14 Orders.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
16 on Criminal Justice Intro. 1236-A Correctional Health
17 Services.

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
19 General Orders.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro's 1334-A, 1340-A and
21 1370-A, bills effecting incarcerated individuals.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
23 General Orders.

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2 COUCIL CLERK: Report of the committee on
3 Cultural Affairs Intro. 1114-A and 1439-A are on city
4 owned property.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
6 General Orders.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
8 on Finance pre-considered LU 439 and Reso. 926
9 through pre-considered LU 458 and Reso. 945 on page
10 6, Tax Exemptions.

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12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
13 Orders.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
15 on Fire and Emergency Management Intro. 826-A smoke
16 alarms and fire sprinklers.

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

19 COUNCIL MEMBER: Report of the Committee
20 on Governmental Operations Intro. 732-B full public
21 match campaign finance system.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
23 General Orders.

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1 STATED MEETING OF THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL 66

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
3 on Land Use LU 398 and Reso. 946 East Harlem land
4 trust.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
6 Orders.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 399 and Reso. 947
8 Lennox Avenue Cluster.

9 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
10 Orders.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 400 and Reso. 948
12 through LU 402 and Reso. 950 Amsterdam Avenue.

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
14 Orders.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 400 and Reso. 948
16 through LU 4 with 2 in Reso. 950 Amsterdam Avenue.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with
18 modifications and refer to the City Planning
19 Commission pursuant to Section 197-D of the New York
20 City Charter.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 415 and Reso. 951 JFK
22 North site.

23 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
24 Orders.

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1 STATED MEETING OF THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL 67

2 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 416 and Reso. 952 and
3 LU 417 in Reso. 943 Manhattanville Walkway.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
5 Orders.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 418 and Reso. 954
7 Brownsville North.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
9 Orders.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 420 through LU 437 on
11 page 11, special pastry Brook 156 and Howard Avenue
12 Rezoning.

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with
14 modifications and referred to the City Planning
15 Commission pursuant to Section 197-D of the New York
16 City Charter.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Pre-considered LU 459 and
18 Reso. 955 through Pre-considered LU 462 and Reso. 958
19 school facilities.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
21 Orders.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
23 on Rules, Privileges, and elections, pre-considered
24 Reso. 959 changes to Committee's and Subcommittee's.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
3 Orders.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
5 on State and Federal Legislation Pre-considered SLR 2
6 through SLR 12 various home rule messages.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
8 Orders.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: On the General Order
10 calendar, resolution appointing various persons,
11 Commissioner of Deeds.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
13 Orders and at this time I will ask for a roll call
14 vote on all of the items on today's General Order
15 Calendar.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye on all.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye on all.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote Aye on
24 all.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all
3 except 732-B, 1114-A, 1340, 1370 and SLR 5.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Permission to
8 explain my vote?

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
10 granted.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Thank you so
12 much. I want to take a moment to congratulate my
13 colleague, Council Member Ben Kallos Introduction 732
14 which will establish a full public match campaign
15 finance system.

16 Let me speak from a personal note. Ten
17 years ago, I ran for office and I have never ran for
18 office. And I was exposed to the campaign finance
19 system in which many of us here participated and
20 benefit from. And even back then, I asked myself,
21 why don't we have a full matching system?
22 Communities like mine were economically
23 disadvantaged. It is imperative that we have such a
24 system. It's imperative that we have a full matching
25 program to be able to help those who otherwise would

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2 be at a disadvantage with somebody who comes in, who
3 has a network of people who got deep, deep pockets.
4 This is going to put everyone in an even kill and
5 give accessibility to those who otherwise have not
6 even contemplated on running.

7 I believe this is a big win for democracy
8 today and it's a superior, it's the most superior
9 matching program that I have seen in the nation and
10 so, with that, I am proud to vote Aye on all.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo?

12 COUNCIL CLERK MATTEO: No on 732, 1340,
13 1370, 1114, SLR 5, Aye on the rest.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Chin?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Cohen?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Constantinides?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on
20 all.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Corney?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye on all.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Deutsch?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: No on Intro.
25 1114-A and no on SLR 5 and Aye on the rest.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Diaz?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Permission to
4 explain my vote?

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
6 granted.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Thank you Mr.
8 Chairman. Today, I am voting no on Introduction 732-
9 B, believing that the people in the City of New York
10 already voted for that and I will also do that. So,
11 based on reason for those to gains of way of the
12 people, so we would like to do that. The people
13 should be the ones that should decide. The people
14 already voted for that. I am also voting no on
15 Introduction 1114-A, I think the history cannot be
16 changed in 114-A by our mistake initially and by
17 erasing statues, we are trying to erase history.
18 History is there, good or bad, like it or not, it is
19 history and the statue should be there.

20 And also, Resolution 919, 920, 924,
21 dealing with abortion, I think people that oppose
22 abortion in all stages, I am not for that. And SLR-A
23 no. So, anything else is yes. Thank you very much.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye on all.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote Aye.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Gibson?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Aye on all.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Permission to
8 explain my vote?

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
10 granted.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Thank you.

12 Earlier today I had the privilege to donate blood.
13 And while answering the questions prior to approval.
14 I found it odd that there were certain questions that
15 were asked about my relationship pertaining to sexual
16 matters with other men. These questions are intended
17 to exclude the gay community from donating blood.

18 I hope that this body will right that
19 wrong where the gay community is isolated and
20 prevented and excluded from donating blood.

21 With that in mind, I vote Aye on all,
22 except for Intro. 732.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all except
3 for Intro. 114-A and pre-considered SLR 5, I vote no.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Koo?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: May I be
10 excused to explain my vote?

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
12 granted.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I would like
14 to congratulate Peter Koo on his Chairmanship of
15 Parks and to Robert Holden on his Chairmanship of
16 Technology. Congratulations.

17 [APPLAUSE]

18 Also, I would like to say I am going to
19 miss Elizabeth Guzman, she was the Council to my
20 Committee on Rules, and I know she's leaving and
21 she's going across the street. And certainly, I will
22 call you and I want to welcome Lance who will be part
23 of the committee. Welcome Lance and I look forward
24 to working with you and with that I vote Aye on all.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Lander?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Request for
3 permission to explain my vote?

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
5 granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you. I
7 vote Aye on all. I am a proud co-sponsor of Intro.
8 732-B by Council Member Kallos and I was the second
9 sponsor on it last term when it was first introduced
10 to me. I think about it like, every time somebody is
11 running for office sits down to make their call to
12 raise their next contribution, do you want them to
13 have an incentive to call a regular New Yorker or do
14 you want them to have an incentive to call a wealthy
15 New Yorker, likely with some special interest in the
16 system? Right now, because there is a gap in what
17 you can raise through public match, there is a point
18 and time at which that person has an incentive to
19 raise large dollar and this bill changes that by
20 making it possible for every contribution to be
21 matched. Every time you sit down to raise, you can
22 raise it from a regular New Yorker and that is good
23 government and it gives people confidence in the
24 system. It is an investment in good government, not
25 an investment in us. I do also appreciate Council

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2 Member Kallos's clarification that this does not
3 cover money, which is rolled over from prior cycle,
4 which I think is important and with that, I will be
5 voting Aye on all.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I vote Aye on all.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Levine?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye on all.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Permission to
11 explain my vote?

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Today being my
13 first day and the first opportunity that I saw the
14 agenda, I just want to let you all know that I am
15 voting Aye on all except all LU's on Land Use
16 Calendar for which I abstain.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Miller?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I am going to
23 abstain on 732 and I vote Aye on all the rest.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Moya?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye on all.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Perkins?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye on all.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all. I
6 want to congratulate both Council Member Koo and
7 Council Member Holden on their new Committee
8 Chairs.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I vote Aye on
11 all.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye on all and
14 congrats to my colleagues.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Rose?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye on all.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye on all.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Torres?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye on all.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Treyger?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote Aye on all
3 with the exception of Intro. 1732-B, Intro. 1114-A
4 and pre-considered SLR 5.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on all with
7 the exception of 1114-A.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Permission to
10 briefly explain my vote?

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
12 granted.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you Mr.
14 Public Advocate. I want to congratulate Council
15 Member Inez Barron on this bill. I think it's long
16 overdue and I know she cares deeply and passionately
17 as do I, which is why I was proud to be a co-sponsor.
18 So, I just want to thank her for her persistence in
19 leading the charge to make sure that we right the
20 wrongs and set forth a better policy when the City of
21 New York seeks to honor people.

22 So, with that, I am very proud to vote
23 Aye on all.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: May I be excused
3 to explain my vote?

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
5 granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you Mr.
7 President. First, on Introduction 799, Mr. President
8 I am proud to be a co-sponsor with you on this. I am
9 proud to have signed on early and to be your second
10 co-sponsor requesting a reasonable accommodation
11 should always be protected. It should never be
12 something that could be retaliated against and you
13 had great vision in introducing this and putting this
14 into the statute and I congratulate you sir.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: All the folks here
17 know where I stand on introduction 732. I truly
18 don't know what I tell the next senior citizen who
19 tells me that her real property tax bill went up even
20 though I swear my life and everybody in this Chamber
21 swears on their lives that we have nothing to do with
22 their bill going up, but it goes up every year.

23 I guess we can tell them that don't worry
24 about it, your money is going to a good cause and we
25 can tell them where. I will vote Aye on all with the

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2 exception of 1114, 732, SLR 5 and I abstain on
3 Resolution 959, SLR 2, SLR 3, SLR 6, SLR7, SLR 8 SLR
4 10. Thank you very much Mr. President.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez?

6 COUNCIL MEMEBR RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote Aye on all.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: We are just
10 going to take a few minutes to tally the vote. I
11 appreciate your patients.

12 We have a request from BLAC and those who
13 will be speaking in general order, please keep in
14 mind that the BLAC has an important meeting after and
15 requesting that of you. I am sure as a lot of people
16 are requesting, keep them all short.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I just want to
18 reiterate that. I know that for the BLAC members,
19 the Police Commissioners in the Committee Room, so we
20 have to maintain and quorum to get through this. So,
21 we may want to move quickly because I think the
22 Police Commissioner has to be out in 35 minutes. So,
23 we want to move quickly for the caucus members.

24 Okay, all of the items on today's General
25 Order Calendar.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: All items on today's
3 General Order Calendar Adopted by a vote of 48 in the
4 affirmative, zero negative and zero abstentions with
5 the exceptions of Land Use 398 through 402, 415
6 through 418 and 459 through 462 with accompanying
7 Reso.'s which is Adopted by a vote of 47 in the
8 affirmative, zero in the negative and 1 abstention.
9 And Intro. 1114-A which was Adopted by a vote of 40
10 in the affirmative, 8 in the negative and zero
11 abstentions and Intro. 732-B which is Adopted by a
12 vote of 41 in the affirmative, 6 in the negative and
13 1 abstentions. And Intro. 1340-A which is Adopted by
14 a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative
15 and zero abstentions. And Intro. 1370-A which is
16 Adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 2 in the
17 negative and zero abstentions and SLR 5 which is
18 adopted by a vote of 42 in the affirmative, 6 in the
19 negative and zero abstentions. And SLR 8 which is
20 Adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 1 in the
21 negative and 1 abstention and SLR 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, and
22 0 which is adopted by a vote of 47 in the
23 affirmative, zero in the negative, one abstention.

24 The revised Land Use Call Ups vote is 48
25 in the affirmative, zero in the negative.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Introduction
3 and reading of the bills.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: All bills have been
5 referred to Committee as indicated on the agenda and
6 because Mr. Public Advocate, I know there are no
7 Resolutions today, we don't need to maintain quorum
8 now that the vote has been read, so if there are
9 members of the BLAC that want to leave and go next
10 door, you are more then willing to do so and back to
11 you.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: SLR 8 revised
13 vote, which is Adopted by a vote of 46 in the
14 affirmative, 1 in the negative and 1 abstentions.

15 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quite please.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you, we
17 will now move into general discussions. First,
18 Council Member Barron before she leaves wants to take
19 a moment, if not, we will go to Council Member
20 Kallos.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Lets kill all the
22 zombie committees, give war chess back to the
23 taxpayers and make elections more competitive.
24 Encumbrance should not need a war chess; the best
25 protection comes from working hard and doing your

2 job. Millions of dollars lay dormant in political
3 counts that are masked and war chess by incumbence
4 and former elected officials often with the goal to
5 scare away and defeat challengers.

6 These accounts remain like zombies as a
7 person piggyback for term limited disgraced and even
8 deceased politicians who have long since lost office.
9 This money should be returned when the campaigns
10 close following each election.

11 Today, I am pleased to introduce
12 Introduction 1601, which I hope you will sign on to
13 and this would be moving forward. I hope to have
14 your support. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Council Member
16 Adams.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you Mr.
18 Public Advocate. Today, I am pleased to introduce
19 Intro. 1584, which I encourage my colleagues to sign
20 on to. This bill will require annual financial
21 disclosure from each person who has interest in any
22 Taxicab License. Over the past few year, we have all
23 become aware of the struggle and overwhelming debt of
24 Taxi Medallion owners. Taxi Medallions have become a
25 money pit for thousands of drivers. It's time that

2 mandate this reporting to get a handle on this
3 unregulated sector that has allowed the predatory
4 exploitation of hard-working drivers. Intro. 1584
5 will help root out bad actors and give way to the
6 oversight that should have been in place all along.

7 I thank Speaker Johnson, Council Member
8 Torres for this great package of legislation that I
9 am proud to be a part of. In addition, I am proud to
10 join the women's caucus in an effort to enhance the
11 existing protections for reproductive health in New
12 York by introducing Reso. 918, which calls for the
13 New York State to expand coverage for healthcare
14 services to individuals whose immigration status
15 renders them ineligible for federal financial
16 participation.

17 After years of fighting for a central
18 protections for women, it is outrageous that women's
19 reproductive rights are under national attack. I
20 stand with the women of the New York City Council to
21 demand respect for women and protection for the basic
22 right of all women to make healthcare decisions and I
23 ask my colleagues to support Intro. 1584 and Reso.
24 918 by signing on to this valuable legislation.

25 Thank you, Mr. Public Advocate.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you so
3 much and just my personal privilege again. As a
4 Brooklynite and Hip-Hop fan, I would be remiss if I
5 didn't raise the name of Richard Steven Shaw passed
6 away this week at 52. His stage name was Bushwick
7 Bill. He spoke of a lot of issue and a member of the
8 Ghetto Boys and he spoke a lot about his own issues
9 of attempting suicide.

10 With that, I'd like to now call on the
11 Speaker to recess today's meeting.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: The Stated Meeting of
13 June 13, 2019 stands in recess.

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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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