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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Adrienne Adams
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Shaun Abreu
- Joann Ariola
- Alexa Avilés
- Diana Ayala
- Chris Banks
- Erik D. Bottcher
- Justin Brannan
- Gale A. Brewer
- Selvena Brooks-Powers
- Tiffany Cabán
- David M. Carr
- Carmen N. De La Rosa
- Erik Dinowitz
- Amanda Farías
- Simcha Felder
- Oswald Feliz

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

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

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen,
ladies and gentleman, can I have your attention,
please? Can I please have your attention? Quiet on
the floor, please. Quiet on the floor, please.
Ladies and gentleman, today, a record-breaking day
today, 25 hearings for our legislative body. A round
of applause.

[applause]

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Congratulations to our
outgoing members. Round of applause, please.

[applause]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen,
for the last time this year, we will start our Stated
Meeting. At this time, please place all electronic
devices, all electronic devices, to vibrate. Madam
Majority Leader, it's all yours.

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Good afternoon
and welcome to the Stated Meeting of December 18,
2025. I am Majority Leader Amanda Farías and I'd like
to thank you for joining us. If you would like to
follow along, the agenda for today's meeting is
posted on our website. On behalf of the body, I
welcome the members of the public who have joined us
today. During stated meetings, only members of the

1 Council may speak. Members of the public shall remain
2 silent. If you wish to express your support of any
3 remarks, you may make the silent approval gesture. I
4 want to remind my colleagues that decorum is to be
5 respected at all times. Insulting each other is not
6 appropriate. All remarks are to be addressed to the
7 Chair and members shall not speak unless recognized
8 by the Chair. It is essential that even if we
9 disagree, we treat each other with respect.
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11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Please join us for the
12 pledge of allegiance.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Roll call?

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Abreu?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Avilés?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presente.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Still here.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Banks?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Present.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Bottcher?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Here.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brannan?
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COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: For the last time, I'm here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabán?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Carr? De La Rosa?

COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dinowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Epstein?

COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: [inaudible]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Felder?

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Here. And not Yeger.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Feliz?

COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here, and not Yeger either.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gutiérrez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presente.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanif?
COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanks? Holden?
COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Hudson?
COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Joseph?
COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Krishnan?
COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Lee?
COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?
COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Marmorato?
COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Marte?
COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy? Menin?
COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Morano?
COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya?
COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Narcisse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Nurse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ossé?

COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Paladino?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I'm here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Restler?

COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Riley?

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Salaam?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanchez?

COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Schulman?

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Stevens?

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ung? Vernikov?
Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Won?

COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Zhuang? Ariola?

COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Sono qui.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Farías?

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Adams?

SPEAKER ADAMS: Present, and still the
Speaker of the New York City Council.

[applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Thank you. We
will now have today's invocation which will be
delivered by Reverend Richard Hogan, Senior Pastor of
Divine Deliverance Ministries which is located at
122-13 Guy R. Brewer Boulevard in Queens.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

REVEREND HOGAN: Almighty God, divine
source of grace, we gather this afternoon on this
18th day of the last month of 2025. With 13 days
left and this being the last Stated Meeting of the
year, we offer thanks for the milestones reached, the

1 challenges overcome, and the steadfast dedication of
2 the City Council Members and their staff. Standing
3 at the threshold of a new year and looking back on
4 all we have journeyed through to 2025, we ask that
5 your peace, patience and presence dwell with us. The
6 acts of hate taking place right now on our shores and
7 abroad, we ask that you will go to places and touch
8 the hearts of men. The Bible and scripture tells us
9 that blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be
10 called the Sons of God. Our country is divided, but
11 President Lincoln stated, a house divided against
12 itself cannot and shall not stand. Help us, God.
13 Watch over and protect those who are attacked and
14 persecuted and bring calm in the midst of hate,
15 uncertainty and chaos. As we face this difficult
16 times, help these elected leaders to have the wisdom,
17 strength, and vision to alleviate the problems and
18 pain of their constituents. As each member of this
19 body represents approximately 157 to 160,000
20 constituents, continue to guide them as they have
21 significant responsibilities on municipal scale.
22 Representing these many people is equivalent to being
23 a mayor of mid-size city in America, Savannah,
24 Georgia or Syracuse, New York. We've seen this body
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2 grow and do great things from 35 members to 51
3 members. Psalms 51:10 says create in me a clean
4 heart and renew a right spirit within me. God, only
5 you can give them the strength needed to perform this
6 task. Grant them a vision of a unified city that
7 empower its people on every level, and may their
8 choices transcend fear to build a just future. We ask
9 for your protection over our first responders, and
10 all that help this city to run effectively as it
11 does. Lord, we thank you for you to allow the unity
12 to flow through the five boroughs and then to the 50
13 states. Let it start here in New York and in these
14 chambers. We pray for these elected leaders who hold
15 an office of trust that they will be granted the
16 wisdom to govern among the conflicting interests and
17 conflict issues of this time. We pray for our mayor,
18 mayor-elect, and also this assembly council asking
19 that you would help them lead with humility, never
20 with pride, and by your wisdom, never by personal
21 opinion. Grant them that they will faithfully perform
22 their duties for the benefit of all citizens,
23 especially the most vulnerable. We pause to
24 acknowledge your faithfulness of every day, the
25 believers here. We thank you for how you grant us

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2 peace in life that you have given us. This being the
3 last month of the year, the 12th month, 12 in
4 biblical terms means government and order. In
5 scriptures and life we find the number 12 all around
6 us each and every day. When we look at the clock,
7 the number there is 12. There are 12 disciples, 12
8 months in a year, 12 midnight starts today, 12 noon
9 is lunchtime, 12 inches in a foot, and 12 ribs in our
10 body, 12 grades before we complete grades to college,
11 12 years we live before we become teenagers, and 12-
12 step programs for those who are in need. 12 is
13 always present. The letter 12-- the 12th letter of
14 the alphabet is L which stands for live, love, and
15 leaders. Let these leaders live, love, and let them
16 lead. So as we close this 12th month, let there be
17 order in this city and abroad, and let it be started
18 with these members. As this Speaker leaves this part
19 of her life, enter into another one, continue to
20 bless those that stood by her, that helped to fight
21 to make things better. All of these distinguished
22 leaders in this place, you have different steps, and
23 order their steps to go places. The Bible said the
24 steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. Let the
25 Council's calling at this time in 2025 be a shining

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2 light, and bless-- of blessing for the city and the
3 year to come. Bless Speaker Adams and all that
4 helped her, because she truly has been a blessing
5 with all of the help of all these distinguished
6 leaders. Bless them, bless their families, and God
7 bless America. Let all God's people say amen.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Thank you. I
9 would now ask Speaker Adams to spread the invocation
10 on the record.

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much,
12 Majority Leaders, and thank you, Pastor Hogan, for
13 that beautiful, beautiful invocation. Pastor Richard
14 B. Hogan, founder and Executive Director of Brothers
15 Against Killing Each Other, or BAKE, is a dedicated
16 and selfless leader who has served our communities in
17 southeast Queens for decades. Through his exemplary
18 commitment he has helped thousands of young people
19 find meaning in their lives, offering them services
20 and workshops that advance their safety and well-
21 being. As pastor of Divine Deliverance Ministries,
22 he has been the voice of strength and guidance for
23 our youth, seniors and vulnerable members of our
24 community. I've been honored to have known Pastor
25 Hogan for about two decades now as a reverend leader

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2 in my own district, the Great 28. We are so grateful
3 indeed for his words of wisdom today as we close out
4 our final Stated Meeting of the year and of this
5 term, I make a motion, Madam Majority Leader, to
6 spread the invocation in full upon the record.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Thank you. We
8 will now ask Council Member Rita Joseph for the
9 adoption of minutes.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: I make a motion
11 that the minutes of the Stated Meetings of November
12 25th, 2025 and December 4th, 2025 be adopted as
13 printed.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Messages and
15 papers from the Mayor?

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Communication
18 from city, county and borough offices?

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Petitions and
21 communications?

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Land Use call-
24 ups?

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Thank you. We
3 will now have communication from Speaker Adrienne
4 Adams.

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much,
6 Madam Majority Leader, and good afternoon, everyone.
7 As it is our last Stated Meeting of the term and for
8 some of us, our last as members, and my final as
9 Speaker, I'd like to say a few words to reflect on
10 our time together over these last four years. In
11 2021, New Yorkers elected the most diverse and first
12 women-majority Council in our history, and with it, I
13 was honored to be elected as our city's first Black
14 Speaker. Our historic representation fully reflected
15 the breadth of New Yorker's experiences, enabling us
16 to lead differently than our predecessors. When
17 people who have experienced housing insecurity,
18 poverty, working-class struggles, and the impacts of
19 racial and gender disparities come together to
20 represent New Yorkers, we are better prepared to
21 address the perspectives and priorities of everyone
22 in our city. By prioritizing women and the working
23 people that make up the backbone of our city, we
24 tackled issues like the housing crisis, inequities in
25 economic opportunity, racial disparity in maternal

1 health outcomes, and the need for crime victim
2 services that have long-impacted historically
3 overlooked communities of color. And whether it was
4 opening pathways to economic mobility through CUNY
5 Reconnect which has now enrolled over 62,000 New
6 Yorkers, the majority of whom are women--

7 [audience disruption]

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: [interposing]
9 There will be silence in the gallery. Sergeants,
10 please remove-- please remove the member of the
11 public that is interrupting the Stated Meeting.

12 [gavel]

13 [audience disruption]

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: There will be
15 silence from the gallery. This is the first and
16 final warning. I will clear the gallery if there are
17 any other interruptions during the Stated Meeting.
18 Please remove that member of the public as well. I
19 will reiterate for those folks in the gallery and in
20 the chamber, I will clear the gallery if there is
21 another interruption.

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Our historic
23 representation fully reflected the breadth of New
24 Yorkers' experiences, enabling us to lead differently
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2 experienced housing insecurity, poverty, working-
3 class struggles and the impacts of racial and gender
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9 the housing crisis, inequities in economic
10 opportunity, racial disparities in maternal health
11 outcomes, and the need for crime victim services that
12 have long impacted historically overlooked
13 communities of color. And whether it was opening
14 pathways to economic mobility through CUNY Reconnect
15 which has now enrolled over 62,000 New Yorkers, the
16 majority of whom are women and people of color, or
17 securing over \$8 billion for more affordable housing,
18 homeownership opportunities and neighborhood
19 investments, we were true to our North Star of
20 centering communities most harmed by inequity. An
21 important legacy of our leadership is not just
22 holding government accountable and legislating
23 solutions to address these inequities, but also
24 incubating innovative new programs that directly
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1 address them. Like CUNY Reconnect, we also created
2 New York State's first trauma recovery centers in our
3 cities who help Black, Latino and Asian communities
4 receive the support to end cycles of violence which
5 is especially important as these communities have
6 historically lacked access to traditional crime
7 victim services. To address the economic and
8 employment barriers that have contributed to a mental
9 health and workforce shortage, we launched the CUNY
10 Social Work Fellows which will help us improve mental
11 health outcomes, and we created the first city-funded
12 guaranteed income program to help new mothers avoid
13 homelessness, improve maternal health, and reduce
14 child poverty. These have been investments in
15 innovation to confront deeply entrenched inequities.
16 Our city is only as strong as our people, and I'm so
17 proud of how we prioritize New Yorkers over the last
18 four years when chaos in this building was all too
19 present. As public servants, it is our
20 responsibility to improve the conditions of our
21 communities, ensuring that all of us can live
22 healthy, safe, and dignified lives. Our city must
23 continue to champion Black, Latino, Asian, and
24 immigrant communities that have not always received
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2 equitable priority an uplift the working people who
3 make our city run. The Council must continue to move
4 city government to focus on New Yorkers' push to the
5 margins. That is how we build a city for all New
6 Yorkers. I want to thank all of my Council colleagues
7 for their fierce advocacy, service, and support to
8 New Yorkers over these last four years. Together, we
9 have provided our city with steady, unwavering, and
10 principled leadership prioritizing the needs of New
11 Yorkers above everything else. I also want to thank
12 my outstanding leadership team, Deputy Speaker Diana
13 Ayala.

14 [applause]

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Majority Leader Amanda
16 Farías.

17 [applause]

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Majority Whip Selvena
19 Broks-Powers.

20 [applause]

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: And Council Members
22 Justin Brannan, the General.

23 [applause]

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Rafael Salamanca.

25 [applause]

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2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Keith Powers, Sandra Ung.

3 [applause]

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: The sage of New York
5 City, Gale Brewer.

6 [applause].

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: And former Council Member
8 Carlina Rivera.

9 [applause]

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: I also want to
11 acknowledge my superior senior staff who's labor
12 behind the scenes made our achievements possible and
13 who were instrumental in the fight to protect our
14 institutions and its values, Super Chief Jeremy John
15 [sp?].

16 [applause]

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: The amazing
18 infrastructure of the City Council, Faiza Ali [sp?].

19 [applause]

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: The king of comms,
21 Mandela Jones [sp?].

22 [applause]

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: The amazing Jay Cole
24 [sp?].

25 [applause]

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Jay Cole? Megan Lynch

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4 [applause]

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Danielle Castaldi-Micca,

6 our DCM.

7 [applause]

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Richard Lee.

9 [applause]

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: The gentleman of

11 legislation, Jeff Baker [sp?].

12 [applause]

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: The lord of land

14 use Perris Straughter [sp?].

15 [applause]

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Kathleen Ahn [sp?].

17 [applause]

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: And our jewel of OGC,

19 Jason Otano [sp?].

20 [applause]

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you to every single

22 member of the Council's superior central staff in

23 every division, and the Council Member's staff who

24 support New Yorkers in all corners, all districts,

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2 all constituents of our city. Let's give your staff
3 a hand.

4 [applause]

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: And finally, I want to
6 thank my family who has lovingly given me over to you
7 all for almost a decade. My family members that are
8 present here today, my backbone, his name is Joseph
9 J. Adams. Hi, honey-bunny.

10 [applause]

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: My sister Tracy Edie
12 Gaffe [sp?]. I call these two our sister cousins,
13 Katrine Edie [sp?] and Pamela Edie [sp?]. And my
14 amazing one who has always been my personal
15 assistant, I call her Sissy. Her name is Tamara
16 Ogburn [sp?]. Thank you all for being with me today.
17 I wouldn't be here without you. I also want to take a
18 moment to acknowledge the New Yorkers that we lost.
19 It seems to be fire season in New York City
20 unfortunately, and on December 7th, a 66-year-old man
21 perished in a fire in Inwood. A few days later on
22 December 12th, a 62-year-old man perished in a fatal
23 fire in Van Nest. That same day, an 83-year-old
24 woman died in a fire in her Upper West Side
25 apartment. And yesterday, we lost a New Yorker to a

1 fatal fire in Astoria. This morning we lost yet
2 another New Yorker to a fatal fire in Jackson
3 Heights, and I know as is mine, our hearts are with
4 all of their loved ones, family members and neighbors
5 who are grieving their unimaginable loss. As we see
6 an increase in the usage of space heaters during this
7 winter season, remember to keep them at least three
8 feet away from combustible material. Never use
9 extension cords for large appliances because they can
10 overheat. Property owners are legally required to
11 provide heat and hot water to tenants. If they're
12 unresponsive, register a complaint by calling 311.
13 Last Monday, a 42-year-old man fell to his death on a
14 construction site in the Dutch Kills section of Long
15 Island City. All workers deserve to be safe on the
16 job, and my thoughts are with his colleagues, his
17 family, his friends, his loved ones. December 16th
18 was Bangladesh Victory Day which commemorates the
19 independence of Bangladesh and the enduring fight for
20 freedom. On this day we honor the history, culture
21 and contributions of our Bangladeshi communities.
22 Hanukkah which concludes Monday evening teaches us
23 about spreading light, especially the horrific anti-
24 Semitic attack that took place at a Hanukkah event in
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1 Sydney, Australia. Let us continue to carry the
2 light of this Hanukkah season into our daily lives. I
3 can only imagine the fear and pain the Jewish people
4 around the world, here in our city are feeling.

5 Violence against any of us threatens all of us, and
6 we must denounce hate in all of its forms, including
7 anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and we must work
8 together to prevent violence before it ever occurs.

9 I sincerely wish all Jewish New Yorkers who are
10 gathering this week a safe and meaningful Hanukkah.

11 December 25th is Christmas, and Kwanza and will be
12 celebrated between December 26th and January 1st. I
13 hope everyone has a safe and warm holiday season and
14 a wonderful new year with your loved ones. Next, I
15 want to wish a happy birthday to Carmen de La Rosa
16 whose birthday is on Christmas day, our Christmas
17 baby. And Council Member Simcha Felder who will be
18 celebrating on the 30th. Happy birthday, Simcha.

19 Now, let's move onto our stated agenda. First, we'll
20 vote on the following Land Use items. Herkimer-
21 Williams, an application to facilitate the
22 development of four new mixed-use buildings including
23 approximately 988 affordable residential units,
24 commercial space, light industrial space, and open
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1 space in Council Member Sandy Nurse's district. The
2 Council is modifying the application to add MIH
3 Option 3. 2941 through 2153, Pacific Street, Article
4 11, an application to facilitate the rehabilitation
5 of a four-story building with approximately 24
6 homeownership cooperative units in Council Member
7 Mealy's district. 18-15 Francis Louis Boulevard
8 commercial overlay, a private application to amend
9 the zoning map to bring a medical office building
10 into compliance in Council Member Vickie Paladino's
11 district. MTA 125th and Lexington rezoning, an
12 application to create a new sub-district within
13 special 125th Street and transit land-use districts
14 in Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala's district in order to
15 facilitate the development of a new mixed-use
16 building with 648 housing units, 171 of which will be
17 affordable under MIH Option 1. Resolution 1109
18 sponsored by Council Member Rafael Salamanca will
19 authorize OTI to extend the franchise allowing for
20 the installation, operation, and maintenance of
21 public communication structures. Resolution 1157,
22 also sponsored by Council Member Salamanca, will
23 authorize DOT to enter into a franchise for the
24 installation, operation, and maintenance of
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1 coordinated street furniture. Next, we'll vote on
2 the following finance items. Introduction 1427
3 sponsored by Council Member Justin Brannan would
4 establish the Coney Island Business Improvement
5 District. Pre-considered Introduction sponsored by
6 Council Member Brannan would permanently extend the
7 deadline for the submission of the preliminary
8 Mayor's Management Report in years following the
9 election of a mayor. The bill would also extend
10 other preliminary budget deadlines pertaining to the
11 preparation of the fiscal year 2027 budget. Pre-
12 considered Resolution sponsored by Council Member
13 Brannan, approving the new designation and changes in
14 the designation of certain organizations to receive
15 funding in the expense budget. Pre-considered
16 Resolution sponsored by Council Member Brannan
17 approving a modification pursuant to Section 107 of
18 the New York City Charter. Pre-considered
19 Resolutions sponsored by Council Member Brannan would
20 establish Article 11 tax exemptions for buildings in
21 the districts of Council Member Avilés, Carr, Hudson,
22 Salamanca, and Stevens, and an Article 5 tax
23 exemption for one building in Council Member Salaam's
24 district. Next, we will vote on the following
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1 resolutions. Resolution 842 sponsored by Council
2 Member Rita Joseph would recognize March annually as
3 Music in Our Schools Month in New York City.
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5 Resolution 82A sponsored by James Gennaro would
6 support the mission and growth of a climate museum.

7 Resolution 649A sponsored by Council Member Gale
8 Brewer would call on the Congress to pass and the
9 President to sign legislation allocating funds for
10 the restoration of the SS United States and force
11 relocation to New York City. Thank you to our staff
12 members, Dirk Spencer [sp?] and Regina Paul [sp?].

13 Pre-considered resolution sponsored by Public
14 Advocate Jumaane Williams and Council Member Keith
15 Powers celebrating the New York Knicks in a
16 spectacular win of the 2025 Emirates NBA Cup

17 Championship. Thank you to our staff member Regina
18 Paul. Resolution 499 sponsored by Council Member
19 Joseph would call on the United States Congress to
20 pass and the President to sign the Protecting

21 Consumers from Deception AI Act. Resolution 500
22 sponsored by Council Member Joseph would call on the
23 New York State Legislature to introduce and pass and
24 the Governor to sign the New York State College

25 Safety Act. Thank you once again to our staff member

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2 Regina Paul. Resolution 1061A sponsored by Majority
3 Leader Amanda Farías would call on the New York State
4 Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign
5 legislation requiring pain management options to be
6 offered to patients undergoing in-office
7 gynecological procedures. Thank you to our staff
8 members Joshua Newman [sp?], Christopher Pepe, and
9 Sarah Sucher [sp?]. Resolution 734A also sponsored
10 by Council Member Brewer would call on the Governor
11 to sign S8415-A8871 known as the Prison Reform
12 Omnibus Bill. Thank you to our staff members Jeremy
13 Whiteman and Natalie Meltzer. Today, we'll vote on
14 the following legislation: Pre-considered
15 Introduction sponsored by Council Member Shaun Abreu
16 would co-name 77 thoroughfares in public places.
17 Thank you to our staff members Kristopher Satori
18 [sp?] and Patrick Mulvihill [sp?]. Introduction 403A
19 sponsored by Public Advocate Jumaane Williams would
20 require the Department of Environmental Protection to
21 report annually on the inspection, clean-up and
22 maintenance of catch basins in each community
23 district. The bill would also require DEP to inspect
24 catch basins and resolves clogs within eight business
25 days of inspection or receipt of a complaint. Thank

1 you to our staff member Sierra Townsend.

2 Introduction 1279B sponsored by Deputy Speaker Diana
3 Ayala would limit rules issued by the Department of
4 Sanitation prohibiting supplemental sanitation
5 service providers from placing refuse or recycling by
6 public litter baskets, and further, requiring

7 supplemental sanitation service providers to set

8 material out for collection by DNSY in rigid

9 receptacles with tight-fitting lids. Thank you to our

10 staff member Morganne Barrett. Introduction 987A

11 sponsored by Council Member Rita Joseph would require

12 the DOE to establish a pilot program to develop and

13 distribute educational materials regarding the

14 reduction of surplus food in public schools. Thank

15 you to our staff members Katie Salina [sp?], Chloe

16 Rivera, and Alejandro Carvajal [sp?]. Introduction

17 1169A sponsored by Council Member Oswald Feliz would

18 require syringe service programs to give participants

19 guidance on safe disposal, provide information about

20 nearby disposals sites, offer portable, disposable

21 containers, and require DOHMH to collect discarded

22 meals in public spaces. Thank you to our staff

23 member Sarah Sucher[sp?]. Introduction 868A

24 sponsored by Council Member Feliz would prohibit
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2 programs from distributing syringes or needles in or
3 within 50 feet of playground and on or adjacent to
4 school premises. Thank you to our staff member Sara
5 Suture. Introduction 1452A sponsored by Minority
6 Leader Joann Ariola would require the Fire Department
7 to provide notice to employees of any PPE known to
8 contain PFAS by 2028. FDNY would be required to
9 provide employees with equipment that does not
10 contain PFAS at or above established hazardous
11 levels. Introduction 1453A sponsored by Minority
12 Leader Ariola would require FDNY to establish a
13 program to exchange and dispose of equipment that
14 contains PFAS. Thank you to our staff member Josh
15 Kinglsey. Introduction 142A sponsored by Majority
16 Whip, Selvena Brooks-Powers, would require the DOE to
17 issue a biannual report regarding students access to
18 the internet and electronic devices at home, and
19 student's use of virtual learning. Introduction
20 1359A sponsored by Council Member Joseph would
21 require DOT to report annually on manifestation,
22 determination reviews conducted for students with
23 disabilities. Introduction 1360A, also sponsored by
24 Council Member Joseph would require the NYPD to
25 develop materials regarding their youth programs and

1 provide them to the DOE which would distribute them
2 to schools. Thank you to our staff member Alejandro
3 Carbajal. Introduction 472A sponsored by Council
4 Member Nantasha Willians would require Borough
5 Presidents to provide equal employment opportunity
6 training to community board members and staff. Thank
7 you to our staff members Johari Melnik Fraiser [sp?].
8 Introduction 1350A also sponsored by Majority Leader
9 Amanda Fariás would require SBS to provide loan
10 readiness resources to help small businesses prepare
11 for the lending process and understand the services
12 offered by community development financial
13 institutions. Thank you to our staff member Luciano
14 Hamel [sp?]. Introduction 1401A sponsored by Council
15 Member Yusef Salaam would allow city agencies to
16 request voluntary disclosures from bidders on city
17 contracts about their efforts to identify and address
18 labor and human rights risks. Thank you to our
19 staff members Alex Paulenoff and Alex Yablon.
20 Introduction 479A also sponsored by-- sponsored by
21 Council Member Julie Won would require the City Chief
22 Procurement Officer to establish standards and
23 procedures for contractors to determine the existence
24 of conflicts of interest and misconduct concerning
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1 city contracts valued over \$100,000. Thank you to
2 our staff members Alex Polonof and Alex Yoblon.
3 Introduction 1149A sponsored by Majority Leader
4 Farías would require language accessibility at both
5 city-owned ferry terminals and contracted ferry
6 service landings. Introduction 1121A sponsored by
7 Majority Leader Farías would expand eligibility for
8 reduced-cost ferry service to include middle school
9 students. Thank you to our staff members Alex
10 Polonof and William Hangat [sp?]. Introduction 1229A
11 sponsored by Minority Leader Ariola would require
12 monthly reports from the FDNY on the average number
13 of EMS units available each day to respond to medical
14 emergencies. Introduction 1140A sponsored by
15 Minority Leader Ariola would require the FDNY to
16 report annually on information related to firehouse
17 and EMS assets that are not included in existing
18 capital asset reporting. Thank you to our staff
19 member Josh Kingsley. Introduction 1366A, also
20 sponsored by Council Member Salaam, would require the
21 Department of Social Services to create web forms for
22 any applications that must be completed to apply for
23 benefits and services through DSS. Thank you to our
24 staff member Aminta Kilawan [sp?]. Introduction
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2 1490B sponsored by Council Member Pierina Sanchez
3 would bring the New York City Energy Conservation
4 Code up to date with the state's 2025 version. Thank
5 you to our staff members Austin Malone [sp?], Billy
6 Eck [sp?], Natasha Bynum [sp?], and Sierra Townsend.
7 Introduction 571A also sponsored by Council Member
8 Brewer would require HPD to conduct and publish a
9 study on the feasibility of building affordable
10 housing on Ward's Island. Thank you to our staff
11 member Sierra Townsend. Introduction 1066A sponsored
12 by Council Member Williams would require the Office
13 of Technology and Innovation to conduct a study and
14 publish a report on the impacts of algorithmic tools
15 and automated employment decision tools on civil
16 service employees. Thank you to our staff members
17 Rie Ogasawara. Introduction 1346A sponsored by
18 Majority Whip Brooks-Powers would require the DOE to
19 study the license and unlicensed vans that make up
20 New York City's commuter van industry. Thank you to
21 our staff members Margaret Lyford [sp?] and Mark Chen
22 [sp?]. Introduction 276A sponsored by Council Member
23 Shekar Krishnan would prohibit high-volume for-hire
24 vehicle services from deactivating drivers, unless
25 due to just cause, a bon a fide economic reason, or

1 if required by law. Thank you to our staff members
2 Ricardo Licia [sp?] and Mark Chen. Introduction
3 1000A sponsored by Council Member Justin Brannan
4 would require DOT to establish a pilot program to
5 allow for-hire vehicles to park in commercial parking
6 meter areas. Thank you to our staff members, David
7 Lowenstein, Connor Mealey, and Theodore Miller.
8 Introduction 1233A sponsored by Council Member Eric
9 Bottcher would require DOT to build any new medians
10 separating bicycle lanes from motorized vehicle
11 traffic to accommodate the planting of trees and
12 other vegetation. Thank you to our staff members
13 Ricardo Licia and Theodore Miller. Introduction
14 1332A sponsored by Council Member Brannan would
15 prohibit delivery services from deactivating app-
16 based contracted delivery service workers unless the
17 deactivation is for just cause or bon a fide economic
18 reasons. Thank you once again to our staff member
19 Sarah Swaine and Natalie Meltzer. Introduction
20 902B, also known as the Community Opportunity to
21 Purchase Act, sponsored by Council Member Sandy
22 Nurse would give qualified nonprofits or joint
23 ventures between qualified nonprofits and other
24 entities a first opportunity to submit an offer and
25 purchase

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2 certain residential properties when an owner plans to
3 sell the property before it is placed on the open
4 market. Thank you to our staff members Austin Malone
5 and Billy Eck. Introduction 1120B sponsored by
6 Majority Leader Fariás would set up timelines for
7 decisions regarding the sale of co-op apartments.
8 Thank you to our staff members Natasha Bynum, Sierra
9 Townsend, Austin Malone, Billy Eck, Dirk Spencer,
10 Jose Conde, and Brad Reid [sp?]. Introduction 1321A
11 sponsored by Council Member Sanchez would replace the
12 building code of 1968 with a more modern framework.
13 Introduction 1422A sponsored by Council Member
14 Sanchez would update the New York City fuel gas code,
15 building code, mechanical code, and electrical code.
16 Thank you once again to our staff members Austin
17 Malone, Billy Eck, Dirk Spencer, Jose Conde, Natasha
18 Bynum, and Sierra Townsend. Introduction 1412A, also
19 known as the Safer Sanctuary Act, sponsored by
20 Council Member Tiffany Cabán would bar federal
21 immigration authorities from maintaining office on
22 land under the New York City Department of
23 Corrections jurisdiction. It would also amend the
24 City's Sanctuary Laws to account for current federal
25 immigration enforcement practices. Thank you to our

1 staff members, Nicole Cata [sp?], Rebecca Barilla
2 [sp?], and Nicholas Widzowski [sp?]. Introduction
3 1237A sponsored by Council Member Feliz would require
4 the NYPD to report data on all criminal complaints
5 and arrests. Thank you once again to our staff
6 member Josh Kingsley. Introduction 1460A sponsored
7 by Council Member Brewer would require the NYPD to
8 adopt a written policy regarding access to encrypted
9 radio channels. Thank you to our staff member Jeremy
10 Whiteman. Introduction 125A sponsored by Deputy
11 Speaker Ayala would require that in most
12 circumstances the NYPD must obtain the consent of a
13 parent, legal guardian or attorney before collecting
14 a DNA sample from a minor. Thank you to our staff
15 member Jeremy Whiteman. Introduction 1451A sponsored
16 by myself would require the NYPD to provide
17 designated CCRB employees with direct access to
18 footage recorded by officer body-worn cameras for the
19 purpose of investigating and prosecuting allegations
20 of police misconduct. Thank you once again to our
21 staff member Josh Kingsley. Introduction 1391A, also
22 known as the Alan Etienne [sic] Safety and Security
23 Act, also sponsored by me would direct security guard
24 employers to provide their employees with minimum
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wage, paid vacation time, and supplemental benefits.

This legislation was inspired the heroic efforts of

Alan Etienne, a 32BJ security guard who was fatally

shot by a gunman in the lobby of 345 Park Avenue this

summer. Thank you once again to our staff members

Sarah Swaine, Natalie Meltzer, and Rachel Cordero.

Introduction 408A sponsored by Public Advocate

Jumaane Williams would require a Division of Street

Vendor Assistance within the Department of Small

Business Services to assist street vendors. Thank

you again to staff members Sarah Swaine and Natalie

Meltzer. Introduction 1251A sponsored by Majority

Leader Fariás would authorize DOHMH and DCWP to issue

license applications to mobile food and general

vendors until the licenses issued reaches the capped

amount, as not every license application results in a

license issued. Thank you once again staff member

Sarah Sway. Introduction 431B sponsored by Council

Member Sanchez would make 2,200 additional

supervisory license applications available to

perspective mobile food vendors annually from 2026

until 2031, and 10,500 new general vendor license in

2027. It would also expand street vendor training

and increase inspections of street vendor set-ups to

1 ensure compliance with new requirements. Thank you
2 again, staff member Sarah Swayne [sp?]. The
3 following bills were based on work from the temporary
4 taskforce on tax liens. Together they seek to shift
5 the current practice away from selling tax liens to a
6 private trust, and instead toward a city land bank
7 that prioritizes community needs, avoids unnecessary
8 displacement of homeowners and ensure tax delinquent
9 properties can be returned to productive use.

10 Introduction 1419A sponsored by Council Member Nurse
11 would require the Commissioner of Finance to report
12 annually on properties encumbered by chronically
13 unresolved tax liens that remain unsatisfied for 36
14 months or more after being sold. Thank you to our
15 staff member Nick Connell. Introduction 1420A

16 sponsored by Council Member Nurse would require the
17 Commissioner of Finance to require purchases of tax
18 liens to make best efforts to transfer the liens to
19 the city land bank upon certain triggering events.

20 Introduction 1411A sponsored by Council Member Gale
21 Brewer would require the Commissioner of Finance to
22 notify condominium boards if the Commissioner intends
23 to sell a tax lien on one of its units. Introduction
24 1407A sponsored by myself would authorize the city to
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1 sell tax liens past 2028, but only to a city land
2 bank and add additional protections for primary
3 resident homeowners. Introduction 570B sponsored by
4 Council Member Brewer would create a New York City
5 land bank to acquire and manage vacant, abandoned,
6 tax delinquent, and foreclosed properties with the
7 goal of promoting the preservation of homeownership
8 and home equity, prevention of displacement and
9 putting properties to productive community use.

10 Thank you to our staff members Nick Connell [sp?] and
11 Emra Edev [sp?]. Introduction 994A sponsored by
12 Council Member Lincoln Restler would require that by
13 June 1st, 2030, owners of tenant-occupied buildings
14 provide cooling systems capable of maintaining 78
15 degrees Fahrenheit in rooms which tenants sleep upon
16 the request of the tenant. Thank you to our staff
17 members William Eck, Austin Malone, Jose Conde, and
18 Dirk Spencer. Introduction 910B sponsored by Council
19 Member Carmen de La Rosa would establish a
20 compensation standard and local hiring provision for
21 construction workers on certain housing development
22 projects. Thank you to our staff members Rie
23 Ogasawara and Elizabeth Artz. Our city is
24 experiencing an exodus of working-class and middle-

1 income families due to the affordability crisis. The
2 housing bills we're voting on today are meant to
3 ensure that the city's public dollars are used wisely
4 to actually create housing that is affordable and can
5 support working families. My bill will make the
6 dream of affordable homeownership within reach for
7 our families so that they can remain in the city they
8 love. Introduction 1443A sponsored by Council Member
9 Sandy Nurse would require that starting January 1st,
10 2027, 50 percent of newly constructed rental units
11 financed by the city be affordable for very low-
12 income households and at least 30 percent for
13 extremely low-income households. Introduction 1433A
14 sponsored by Council Member Eric Dinowitz would
15 require that starting January 1st, 2027, at least 25
16 percent of rental affordable units financed by the
17 city be two-bedroom units and 15 percent be three-
18 bedroom units. And Introduction 958A sponsored by
19 myself would approximately double the production of
20 affordable homeownership opportunities financed by
21 the city by requiring that at least four percent of
22 all newly constructed affordable units be for
23 homeownership. Thank you Perris Straighter and Anne
24 McCaughey, William Vidal [sp?], Brian Paul, Deborah
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1 Kerzhner, and Kaitlyn Greer [sp?]. Thank you
2 all for your attention. Now I turn it back over to
3 our majority leader.
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5 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Thank you,
6 Speaker Adams. We will now move into discussion of
7 general orders, and I'd like to first recognize
8 Council Member Cabán followed by Sanchez and
9 Gutiérrez.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you. Today,
11 I am urging my colleagues to vote aye on Intro 1412,
12 the Safer Sanctuary Act. Our sanctuary laws exist
13 for one reason and it's to keep people safe. The data
14 is clear, sanctuary counties are safer per capita
15 than non-sanctuary counties because when you drive
16 people into hiding, they don't seek health care, they
17 don't seek public safety officials. They're more
18 likely to be harmed. They become afraid to send
19 their children to school. They're afraid to go to
20 work and participate in our economy, and that makes
21 us all less safe. Under the Trump administration,
22 federal agencies that usually have nothing to do with
23 immigration enforcement are suddenly being turned
24 into tools of fear. So, we must pass the Safer
25 Sanctuary Act to clarify and strengthen our sanctuary

1 laws so that no one can claim confusion or loopholes
2 regardless of what federal agency is being used for
3 immigration enforcement. The Safer Sanctuary Act
4 also stops ICE from setting up offices inside of our
5 jails. New Yorkers already disappear inside those
6 walls, and they cannot also become a deportation
7 machine. If we succeed in passing the Safer
8 Sanctuary Act, it will be the most significant update
9 of New York Sanctuary City laws in nearly a decade,
10 and we need it desperately. We've seen seniors
11 beaten, pregnant mothers shackled, children torn away
12 from their parents including six-year-olds ripped
13 from their father's arms. These are kidnappings.
14 They're acts of terror and they're happening our city
15 to our neighbors. Fear and terror don't make us
16 safe. Safety comes from community, from solidarity,
17 from fighting for each other, and the Safer Sanctuary
18 Act is a critical tool in that fight. Thank you to
19 the Legal Aid Society, to the Immigrant Defense
20 Project, the New York Immigration Coalition, the New
21 York Civil Liberties Union, and all our co-sponsors
22 and every advocate who came to testify for the Safer
23 Sanctuary Act even when the Adams administration
24 couldn't be bothered to show up. Thank you to
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2 Immigration Committee Chair Alexa Avilés and thank
3 you Speaker Adams. Thanks.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing
5 Council Member Sanchez.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you,
7 Majority Leader. We are at a pivotal moment for
8 street vending, and as the daughter and granddaughter
9 of street vendors, I could not be prouder of how far
10 we've come. A week ago, I stood at a rally where
11 street vendors were alongside bodegas [sic],
12 restaurants, supermarkets, all side by side calling
13 for one thing, to finally fix our broken vending
14 system. That moment matters because it shows how far
15 we've come. When we started, decades' old license
16 caps made legal compliance nearly impossible for most
17 vendors. Enforcement was inconsistent, ineffective,
18 and stakeholders were so polarized that many feared
19 even sitting at the same table. Vendors felt
20 criminalized. Brick and mortar businesses felt
21 ignored. Reform was stalled. But today's bill is
22 more balanced with broader brick and mortar support
23 than ever before, and that's because 431B expands
24 access to licenses, pairing that access with real
25 enforcement, stricter suspension and revocation

standards, stronger penalties for unlicensed vending, and new requirements around cleanliness and waste. This is a C change and implementation will not be easy. I urge my colleagues to vote aye, and for everyone who was at the table to stay there with us as we implement. Thank you to the Street Vendor Justice Coalition, to Bronx Vendors, and especially Mohammad Atia [sp?] and Carina Koffman Gutierrez [sp?], and all who negotiated to the very end. We did our best, and we did well. To my staff, Maria Ben, Kim, Gerard, Dylan, Steph [sp?], Brenda, MJ, and the former team, and to Speaker Adams and your incredible team, thank you for supporting my endless optimism, and to Majority Leader Farías, thank you for co-priming this with me and to all the co-sponsors, a super majority at this point, for giving your political capital to help our city's most vulnerable. Please also support our building code updates and street co-naming in honor of Ms. Gloria Thomas, a local champion, a leader. Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council Member Gutiérrez followed by Restler, then Feliz. Passing on Council Member Gutiérrez. Recognizing Council Member Restler.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I didn't-- I
3 wasn't quite ready, but I'm ready. I really want to
4 just thank my colleagues in advance for suport today
5 on Intro 994. This legislation is groundbreaking.
6 It will allow for every tenant in New York City to
7 accessing cooling in their homes. Just like we
8 required landlords to provide cooling 107-- provide
9 heating 107 years ago after a cold famine, we are now
10 going to finally be requiring access to cooling for
11 tenants as well staring in 2030, and that's because
12 extreme heat is the numbe one climte killer. 580
13 people die every single year in New York city from
14 extreme heat, and the most common factor among them
15 is that they lack access to cooling in their homes.
16 This bill will change that once and for all. it will
17 save hundreds of lives a year and create a model
18 framework for other cities around the nation and even
19 around the globe to follow, to navigate and mitigate
20 the threat of extreme heat. There was just an
21 extraordinary team that worked on this bill, most of
22 all, my Chief of Staff Molly Haley [sp?]. I really
23 want to thank the Council team led by Jeff Baker, CJ
24 Murray. Congrats to CJ on his second child-- Billy
25 Eck and many others for their hard work on this. and

1 from the administration there was just a really
2 special partnership where people worked harder than I
3 could have ever imagined to get this bill done and
4 get the environmental review done. And so I really
5 want to thank my friend Amitagani [sp?] for clearing
6 his schedule and focus-- laser focusing on this,
7 bringing HPD resources to bear to make this happen.
8 The team at MOCEJ [sic] led by Elijah Hutchison [sp?]
9 and his Deputy Executive Director Paul Lizito [sp?]
10 were phenomenal, as was our Chief Climate Officer Rit
11 Aggarwal [sp?] who was huge champion on this bill,
12 the folks in the Environmental Law Unit, especially
13 Chris Reo [sp?] who's a constituent and is wonderful.
14 They just did great work here and I'm immensely
15 grateful for how hard they worked to make this bill
16 possible. I-- this was a bit of an emotional
17 rollercoaster. I didn't think this bill was going to
18 get done at multiple times over the last few weeks,
19 but it was the hard work of everybody who contributed
20 that made it happen, and I'm really appreciative.
21 This bill is going to save a lot of lives. Thank you
22 all so much.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: I'm recognizing
25 Council Member Feliz, followed by Morano, then Banks.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Thank you. Proud
3 of many bills that we're voting on today including
4 three of my bills. One related to transparency, and
5 two related to syringe distribution programs. On the
6 police bill, we've made a lot of progress on the
7 issue of safety. Shootings are down. Homicides are
8 down. This is good, and it's also good that we have
9 data to-- data related to these numbers. It's also
10 important, however, that we analyze information
11 related to the resolution of these cases. So we know
12 whether some issues need-- so that we can know which
13 cases are being resolved, which cases are not being
14 resolved and so that we can know which issues need
15 more attention and need more attention and resources,
16 and this bill will help us do exactly that. on the
17 two syringe bills, our mobile syringe distribution
18 programs are life-saving. I have many of them in my
19 district and I see their work on a daily basis. These
20 programs are literally lifesaving. They ensure that
21 those with drug addiction challenges get resources
22 and the help that they need, including clean
23 syringes. Life saving programs, but we must make
24 sure that we execute them the right way. My bill
25 will help do that by requiring that syringe

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2 distributions be conducted at least 50 feet from
3 children's playgrounds and schools to help ensure
4 that used syringes do not end up in places where
5 children are at. Used syringes, as we know, can lead
6 to many challenges including lack of access to those
7 playgrounds. Even worse, it could lead to tragedy.
8 My bill will also ensure that disposal containers be
9 provided so that used syringes can be disposed of in
10 a safe way. This is a very complex issue. These
11 bills are not going to fully resolve the problem, but
12 they are an important step. So, I encourage
13 everybody to support them. Thank you so much.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing
15 Council Member Morano.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Thank you, Madam
17 Majority Leader. I wanted to take a moment during
18 General Orders to speak about two street co-namings
19 that'll be coming before the Council today, both of
20 which mean a great deal to me personally and even
21 more to the Tottenville community that I represent.
22 I've never spoken during General Orders for a street
23 naming before, and I realize on a long meeting where
24 we're setting records for passing legislation, a lot
25 of people may get frustrated with that, but these two

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2 are different, and these are the kinds of moments
3 that remind you why public service matters. The
4 first is Chris Walsh [sp?]. Chris Walsh wasn't
5 really a politician although he did run for office
6 before. In fact, he ran for my seat. He didn't win.
7 I didn't vote for him. In fact, I managed the
8 campaign for the other guy, but he wasn't looking for
9 recognition. He was someone who quietly devoted
10 decades of his life to Staten Island and to New York
11 City, especially to youth and adult sports on the
12 south shore. He was a lifelong member of the
13 Department of Sanitation, but for generations what
14 really made him known and famous to everybody was if
15 you played softball or football in Tottenville,
16 chances are you did so on a field that Chris Walsh
17 cared for. He cut the grass. He fixed the drainage.
18 He lined the fields. He made sure those spaces were
19 safe, dignified and worthy of the people using them.
20 He building community the old-fashioned way by
21 showing up day after day, and even while battling
22 cancer, he remained generous and encouraging. The
23 second co-naming honors Staff Sergeant William T.
24 Johnson, a native son of Staten Island whose story
25 deserves to be remembered far beyond our

1 neighborhood. William Johnson graduated from
2 Tottenville High School, served as a New York City
3 police officer, and then answered his nation's call
4 during World War II. As a radio operator and aerial
5 gunner aboard a B24 Bomber with the 8th Airforce, he
6 flew dangerous missions over Europe and on July 2nd,
7 1944, his aircraft was shot down over France while
8 returning from a mission targeting German V-boats, V
9 weapon sides. He's buried at Normandy, was awarded
10 the Purple Heart, and finally 80 years later, I'm
11 proud that we'll have a street named for him in my
12 district.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Recognizing
15 Council Member Banks, followed by Salaam, then
16 Dinowitz.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Thank you, Madam
18 Majority Leader. I want to take some time to speak
19 about five individuals who exemplify the very best of
20 the 42nd Council District. We'll get the opportunity
21 to have their names adorned in the streets in the
22 East New York community. Starting with Money K.
23 Perkins, a dedicated entrepreneur and local business
24 owner taken from us far too soon. He was a role
25 model for our youth, proving one can achieve great

1 success while remaining rooted in giving back to
2 their community. Jimmy O'Pharrow, a community
3 legend, world renowned boxing trainer. By mentoring
4 thousands of amateur and professional boxers from
5 around the globe, Jimmy provided that world-class
6 greatness is born right here in our district.
7 Virginia Burroughs, a long-time tenant association
8 president from Essex Terrace, a fierce leader and
9 dear supporter, Ms. Burroughs moved our community
10 forward through her deep love and tireless advocacy
11 for her neighbors. Corinna Grant, a former Community
12 Board Five member and lifelong champion for
13 affordable housing and our seniors. As a former
14 board member of Community Board Five, her skill in
15 navigating complex community issues and her passion
16 for the most vulnerable taught us how to effectively
17 advocate for progress in our district. And finally,
18 Sandy Bender, a former tenant association president
19 at Patrick E. Gordon Houses, a true powerhouse in
20 Brownsville. Sandy worked day and night to ensure
21 his resident shareholders were always heard,
22 respected, and had a seat at the table. And in
23 closing, I want to thank Speaker Adrienne Adams. We
24 want to thank you for your leadership, for your
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1 friendship and for your unwavering commitment not
2 only to your district, but to this council and the
3 City of New York. We will miss you. We wish you the
4 very best in your next chapter. We love you, and God
5 bless you. Thank you.

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7 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Recognizing
8 Council Member Salaam followed by Dinowitz, then
9 Majority Whip Brooks-Powers.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Thank you, Madam
11 Majority Leader, and thank you, Madam Speaker. Today
12 I want to speak about support for two legislations
13 before us that reflect how we govern with both care
14 and accountability. First, Proposed Introduction
15 1366-A modernizes access to benefits and services
16 through DSS. For children, for older adults, people
17 with disabilities, and caregivers, paper-based
18 systems and mandatory in-person visits can be real
19 barriers. This bill allows applicants to be
20 completed-- applications, rather, to be completed and
21 signed online and expands the option of telephone
22 interview while preserving paper submission and in-
23 person reviews when needed. Just as important, it
24 includes clear safeguards. DSS can still require in-
25 person interviews to prevent fraud, to address

1 domestic violence, or to respond to unsafe
2 conditions. This is access with protection built in.
3 Second, Proposed Introduction 1401-A strengthens
4 transparency and city procurement by allowing
5 agencies to request voluntary labor and human rights
6 disclosures from bidders. Based on European Union's
7 corporate sustainability due diligence directive,
8 this disclosure helps identify risks like child
9 labor, forced labor, wage theft, and unsafe working
10 conditions which in most extreme cases can be linked
11 to crimes against humanity deep within the global
12 supply chains. These disclosures are voluntary and
13 cannot be used to deem a bidder non-responsible and
14 cannot be the sole basis for contract decisions. This
15 is about awareness, not punishment. Together, these
16 bills expand access. They increase transparency and
17 they protect the city and its residents. I urge my
18 colleagues to vote aye, and thank you.

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20 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Recognizing
21 Council Member Dinowitz.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Thank you,
23 Madam Majority Leader. Today, we're voting on a bill
24 that answers the question who are we actually
25 building housing for? For too long our affordable

1 housing system has measured success almost entirely
2 by the number of units produced without asking
3 whether those units reflect the real needs of New
4 Yorkers. It often seems like HPD wants to build
5 units, but I want to house people. And right now,
6 city-funded housing overwhelmingly prioritizes
7 studios and one-bedroom apartments. In fact, current
8 term sheets encouraged developments were as much as
9 70 percent of the units fall into those categories.
10 That approach may boost unit count, but it ignores
11 the lived reality of families across our city,
12 families with children and even multi-generational
13 households. The consequences are clear. Families
14 with young children are leaving New York City at
15 alarming rates, and roughly 70 percent of people in
16 our shelter system are members of homeless families.
17 When we fail to build housing that families can
18 actually live in, we push them out, or worse, push
19 them into crisis. Intro 1433 responds directly to
20 that reality. The bill establishes clear, citywide
21 minimums for family-sized housing in projects that
22 receive city financial assistance. This legislation
23 also strengthens the city's fair housing framework by
24 explicitly requiring consideration of the housing
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1 needs of families and aging adults, including the
2 availability and affordability of two and three-
3 bedroom apartments in senior housing. This ensures
4 that equity is not just aspirational, but built into
5 our long-term planning. I want to thank advocates,
6 community leaders, and housing experts who made
7 important recommendations to strengthen this bill.
8 Of course, Adam Staropli, my legendary budget
9 director, Jenna Klaus [sp?], my Chief of Staff,
10 William Vidal, Perris Straughter, and Ann McCaughey,
11 and the Speaker Adrienne Adams for their support and
12 work on this issue which we have all been working on
13 for many years. I urge my colleagues to vote yes on
14 Intro 1433A if we want New York City to remain a
15 place where families can stay, grow, and thrive.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Recognizing
18 Majority Whip Brooks-Powers, followed by Council
19 Members Brewer, Joseph, and Krishnan.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank
21 you. I speak today in support of Introduction 142
22 and Introduction 1346, two bills that reflect our
23 responsibility as a council to govern with data,
24 equity, and lived experience at the center of our
25 decisions. Intro 142 addresses the digital divide

1 facing our public school students. While we've made
2 progress since the pandemic, too many families still
3 lack reliable internet access or functional devices
4 at home. That reality undermines learning during
5 snow days, emergencies, and hybrid instruction, and
6 it disproportionately impacts low-income communities.
7 This bill requires the Department of Education to
8 regularly report on student access to internet and
9 devices, incorporate parent and guardian feedback,
10 and critically make recommendations to reduce these
11 barriers. It ensures we are not just identifying the
12 problem, but actively working towards solutions.
13 Introduction 1346 focuses on commuter vans, a
14 transportation mode that fills real gaps in our
15 transit network, especially in communities where
16 buses and subways do meet demand. Despite how
17 heavily these vans are relied upon, the city lacks a
18 comprehensive understanding of where and how they
19 operate. This bill directs the Department of
20 Transportation to conduct a thorough study so future
21 policy decisions improve safety, coordination with
22 public transit and curb management without disrupting
23 a system many New Yorkers depend on. Finally, I'd
24 like to thank Speaker Adams, Chair Joseph, the
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2 committee staff for the Committees on Education and
3 Transportation and infrastructure for all of their
4 tireless work in making these important bills
5 possible. I urge my colleagues to vote yes on Intro
6 142 and Intro 1346 and continue our shared work
7 toward a more equitable and responsive city.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing
9 Council Member Brewer.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very
11 much. And I have four diverse bills: Intro 14-- I'm
12 sorry. Intro 570, this is a tax lien reform package,
13 and this bill establishes a New York City land bank
14 to acquire vacant, abandoned, and tax delinquent
15 properties to facilitate development of affordable
16 housing and other protective uses. I want to say that
17 I know that there have been challenges about this
18 bill from the Department of Finance. I believe that
19 unlike the current tax lien system where properties
20 go to the highest bidder regardless of intended use,
21 this bill will establish a hierarchal ranking of
22 priorities that I mentioned earlier for the use of
23 real property upon disposal by the land bank. And I
24 don't think that we'll be losing revenue as a result.
25 The prompt resolution of unpaid city taxes and timely

1 collection of city taxes remains essential. Intro
2 1411 is also part of that package. It requires the
3 Department of Finance to notify condo boards if the
4 Department intends to sell a tax lien on a unit
5 within the condo. And I want to thank Emry Adev
6 [sp?] and certainly Nick Connell, and from my staff,
7 the awesome Sam Goldsmith [sp?] for their work on
8 this bill. Intro 571 initiates a study on the
9 feasibility of building affordable housing on Ward's
10 Island, assessing factors like cost, restrictions and
11 potential scale. Thank you, Sierra Townsend, and
12 please tell Lincoln Restler that it is not part of
13 Randall's Island. Intro 1460, beginning in 2023, the
14 NYPD began transitioning all Department radio
15 communications to encrypted channels, removing all
16 public access to the frequencies. Members of the
17 press objected, as they should, particularly the
18 photographers, arguing that access is vital to the
19 public interest. Intro 1460 restores access for
20 credentialed journalists. Thank you to Jeremy
21 Whiteman and Josh Kingsley, and again, Sam Golsdmith,
22 from my office. Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Recognizing
3 Council Member Joseph followed by Krishnan, then
4 Vernikov.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you,
6 Majority Leader. Today we're talking about Intro
7 987, a Local Law establishing a pilot program to
8 develop-- distribute educational materials on
9 reducing surplus food in public schools. Second bill
10 is Intro 1359, requiring New York City Public Schools
11 to report annually on manifestation determination
12 reviews for students with disabilities. Transparency
13 in this process is critical, ensuring accountability
14 and equity and protection of students' rights. And
15 the third one is to make sure that NYPD to develop
16 materials for youth to provide to New York City
17 Public Schools. As the Chair of the Committee on
18 Education, I worked closely with colleagues and my
19 dedicated team to strengthen both educational
20 experiences for our student and environments which
21 they learn and grow. These bills reflect that
22 ongoing commitment. They expand access to
23 information, promote equity and center inclusion and
24 compassion for every student and young person in New
25 York City. I'm deeply grateful for the team, for my

1 team, Council central staff, and advocates who worked
2 tirelessly to bring these bills across the finish
3 line. Asking for colleagues to support. Thank you.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: Recognizing
5 Council Member Krishnan.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Thank you so
7 much, Majority Leader. I'm proud that our City
8 Council is standing up today against Uber and Lyft.
9 Today is a new day for drivers of our city, some of
10 our most essential workers who keep this city moving.
11 Drivers last night were ending their shifts at 2:00,
12 4:00 or even 6:00 a.m., but they knew they'd be going
13 to sleep and waking to the future they deserve. They
14 knew that when the City Council clocked in today this
15 morning, they would finally as drivers have the job
16 protection that they truly deserve, have long
17 deserved. They would finally have notice, just cause
18 and appeal system if they'd been fired. Today, our
19 New York City Council is standing up against billion-
20 dollar corporations. We are taking back the power
21 from Uber and Lyft and returning it to where it
22 belongs, with drivers. The fact of the matter is
23 ever worker in New York City deserves dignity, the
24 right to notice, an explanation as to why they've
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1 been fired, and an opportunity to make their case.
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3 But in a matter of seconds right now, Uber and Lyft
4 can strip the livelihood of drivers, most of whom are
5 immigrants and people of color, and most of them, 90
6 percent of them will never be put back on the app.
7 they lose their job permanently, and then they have
8 no way to pay off the \$30,000 in car loans they took
9 out to start driving. Soon enough, they won't be able
10 to put food on the dinner table, and their families
11 are devastated. But my bill, Intro 276, with the New
12 York Taxi Workers Alliance, puts a end to these
13 unfair and unjust firings, giving workers notice,
14 just cause, and an appeals process. No longer are
15 Uber and Lyft the judge, jury, and prosecutor in
16 these cases. This is about due process for drivers.
17 I am proud that this council is championing this bill
18 and starting a nationwide movement to end unfair
19 firings of app-based drivers, to hold corporations
20 accountable that are spreading fear, fear about
21 what's happening with this bill, fear about drivers,
22 because that's all they know, because they are afraid
23 of what happens when workers rise up and have power.
24 We are proving once again that this is a council that
25 stands up for workers and is committed to making New

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2 York City a city for working families. I want to
3 thank Speaker Adams for her leadership in bringing
4 this bill up for a vote. I want to thank the New
5 York Taxi Workers Alliance. You all inspire me every
6 day. We have fought together side by side from the
7 medallion crisis in front of City Hall to right now
8 to end unjust firings. To Executive Director Badi
9 Vivaysi [sp?], and of course to my staff, Chanel
10 [sp?], Victoria, and Hunter for their work and to
11 committee staff Mark Chen, Theodore Miller, Kevin
12 Kotowski, John Basile [sp?], Brad Reid [sp?], Audrey
13 Son [sp?] and CJ--

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: [interposing]
15 Council Member, your time has expired.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: [inaudible] You
17 will stand up for workers today. Thank you.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Recognizing
19 Council Member Vernikov.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Thank you.
21 Today, this Council is voting on Introduction 902B,
22 COPA, which would compel property owners to offer
23 their properties to nonprofits before being able to
24 put in on the market. That means, with some
25 exceptions, property owners would no longer to be

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2 able to choose how to dispose of their property. This
3 is an unacceptable state-imposed and potentially
4 illegal intrusion into our private property rights.
5 It is a stunning example of government overreach and
6 communist agenda that has found its way to New York
7 City, being pushed under the guise of helping the
8 poor and the under-privileged, but in reality, only
9 harming them. COPA will not only make housing less
10 affordable, decrease property values, and make it
11 harder to buy and sell property, but also raises
12 serious constitutional issues, including but not
13 limited to a violation of our due process and
14 unconstitutional taking and unconstitutional
15 restriction and commercial speech, and imposition of
16 excessive fines and much, much more. I urge my
17 colleagues to vote no on this terrible and likely
18 unconstitutional bill. Thank you.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Recognizing
20 Council Member Won followed by Mealy, then Nurse.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Thank you so much,
22 Majority Leader. Today, we're voting on my bill,
23 Intro 479A, which strengthens oversight of city
24 contracts valued at \$100,000 or more by requiring
25 contractors to identify, certify, and report

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2 conflicts of interest and serious misconduct. This
3 bill is important given the repeated corruption and
4 procurement scandals that we have witnesses as New
5 Yorkers and as legislators under the current mayoral
6 administration, including high-profile cases of
7 fraud, abuse within our contracting systems. These
8 incidents have exposed gaps in our oversight and
9 undermined public trust and put taxpayer dollars at
10 risk, at minimum of millions and millions of dollars.
11 Intro 479A closes the gaps by requiring the City
12 Procurement Officer in consultation with the Conflict
13 of Interest Board and the Department of Investigation
14 to establish clear standardized procedures
15 contractors must use to detect conflict of interest
16 and misconduct involving their employees and
17 subcontractors. Contractors must certify compliance
18 and promptly notify the city if problems arise. This
19 legislation strengthens accountability, protects the
20 integrity of our procurement process and helps the
21 city contract serve the public interest, not private
22 gain. This was inspired by countless hearings that
23 many of you have partnered with me on, especially the
24 Parks Department, and NYCHA as well where we had so
25 many contractors that have been flagged for

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2 corruption from wage theft to other embezzlements
3 that have gone through our city's contracting
4 process. So, thank you to our Senior Legislative
5 Counsel, Alex Paulenoff, Policy Analyst, Alex Yablon
6 [sp?], Financial Analyst, Owen Kotowski [sp?] for
7 their work on the bill, and I-- when the city passes
8 this bill, I implore all of you to pass this bill,
9 and I look forward to seeing much better procurements
10 in our city so that we're using our taxpayer dollars
11 in the right way. Thank you so much.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing
13 Council Member Mealy.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I just would like
15 to ask my colleagues to vote no on 902B, and I concur
16 with my colleague Vernikov. In regards to-- we should
17 not have the city government telling us who we could
18 purchase or sell our own property to. This, I know
19 is a violation not matter what way we put this. If
20 you buy your own home, blood, sweat, and tears, and
21 now the city going to tell you who you could sell
22 your own property to, it's absurd. And I hope my
23 colleagues understand this. Maybe when years from
24 now when your children want to sell their home to
25 their child, they cannot do it. They have to go

1 through HPD or give it to a nonprofit, in which we
2 don't know-- half of the nonprofits have violations.
3 They are not good actors anyway. So, I just hope my
4 colleagues will vote no on that, and I hope my
5 colleagues could vote no on Land Use 414 in which is
6 my district. It has went through four Council
7 Members from Tracy Boyland to myself, to Alicka
8 Ampry-Samuel, and now again, Council Member Darlene
9 Mealy, in which we gave them 40 years before and now
10 they asking for 40 years again. And guess what, we
11 gave the money back then. How many of our New
12 Yorkers would to not to pay taxes for 80 years?
13 Think about that. Just because you know someone in
14 finance or someone that's in the city, that should
15 not be a requisite for you to get free-- for not
16 paying taxes for 80 years. I hope my members vote
17 no on this article 414 in which they have not did
18 anything to upgrade this property. Half of it is
19 vacant and no one who's really the owners. And I
20 hope my colleagues think about this. Imagine 80
21 years--
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23 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: [interposing]

24 Council Member, your time has expired.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: with not paying
taxes. Anyone--

2 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: [interposing]

3 Thank you, Council Member.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: When normal
5 people--

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: [interposing]

7 Council Member,

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: are losing their
9 homes--

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: your time has
11 already expired.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: for two years.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: You're out of
14 order.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I'm not paying
16 taxes.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: [gavel] Council
18 Member--

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [interposing] And
20 we giving somebody 80 years. That's absurd.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Sergeants, can
22 you please go mute her mic-- thank you so much. Your
23 time has expired. Now recognizing Council Member
24 Nurse.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you Majority
3 Leader. I wasn't going to speak, but there shots
4 fired, so--

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [inaudible]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: That's right. So,
7 today I'm putting forward bills for homeowners and
8 tenants. The opposition to these bills coming from
9 individuals who have done nothing for homeowners or
10 tenants. My bills Intro 1419 and 1420, we are
11 passing long overdue reforms to the lien sale that
12 get rid of the opaque trust system and bring
13 municipal debt collection back into public hands
14 through a municipal land bank model that balances our
15 budget while protecting homeowners. We're also
16 voting on my bill, Intro 1443 to ensure that when we
17 do spend our public dollars, we are building housing
18 and producing homes for low-income families which
19 everybody in this room agrees are the number one
20 group leaving this city right now. Today, we're also
21 voting on the Community Opportunity to Purchase Act,
22 a landmark piece of social housing legislation that I
23 inherited in September. COPA will give certified,
24 vetted, preservation buyers the first chance to buy
25 buildings that are in physical distress, that are in

1 city enforcement programs for very lengthy periods of
2 time, and that have expiring affordability
3 restrictions. This is creating a program that will
4 protect tenants and preserve permanently affordable
5 homes. I ask all of my colleagues to do their
6 reading before they come to vote on bills. Make sure
7 you know what you're talking about. This bill does
8 not impact homeowners with five or less units. Some
9 people wanted that, but we didn't get that. What we
10 have before us is a bill that achieves as much
11 consensus from as many stakeholders as possible, and
12 I urge my colleagues to take a good look, and I ask
13 for your support. Thank you.

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15 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Recognizing
16 Council Member Paladino.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: In regard to
18 what we're just talking about now, COPA, how wrong
19 can a person be or body of government be when we
20 start to take the individual rights away from the
21 homeowner? Whether it's a two-family house, three-
22 family house, four-family house, what does it matter?
23 The fact is the person owns the home. They have the
24 right to sell the home to whomever they please. The
25 idea that we have to consult with the Building

1 Department and give a six-month period of time for
2 someone else to make an offer is absolutely
3 outrageous, and to say it's government overreach is
4 100 percent true. This is absolutely maniacal. I do
5 not understand how this body works when it comes to
6 individual citizens of this city. This is overreach
7 at it's very best. I'm a homeowner, and no one is
8 going to tell me or anybody else I know that's worked
9 so damn hard to own a three or a four-family home,
10 that I have to submit the ability to sell my house
11 first to the Building Department, and then offer it
12 up to a not-for-profit when my neighbor across the
13 street may want to buy it. And they have to wait six
14 months? Nonsense. This is absolutely ridiculous.
15 And also I want to just add this hearing today, this
16 meeting today that it's absolutely ridiculous and
17 everybody in this room should be terribly embarrassed
18 that we stripped our veterans bills today from
19 today's hearings. Why? Why? When the men and women
20 of this country deserve better treatment, and our
21 city today, that we passed in committee has failed to
22 come through for our veterans. Stripped it totally
23 off the record for today. Absolutely ridiculous.
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2 Thank you very much, and shameful. Shame, shame on
3 all of you.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Seeing no one
5 else signed up to speak, we're going to move to the
6 agenda. Report of special-- apologies, recognizing
7 Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: No, thank you.
9 Thank you so much, and I'm sorry I raised my hand a
10 little bit late. I just wanted to chime in on the
11 whole COPA conversation and kind of hear my two
12 cents, because I think people are, you know,
13 mistaking what the intent of this bill is. This bill
14 is not intended to take over and to take anybody's
15 property, but there are properties that exist in some
16 of our communities that are already in distress that
17 sometimes the city is already putting into like
18 third-party transfer programs, and you know, someone
19 will come in and they'll bid on it, that we don't
20 know, that's not from our community, may not have the
21 best intentions. And so you know, I just want to
22 clarify that in my district I have a number of
23 nonprofit organizations that had the foresight to
24 acquire a number of buildings that fall into this
25 category many, many years ago, and it was because of

1 that foresight that we were able to avoid a full-on,
2 you know, gentrification wave that came our way many
3 years ago, because those nonprofits have preserved
4 those buildings in perpetuity. So, there is a very
5 small universe of buildings that would qualify for
6 this program, but if they did, I as a resident of my
7 community would rather that buildings that are
8 building sold that are already in trouble be sold to
9 somebody from the community, a nonprofit from the
10 community that knows, you know, what the ins and outs
11 of that neighborhood, rather than to some speculator
12 that's going to come in-- and you'll take those
13 buildings and do God knows what, and there will be,
14 you know, little to no accountability. So, I want to
15 thank, you know, Sandy Nurse for having the bravery
16 to deal with the insults and, you know, the
17 accusations and just the nastiness. You know, I'm on
18 my way out. I'll just say, you know, we need to do
19 better. We're grown adults in this room. We've all
20 done things we probably should not do, have said
21 things that we probably should not have said, and a
22 lot of us should be embarrassed and actually sit here
23 with a fresh face like we have nothing to be
24 embarrassed about. This is not one of those cases.
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2 Sandy did a fantastic job, and I urge all of my
3 colleagues who actually understood the piece of
4 legislation to support her, because it is not easy to
5 get these things done. It is a shame that we even
6 have to have this conversation today. Thank you so
7 much.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing
9 Council Member Epstein.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: [inaudible] I've
11 been privileged to be here for two weeks, and I have
12 to say if you think about the issues that affect
13 working-class New Yorkers, today is the day to be
14 proud of. We're talking about helping delivery
15 workers. We're talking about helping ensure that
16 people who are Uber and Lyft drivers get justice.
17 We're talking about creating opportunities for more
18 affordable housing. Really want to applaud my
19 colleagues today, because this is what New York
20 stands for. This what we're fighting for. This is an
21 opportunity to say New York that we see you. We know
22 the affordability crisis exists. People talk about
23 it every day, but these are real ways to manage that,
24 to keep people in affordable homes, to fight for
25 working-class jobs and fight for our community.

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2 That's what I see happening on this agenda, and
3 that's what we should be proud of, and there are
4 going to be naysayers. In every legislative body
5 there are going to be people who say, you know what,
6 this is not going to have the outcome. The
7 opportunity here is to create those messages. I live
8 in a district that's-- you know, I lived here for
9 decades-- that have been gentrified around me. If we
10 had COPA in place 30 years ago, we could have saved
11 hundreds of buildings from speculators and
12 developers. We have now opportunities to do that
13 with this passage of this legislation. I want to
14 applaud my colleagues for doing that. I also want to
15 respect Council Member Mealy's concerns about
16 something in her district in Article 11 that where
17 she's not supportive of something happening in her
18 own district where the affordability issues are
19 really our question. Where they're talking about
20 affordable housing at 120 percent of AMI with no
21 resale cap for homeowners, this means that she said
22 80 years of no taxes, and allowing those homeowners
23 to be able to sell for whatever they want. That is
24 not what the affordability agenda is. I encourage for
25 her sake and for the sake of New York and

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2 affordability to vote against that. The last thing
3 is, I understand the issues of franchise agreements
4 and extending those, but in a moment in the end of
5 session where there's lots of issues on the table,
6 and there's not a lot of transparency, I have deep
7 concerns of moving that issue forward today. I would
8 encourage my colleagues to look at Reso 1109 and 1157
9 and encourage them to vote against those resolutions.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Thank you,
11 Council Member. Seeing no one else signed up to
12 speak, we will move along with the agenda. Report of
13 Special Committees?

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Reports of
16 Standing Committees?

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
18 on Civil Service and Labor, Intro 910B, city-assisted
19 housing development projects.

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

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1066A, automated
23 employment decision tools.

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on
25 General Orders.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
3 on Consumer and Worker Protection, Intros 408A, 431B,
4 and 1251A, general and food vendors.

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

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1332A, app-based
8 delivery workers.

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on
10 General Orders.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1391A, security
12 guard compensation.

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

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
16 on Contracts, Intros 479A and 1401A, city contracts
17 and city procurement.

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

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
21 on Economic Development, Intros 1121A and 1149A,
22 ferry service.

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

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Education, Intro 142A, student internet access.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on General Orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 987A, surplus food in schools.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on General Orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1359A, manifestation determination reviews.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on General Orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1360A, Police Department youth programs.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on General Orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Environmental Protection, Resiliency and Waterfronts, Intro 403A, catch basins.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on General Orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance, Intro 570B, land bank.

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

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intros 1407A, 1411A,
5 1419A, and 1420A, tax liens.

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on
7 General Orders.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1427, Coney
9 Island BID.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General
11 Orders.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered Intro
13 1503, Mayor's Management Report.

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General
15 Orders.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered Reso
17 1186, transparency resolution.

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General
19 Orders.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: M207 and Reso 1196,
21 budget modifications.

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General
23 Orders.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered LU 448
3 and Reso 1197 through Pre-considered Lu 455 and Reso
4 1204, Article 11 items.

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General
6 Orders.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
8 on Fire and Emergency Management, Intros 1140A and
9 1229A, Fire Department reports.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on
11 General Orders.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intros 1452A and 1453A,
13 fire fighting personal protective equipment.

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

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
17 on General Welfare, Intro 1366A, web forms for
18 services.

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on
20 General Orders.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
22 on Governmental Operations, State and Federal
23 Legislation, Intro 472A, equal opportunity training.

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on
25 General Orders.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
3 on Housing and Buildings, Intro 571A, Ward's Island.

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

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 902B, first
7 opportunity to purchase certain properties.

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

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 994A, Building
11 Code.

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

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1120B, cooperative
15 apartments.

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

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intros 1321A and 1422A,
19 Building and Construction Codes.

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on
21 General Orders with message of necessity.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1490B.

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

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
3 on Immigration, Intro 1412A, immigration enforcement
4 practices.

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

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
8 on Land Use, Intros 958A, 1433A and 1443A, affordable
9 homeownership opportunities.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General
11 Orders.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Resolutions 1109 and
13 1157, various franchises.

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General
15 Orders.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 414 and Reso 1205,
17 2149-2153, Pacific Street.

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General
19 Orders.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: LUs 434 through 438,
21 Herkimer-Williams.

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with
23 modifications and referred to the City Planning
24 Commission pursuant to Section 197 of the New York
25 City Charter.

COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 439 and Reso 1206,
1850 Francis Louis Boulevard commercial overlay.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupeld on General
Orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 447, Le Dive.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled to field pursuant
to letter of withdrawal.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
on Mental Health, Disabilities and Addiction, Intros
868A and 1169A, hypodermic syringes and needles
services program.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General
Orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
on Parks and Recreation, Pre-considered Intro 1501,
naming of 77 thoroughfares in public places.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General
Orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
on Public Safety, Intro 125A, DNA collection from
minors.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on
General Orders.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1237A, arrest
3 reporting.

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

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1451A, body-worn
7 camera footage.

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

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1460A, encrypted
11 police radios.

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

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
15 on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management, Intro
16 1279B, supplemental sanitation service providers.

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

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
20 on Small Business, Intro 1350A, small business loan
21 readiness.

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

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
3 on Transportation and Infrastructure, Intros 276A and
4 1000A, for-hire vehicles.

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

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1233A, median
8 management.

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on
10 General Orders.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1346A, commuter
12 vans.

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

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
16 on Veterans, Intros 465 through Intro 1171, various
17 bills.

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Refereed to Finance
19 pursuant to Rule 9.10.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Resolutions 18, 311,
21 465.

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Laid over.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: General Orders
24 Calendar, LU 427 and Reso 1207 through LU 438 and
25 Reso 1213, various applications.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General
3 Orders.

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

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

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Ossé?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye on all,
12 except for Intro 868 in which I'm a no.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Cabán?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Hi, thank you. I
15 vote aye on all with the exception of Intros 868A and
16 1433 on which I vote no. Thank you.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Restler?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I vote on all
19 with the exception of Resolution 1109. And I just
20 want to thank the Speaker for being an extraordinary
21 leader, and somebody left lipstick on my desk. Thank
22 you.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Abreu?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: I vote aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Avilés?

COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?

COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Banks?

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye on all, except
I vote abstention on LU 414, Resolution 1205.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Bottcher?

COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Abstain on 1433
and 1443 and aye on the rest.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Brannan?

COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I'm voting aye on
all. I will say regarding the COPA bill, which I
respect all the calls I have received, but I do
believe that it is a small number of buildings that
will be impacted, and I think we'll have the chance
if that is not the case to make revisions, and
there'll certainly be regulations and rules
promulgated by the agencies. So, I vote aye on all
except 414, 1205, vote no.

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Just a friendly
reminder to members to please give your disclosures
prior to your votes.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I'm sorry. I teach at CUNY. Sorry.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Brooks-Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I'm disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings that the Ed School of the Arts is funded in the transparency resolution we are adopting today, and my child is associated with this entity. With that, I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Carr? De La Rosa?

COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Thank you. It's been an honor to serve as the Labor Chair in this Council under the leadership of our history-making Speaker Adrienne Adams. Together, we have

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2 uplifted working people across our city, and today we
3 continue to make history as we finally pass the
4 Construction Justice Act. Many New Yorkers who build
5 affordable housing cannot afford to live in it, and
6 today, we are delivering for those workers a bill
7 that will give them combined minimum wage and an
8 essential benefits package of at least \$40 an hour
9 with no less than \$25 of this package being in wages
10 as well as a local hire component and a plan so that
11 New York City residents benefit the most. As we move
12 towards a new era in New York City with ambitious
13 housing goals, we must center the dignity and care of
14 the workers who help us achieve them. I want to take
15 a moment to thank the staff, Speaker Adams' team, the
16 drafters, the legislative team, and my own staff who
17 has worked tirelessly to get us here, most especially
18 the coalition that brought us to this day. I want to
19 thank the laborers, Local 79, and specifically the
20 team led by Dave Bolder [sp?], Chris Kholer [sp?],
21 Anthony Vida [sp?], Justice Favor [sp?], Carla Cruz
22 [sp?], Ari Espinal [sp?], and Una Adams [sp?] who are
23 here. Thank you and congratulations. I vote aye on
24 all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Avilés?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: I'd like to
3 disclose for the record my daughter is a student at
4 New York City Public Schools.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Marte?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: I vote aye on all,
7 except LU 414 and Reso 1205.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Dinowitz?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Permission to
10 explain my vote?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Permission
12 granted.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Thank you. I
14 just want to take a moment to thank two legislators
15 here, Majority Leader Fariás on 1120 who was really
16 trying to address an issue that exists in some co-
17 ops, and really took the time to listen to members of
18 my community, to really tailor the bill to weed out
19 the bad actors and not really impact most of the co-
20 op boards. Most every co-op board, especially in my
21 district, that are doing the right thing and just
22 trying to be good volunteers, because that's what
23 they are, volunteers. So, I want to thank you for
24 taking all the time and energy and input into this
25 bill. I'm obviously voting yes. And also Council

1 Member Sanchez who took, I don't know, a million
2 years I think to really get all sides of the vendor
3 debate, and really listened to everyone, again,
4 including people in my community that married rights
5 for our vendors, expansion of vendors while including
6 critical enforcement mechanisms in the bill. So, I
7 just wanted to thank the two of you publicly. And
8 with that, I'm going to vote aye on all, except I'm
9 going to abstain on 902 and 1451. Thank you.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Epstein?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: Yeah, I'm going
13 to vote no on Reso 1109, 1157, and land use 414/Reso
14 1205. Yes on everything else.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Felder?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Yeah, I'm sorry.
17 I want to apologize to my colleagues, I had a long
18 list. I'm aye on everything. You ready? I'm a no--
19 you want this sheet of paper? Or do you want--

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: [interposing] You could
21 bring it up afterwards.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Huh? I have to
23 say it, okay.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Yes. Yes, Council
25 Member. Thank you.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Okay, no problem.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: We have team of
4 three, we're good.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Okay. I'm a no on
6 1451, 1443, 1000, 1401, 902, 431, 1251, 140. These
7 are the Lotto numbers, by the way. 1332, 1411,
8 2706, 1109, and I abstain on 1501. D13

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. One moment.
10 Feliz?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: I vote aye on all
12 with a minor exception. LU 414-2205 in Council
13 Member Mealy's district, vote no on that one. Lots
14 of good bills today, bills that we should be proud
15 of. The bill to protect our taxi drivers, a bill to
16 make sure we're building larger apartments, because
17 New York City is a city of families. We need to make
18 sure we're building housing for them, not just
19 closet-sized studios, and many other bills that we
20 should all be proud of. So, aye on all except for
21 414-2025.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Thank you.
23 Just one moment. Gennaro?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes, I vote aye
25 on all with the exception of 902B and 1412A on which

2 I vote no, and I'd ask for just a little bit of
3 latitude for me to be able to give my heartfelt
4 thanks to Speaker Adams and my colleagues who are
5 graduating the Council for new horizons. It has been
6 most rewarding to serve with you and most enriching
7 to share your comradery. I wish you every success and
8 blessing. Vaya con Dios.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gutiérrez?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: I vote aye on
11 all except 868 for which I am abstaining, and
12 congrats to all the Progressive Caucus members who
13 passed bills today.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council
15 Member. Hanif?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye on all.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanks? Council Member
18 Brewer?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I just want to
20 change to Resolution 1109 as a no. Thank you.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council
22 Member. Holden?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all,
24 except, and here's the list, Intro 1443, LU 414,
25 Intro 570, Intro 1407, Intro 1420, Reso 1186, Intro

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2 1000A, Intro 1401, Intro 902B, Intro 994A, Intro
3 1451, Intro 1412, Intro 1391, Intro 431, Intro 1251,
4 Intro 1332, Intro 1233 of which I vote no. I think I
5 beat you on that one.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Hudson?

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

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Permission
10 granted.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you. I'd
12 like to congratulate all of my colleagues who've
13 passed legislation today, and I'd like to thank
14 everyone in central staff for making a day like today
15 happen. And I'd like to especially shout out Council
16 Members Pierina Sanchez, Lincoln Restler, Carmen De
17 La Rosa, and Sandy Nurse for weathering so many
18 storms in order to move consequential legislation
19 such as the street vendor reform package, the Cooling
20 for All bill, the Community Justice Act, and the
21 Community Opportunity to Purchase Act. Each of you,
22 as well as your indefatigable teams-- excuse me, it's
23 late-- listened to feedback, made amendments to
24 address concerns and put up with misinformation being
25 spread about common sense bills that will have a

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2 positive impact on so many lives. I'm proud to call
3 you all colleagues, and to Council Member Nurse, who
4 has even had individuals come to her private home to
5 protest the COPA legislation, I say good Sandy, good.
6 I proudly vote aye on all, and I'd like to disclose
7 on the record that I'm a member of the Brooklyn
8 Botanic Garden which is being funded in today's
9 transparency resolution. Thank you.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Feliz?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Thank you. Just
12 want to change my vote to an aye on everything on the
13 agenda. Thank you.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council
15 Member. Joseph?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on everything
17 except I abstain on Reso 1109 and Reso 1157. I
18 abstain on both.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Krishnan?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: First, I want
21 to disclose that we are funding New York City Public
22 School system and both my children are students in
23 New York City Public Schools. I'd like to abstain on
24 Intros 1433 and 1443. I vote no on Intro 1120, and I
25 vote yes on everything else, with an enthusiastic yes

2 for Intro 276 to end the unfair deactivation of
3 drivers. Driver power. Union power.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lee?

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

7 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Permission
8 granted.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: I'd just like to
10 disclose for the record that both my children attend
11 public schools which is being funded or having money
12 taken away on this transparency reso. Aye on all
13 with the exception of Intro 1451 which I abstain, and
14 no on LU 414 and accompanying Reso 1205. And I just
15 wanted to say today's a very proud day for our
16 immigrant communities. Congratulations to the
17 deliveristas, the vendors, our taxi workers. I know
18 this fight has been going on for many, many, many,
19 many years. And kudos, congratulations to all my
20 colleagues that have passed these bills, and congrats
21 Sandy Nurse for your bill and for fending off a lot
22 of the misinformation. So, thank you.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Recognizing
24 Council Member Joseph for her disclosure.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you. I'd
3 like to disclose on the record that my child is a
4 student in the New York City Public Schools that's
5 being funded in this transparency reso. Thank you,
6 Majority Leader.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Thank you.
8 Louis?

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

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission
12 granted.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Madam
14 Majority Leader. I would like to congratulate Council
15 Member Nurse for working diligently and responsibly
16 on Intro 902 after inheriting this bill, and I
17 sincerely appreciate her and her staff that took the
18 time to listen to wide-ranging feedback and
19 implementing that feedback into the language of the
20 bill. While I cannot support 902 today due to
21 primary concerns with the school, which we've
22 discussed, I hope concerns can be flushed out during
23 the rule-making process. I would also like to
24 disclose for the record that MTA is being funded, and
25 my brother is associated with this entity. I vote aye

2 on all, and would like to abstain from 902, and vote
3 no on LU 414.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Marmorato?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I'd like to
6 disclose for the record that my husband works for the
7 Board of Elections, and Council Member Holden, I
8 think I have you beat on this one. So, I'd like to
9 vote aye on all with the exception of Intro 1443, LU
10 414, Intro 570, Intro 1407, Intro 1420, Reso 1186,
11 Intro 1000A, Intro 1401, Intro 902B, Intro 994A,
12 Intro 125A, Intro 1451, Intro 1460, Intro 1412, Intro
13 1391, Intro 431, Intro 1251, Intro 1332, and Intro
14 1233A, I vote no.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council
16 Member. Council Member Gennaro?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you. I
18 just want to amend my vote. I previously voted yes
19 on Intro 1451. Now, I am voting no on Intro 1451. I
20 had it written down, but I left it out.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council
22 Member.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: So, 1451, that's
24 a no.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. One moment.
3 Mealy?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Pass.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Menin?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Permission to
7 explain my vote?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission
9 granted.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: First of all, I
11 want to thank my colleagues. We have some tremendous
12 bills that we are voting on today, and particularly
13 on the worker protection angle. I just want to say
14 since we as a city cannot have the City Department of
15 Labor because we are pre-empted by the state, it's
16 incumbent upon this City Council to do really strong
17 robust worker protection, and that's exactly what
18 we're doing today. I particularly want to
19 congratulate and thank on street vending, Council
20 Member Sanchez, who had a very big idea and had to
21 contend with a lot of stakeholders, and she really
22 listened, and I know moving forward in the next
23 iteration of the Council will focus on the
24 enforcement piece. And I want to congratulate
25 Council Member Krishnan who also had a very difficult

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2 bill listening to a lot of stakeholders. So, there's
3 some fantastic bills that we are voting on today, and
4 just want to congratulate everyone. I'm voting aye on
5 all with the exception of Intro 902B and 1451 for
6 which I abstain. Thank you.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Morano?

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

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Permission
11 granted.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Madam Majority
13 Leader, I want to be very clear at the outset in
14 discussing 902B that everyone in this chamber,
15 irrespective of party, agrees that New Yorkers
16 deserve safe, affordable housing, and that predatory
17 behavior by bad landlords should be stopped. Where I
18 think we disagree is on whether this bill actually
19 accomplishes that goal. COPA is being sold as a
20 tenant protection measure, when in reality it is a
21 sweeping change to property rights that will make
22 housing harder to finance, harder to maintain, and
23 ultimately harder to afford. This bill doesn't just
24 regulate bad actors, it rewrites the rules for every
25 owner of a covered building by inserting the city

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2 into private property transactions. It delays sales
3 for months, injects uncertainty in the market and
4 sends a clear message to lenders and buyers, New York
5 City is a risky place to invest. And that matters
6 because when capital dries up, buildings don't get
7 repaired. When buildings don't get repaired, tenants
8 suffer. COPA assumes that nonprofit purchasers will
9 magically have the resources to buy, rehabilitate,
10 and manage these buildings, but the bill doesn't
11 provide guaranteed funding, staffing, or capacity to
12 do that at-scale. So, what happens instead? Sales
13 stall. Owners walk away. Properties deteriorate, and
14 the very tenants this bill claims to protect are left
15 living in worse conditions. There's also a
16 fundamental fairness issue here. We're telling small
17 and mid-size property owners, many of them family
18 owners, many of them immigrants, many of them
19 working-class, that when they want to sell, they no
20 longer control that decision on equal terms. That's
21 not progressive. That's punitive. If this bill
22 worked as advertised, we'd already see examples of it
23 solving the housing crisis elsewhere. Instead,
24 cities that have tried similar approaches have seen
25 fewer transactions, less investment and more blight.

1 Affordable housing is created by fixing broken
2 buildings, enforcing existing laws, and encouraging
3 responsible ownership, not by freezing the market and
4 hoping government can manage thousands of properties
5 better than the private sector. So, for those
6 reasons, I'm voting aye on all with the exception of
7 902B, Intro 1443, LU 414, and accompanying resolution
8 1205, Intro 570, Intro 1407, Intro 1420, Reso 1186,
9 Intro 276A, Intro 1000A, Intro 1401, Intro 902B--
10 sorry to repeat that-- Intro 994A, Intro 125A, Intro
11 1451, Intro 1460, Intro 1412, Intro 1391, Intro 431,
12 Intro 1251, Intro 1332, and finally, Intro 472.

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14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council
15 Member. Moya?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye on all
17 with the exception of 902A, and I abstain on 276A.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: My apologies, Council
19 Member. I have to ask you to repeat that.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Yes. I vote aye on
21 all with the exception of I vote no on 902A and I'm
22 abstaining 276A.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Narcisse?

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

2 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Permission
3 granted.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I want to say
5 congratulations to all those that worked so hard for
6 the tenants. I understand that it's for protecting
7 the tenants. Today, I want to ask who is looking out
8 for the small property owner in this city? Today,
9 the hardest thing for me-- I was crying, because I
10 could not say anything to meet the advocates, the
11 homeowners-- they were hopeful and they believe that
12 we were going to do something for them. What is the
13 something? Dr. King said never a wrong time to do
14 the right thing, but little did I know-- in this
15 place, somewhere else, not in this place here, the
16 fake, the flaky, the external forces, misinformation
17 prevent the bill from 948B or [inaudible] always
18 repeat--

19 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: [interposing]
20 Council Member, we're speaking on bills that are on
21 the General Order calendar.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: That bill--

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: [interposing] If
24 you would like to move--
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: supposed to be
3 here. It's not here.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: It is not on the
5 calendar, so you are not allowed to speak on that
6 bill. If you would like to speak, you can speak on
7 the bills that are being voted on today and I can
8 move you to General Discussions to speak on a bill
9 that's on the General Order Calendar.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: [inaudible]
11 civil disobedience sometimes acceptable in this, in
12 here? This is my civil--

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: [interposing] This
14 is-- this is about--

15 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: [interposing]
16 disobedience.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: being in order.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I want to stay
19 in order.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: And so would you
21 like to speak on bills that are on the General Order
22 Calendar, or would you like--

23 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: [interposing]
24 Alright--

2 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: to speak in
3 General Discussions?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I do that--

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: [interposing]
6 Thank you.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: but I want ot
8 know who's watching, who's looking over for the small
9 property owner.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Please state your
11 vote.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Okay, I will.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Thank you.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: In all due
15 respect, I'll do that. So, now, on the vote for
16 today, I have an excellent woman that work for our
17 community that invested a lot of time, and that
18 called Terry Cadet [sp?]. She served with passion,
19 compassion, fairness, and hold folks accountable.
20 So, for that, I want to say I'm so proud to be part
21 to vote today for Terry Cadet. So, to say that you
22 can have a street named after yourself because you
23 are committed to the cause of the city. Hold people
24 accountable at all times, even when it's
25 inconvenient. I'm going to abstain on 296A, 902B, LU

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2 414, Reso 1205. And I want to disclose that my hubby
3 work for NYU. And thank you, Madam Chair. I'm not
4 trying to be disrespectful. I'm angry and disturbed
5 by the folks, and I did not know what to say and what
6 to place among ourselves. So, thank you, and I
7 excuse myself. I'll come back. Thank you.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Thank you,
9 Council Member.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council
11 Member. Nurse?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Permission to
13 explain my vote?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Permission
15 granted.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I just wanted to
17 take an opportunity to clarify since there has been
18 clearly some lack of reading. What this bill is and
19 what this bill isn't. We took a bill that was
20 introduced five years ago that covered 70 percent of
21 all New York City buildings, three units and above,
22 and that was going to be subject to an 18-month
23 timeline and at that point of that bill, there were
24 over 30 people in this body sponsoring it. We took
25 that bill and in less than three months, we brought

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2 it down to an extremely targeted universe of
3 properties that we already spend a lot of time and
4 money on trying to make safer buildings. These are
5 in enforcement programs. This is not the Olympics.
6 You do not want to get into these programs, and to
7 get into these programs takes a lot of effort and
8 advocacy from us as members who are constantly
9 calling down to the city saying why are you not
10 protecting these tenants, and why are you not working
11 to keep them safe. We do emergency repairs in them.
12 We have-- we're spending-- we have free housing legal
13 services that we're paying for people to be in and
14 out of court because we have irresponsible property
15 managers who maybe bit off more than they could chew.
16 They are under water and they are not taking care of
17 their buildings. We are already putting a ton of
18 money into these buildings. We are creating a small
19 chance, just a tiny chance, that instead of that
20 building being sold to some company with people and
21 investors from all over the world that we have no
22 relationship to and that we have no relationship of
23 accountability to, that maybe just maybe we get an
24 opportunity for nonprofits that we trust, that we
25 fund, that we have a relationship with, that we are

1 holding accountable all the time-- that's what we've
2 been doing for the last four years-- that maybe they
3 can have an opportunity to purchase it, fix it up,
4 make it better and make it safe for those tenants.
5 Thank you Majority Leader. Sorry, I vote aye on all.
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7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council
8 Member. Paladino?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Just in regard-
10 - I'm going to give you my vote in one second. I just
11 want to say, does anybody think about NYCHA and the
12 tenants that live in NYCHA and how we-- what we
13 should do to already city-owned buildings that are
14 falling apart and dilapidated, and these people are
15 living without kitchens, without heat and everything
16 else? I think we should reapproach this idea that you
17 have and point it in the right direction. The city-
18 owned properties that should be maintained and are
19 not, instead of going after the private homeowner,
20 building owner and such. Okay, let me go forward
21 with my vote. I vote aye on all except for Intro
22 1443, LU 414, Intro 570, Intro 1407, Intro 1420, Reso
23 1186, Intro 276A, Intro 1000A, Intro 1401, Intro
24 902B, Intro 994A, Intro 125A, Intro 1451, Intro 1460,
25 Intro 1412, Intro 1391, Intro 1431, Intro 1251, Intro

1332, Intro 1233, and like I said, aye on the rest.
And that's about it for today.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. I'm voting aye on all and I'm abstaining on 902B. I just want to congratulate everyone on their fantastic bills and lots of hard work to get here. And that is it. Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. One moment.

Council Member Joseph?

COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Voting aye on 1109. Changing my vote to yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Riley?

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority Leader. Today marks a meaningful moment as we close out this year. And this final Stated Meeting led by Madam Speaker herself, Speaker Adrienne Adams. It has been an honor to serve alongside you and support your leadership. You made history as the first African-American Speaker of this council, but

1 what we will endure is how you led with steadiness,
2 clarity, and purpose under your leadership. This
3 council became the most diverse and woman majority
4 body-- and then men, they get it-- in our city's
5 history, and you ensured that equity was not just
6 actionable, but something attainable. On a personal
7 level, I am grateful for our shared work from the
8 coalition building during my time as Co-Chair of the
9 Black, Latino, Asian Caucus, to your leadership in
10 advancing diversity within the FDNY, and our
11 collaboration to secure capital investments for
12 schools, playgrounds, and libraries in District 12. I
13 also want to take this time to recognize my
14 colleagues that are leaving, Council Member Moya,
15 Council Member Holden, my brothers Council Member
16 Brannan and Council Member Powers. I also want to
17 recognize and include the Bronx members leaving,
18 Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala and Land Use Chair Rafael
19 Salamanca, Jr. whose leadership in service has
20 strengthened this council and left a lasting impact
21 not only in our city, but the borough we call the
22 Bronx. On behalf of the 12th District and New Yorkers
23 across the city, I want to thank Madam Speaker and
24 thank her staff as they depart, and thank you for all
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2 your service and dedication. With that being said, I
3 vote aye on all with the exception of 902B and 994A
4 which I abstain. Thank you. And just want to state
5 for the record, we're funding New York City Public
6 Schools, and my babies are associated with that
7 entity.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council
9 Member. One moment. Salaam?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I'm an aye on all
11 except for LU 414 and accompanying Resolution 1205
12 which I abstain.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Salamanca?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye on
15 all, but I abstain on 902B. Thank you.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Council Member,
17 your disclosure?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you. I
19 want to disclose on the record that we are providing
20 this budget funding for the New York City Parks
21 Department in which my wife is associated with that
22 institution. We're also adding funding for Gotham
23 Health in which my wife is associated with that
24 institution, and funding for the [inaudible] in which
25 my son is a member of that institution. Thank you.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Sanchez?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I'd like to
4 disclose upon the record that my sibling is
5 associated with CUNY. And I just want to take a
6 moment to thank the Speaker for your leadership, the
7 incredible fights that you've fought with this
8 council, the places you put your name on the line,
9 and the people that you are uplifting today and
10 throughout all of your days as Council Speaker.
11 Thank you for your leadership. And I want to
12 congratulate our advocates who have fought so hard,
13 especially the Street Vendor Project. And we'll miss
14 you colleagues who are moving on from the Council.
15 And with that, I vote aye on all.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Schulman?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Permission to
18 explain my vote?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Permission
20 granted.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: So, I wanted to
22 congratulate and say goodbye to my colleagues who are
23 leaving and say you're going to be missed. I also
24 want to say in terms of Sandy Nurse, both Sandy Nurse
25 and Pierina Sanchez, that they worked with me

1 throughout the process, and Sandy made major
2 concessions that I asked for. So, I'm happy to vote
3 yes on everything with the exception of Intro 1451 in
4 which I abstain. Thank you.
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6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Stevens?

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

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Permission
10 granted.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I've-- it's been
12 an honor of my life to serve in this council under
13 the leadership of our first Black Speaker, Adrienne
14 Adams, alongside my incredible mentor, Diana Ayala.
15 Thank you to all the outgoing members who have been
16 here to support me, give me guidance, and really show
17 leadership during your time. I will carry all the
18 jewels you shared with me on this journey in my final
19 term. And with that, I vote-- oh, wait, before I
20 vote, I also want to give a special shout out to
21 Sandy who has been really showing leadership and
22 standing up to everyone who kept having lies and
23 saying things that were not true about her bill.
24 Continue the fight. Thank you for showing us what it
25 looks like to lead with courage, leadership, and

1 integrity. Also, to Pie [sic] who even convinced me
2 to get on her vendor bill. We appreciate all the
3 hard work that you guys continue to do. And with
4 that, I vote aye on all.

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6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Ung?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Permission so I can
8 explain my vote?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Permission
10 granted.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Thank you. I'm
12 voting no today on Intro 431B. I appreciate all the
13 work by Council Member Sanchez and the conversations
14 we've had about this issue. Throughout my time in
15 the City Council I made addressing unlicensed illegal
16 street vending a top priority in neighborhoods like
17 downtown Flushing. Our sidewalks are severely
18 congested. When unregulated vending proliferates, it
19 creates real safety hazards for seniors, families,
20 and those with mobility challenges who are just
21 trying to walk to the supermarket or to the subway
22 station. It generates mounds of garbage, putting a
23 huge strain on our local BID who is left cleaning and
24 piling up boxes left by vendors, and puts our small
25 business owners who pay the BID fees for these

1 supplemental sanitation services at an unfair
2 disadvantage. I understand the rationale Intro 431B,
3 that by expanding access to licenses, vendors who
4 have incentive to follow the rules and that increased
5 enforcement and higher penalties will deter illegal
6 activities. However, my own district, which has a
7 strict no vending policy, we have seen that even with
8 significant increased enforcement illegal vending
9 continues unabated. Expanding the total number of
10 licenses does not address the fundamental issues of
11 how manage persistent unlicensed vending. My vote is
12 not a rejection of the concerns that this bill seeks
13 to address, nor is it the need to create pathways so
14 a vendor to participate in the regulated system, but
15 I'm concerned that moving forward with this bill
16 without coupling it with a more comprehensive
17 strategy risks closing the door on the needs to
18 meaningfully address the unlicensed vending. I worry
19 that passage might allow us to believe we have solved
20 their problem. I hope today is not the end of this
21 conversation, but the beginning. We must continue
22 working together with our partners in government to
23 find long-term sustainable solutions that protect
24 public safety and supports lawful commerce and
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1 ensures fairness for all. I also abstain on Intro
2 1451 and aye on the rest. And before I finish, I
3 want to thank Speaker Adams for her fearless
4 leadership the last four years. Thank you.
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6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Vernikov?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all
8 except no on Intro 4143, LU 414, Intro 570, Intro
9 1407, Intro 1420, Reso 1186, Intro 276A, Intro 1000A,
10 Intro 1401, Intro 902B, Intro 994A, Intro 125A, Intro
11 1451, Intro 1460, Intro 1412, Intro 1391, Intro 431,
12 Intro 1251, and Intro 1332.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Okay, that's
14 [inaudible]. Williams?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Permission to
16 explain my vote?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Permission
18 granted.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you.
20 While many of the bills that we are voting on today
21 aren't perfect, as many typically are. I think it's
22 just a part of the legislative process. I do know
23 that the spirit and intent of all the bills are
24 perfect, and so with that, I vote aye on all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Won?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: I vote aye on all.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Zhuang?

4 Mealy?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Could I explain my
6 vote? I just want everyone to think, and I want to
7 thank all my colleagues who did vote with members'
8 preference. At least we know what we're here for,
9 and we have to think about what COPA-- the same
10 sponsor just said that we sponsor the same nonprofits
11 and these same nonprofits will be buying up small
12 homes owners' buildings. I don't understand how no
13 one is paying attention that that. But please pay
14 attention to that, also. How do we know some of these
15 same nonprofits have a lot of violations? We don't
16 know how long, if people can really opt out or if
17 they do pay their bill and next year, could they
18 reclaim their property? These questions haven't been
19 asked. And with that, I vote yes on Intro 571A,
20 Intro 868A, Intro 1121A, Intro 1140a, Intro 1229A,
21 Intro 1411A, Intro 1433, and no-- I abstain from
22 everything else.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: And merry
25 Christmas.

COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Can I please get quiet in the chambers?

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ariola?

COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: First, I'd like to disclose that my son works for the DSNY which is on the transparency resolution, and he's also-- has an anniversary of 10 years with the DSNY today and received a plaque for his exemplary service. So, congratulations, Matthew, I'm proud of you. I'd also like to thank my colleagues for voting in the affirmative for the package of bills to protect our first responders and our New Yorkers, especially Intro 1229 which was legislation prompted in honor of 24-year-old Nicholas Costellow [sp?] who lost his life waiting for an ambulance for 19 minutes. I want to echo the sentiments of my colleagues, Vernikov, Morano and Paladino on Intro 902B, COPA, but also want to add that this legislation is legally dubious at best, and likely is a substantial infringement on the private property rights, including the right

1 dispose, the right to select counterparts, the right
2 to determine timing in terms. This bill may not be
3 constitutional, and it may also conflict with the
4 provisions of the federal banking law, federal tax
5 law, common law restraints on alienation and uniform
6 commercial code. Additionally, I am disappointed
7 that our veterans' bills did not get the services.
8 Our veterans did not get the services they
9 desperately needed by the package of bills that
10 advanced, because they were referred to finance
11 instead of being passed at today's stated. The bills
12 would have made a difference in the lives of our
13 heroes, and help get veterans in need off the street
14 and into stable long-term housing. I'm committed to
15 making sure that these bills pass in the next
16 legislative session. With that, I vote no on Intro
17 1443, LU 414, Intro 570, Intro 1407, Intro 1420, Reso
18 1186, Intro 276A, Intro 1000A, Intro 1401, Intro
19 902B, Intro 994A, Intro 125A, Intro 1451, Intro 1460,
20 Intro 1421-- I'm sorry, 1412. Intro 1391, Intro 431,
21 Intro 1251, Intro 1332, and Intro 1233 which is
22 beautifying medians for a bicycle lanes that are on
23 center malls, and the reason for my no vote on this
24 is that I have them in my district and they become
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1 places where people put garbage and it's very
2 difficult to get the DOT or the Parks Department and
3 DSNY to clean those center malls. Also, I'm voting
4 no on-- the reso I brought up. Okay. Thank you so
5 much for the time.
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7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Farías?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all
9 with the exception of Intro 276A in which I vote no,
10 and I've already expressed my reasonings in the
11 Committee. Lastly, I just want to congratulate my
12 colleagues on their bills today, and particular the
13 Street Vendor Coalition and a big thank you to all
14 the folks that worked with me on the five bills that
15 I'm passing.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Adams?

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye on all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Just a reminder,
20 as we are tallying votes, there should be silence in
21 the chambers, and a friendly reminder to my
22 colleagues that we have six resolutions that we must
23 vote on after this. Thank you. All items on today's
24 General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 48 in
25 the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions

1 with the exceptions of Introduction 431B which was
2 adopted by a vote of 39 in the affirmative, 9 in the
3 negative, and 0 abstentions, and Introduction 570B
4 which was adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative,
5 7 in the negative and 0 abstentions, and Introduction
6 902B which was adopted by a vote of 30 in the
7 affirmative, 10 in the negative and 8 abstentions,
8 and Introduction 994A which was adopted by a vote of
9 40 in the affirmative, 7 in the negative and 1
10 abstention, and Introduction 1000A which was adopted
11 by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 8 in the
12 negative, and 0 abstentions, and Introduction 1401A
13 which was adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative,
14 8 in the negative and 0 abstentions, and Introduction
15 1407A which was adopted by a vote of 41 in the
16 affirmative, 7 in the negative, and 0 abstentions,
17 and Introduction 1412A which was adopted by a vote of
18 39 in the affirmative, 9 in the negative, and 0
19 abstentions, and Intro 1420A which was adopted by a
20 41 in the affirmative, 7 in the negative and 0
21 abstentions, and Intro 1443A which was adopted by a
22 vote of 37 in the affirmative, 9 in the negative, and
23 2 abstentions, and Introduction 1451A which was
24 adopted by a vote of 34 in the affirmative, 9 in the
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1 negative, and 5 abstentions, and Resolution 1186
2 which was adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative,
3 7 in the negative, and 0 abstentions, and LU 414 and
4 Resolution 1205 which were adopted by a vote of 32 in
5 the affirmative, 13 in the negative, and 3
6 abstentions, and Intro 1233A which was adopted by a
7 vote of 43 in the affirmative, 5 in the negative and
8 0 abstentions, and Introduction 1251A which was
9 adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 8 in the
10 negative and 0 abstentions, and Intro 1332A which was
11 adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 8 in the
12 negative and 0 abstentions, and Intro 1391A which was
13 adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative, 7 in the
14 negative and 0 abstentions, and Intro 868A which was
15 adopted by a vote of 44 in the affirmative, 3 in the
16 negative and 1 abstention, and Resolution 1109 which
17 was adopted by a vote of 44 in the affirmative, 4 in
18 the negative and 0 abstentions, and Introduction
19 1433A which was adopted by a vote of 46 in the
20 affirmative, 0 in the negative and 2 abstentions, and
21 Resolution 1157 which was adopted by a vote of 47 in
22 the affirmative, 1 in the negative and 0 abstentions,
23 and Introduction 125A which was adopted by a vote of
24 42 in the affirmative, 6 in the negative and 0
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1 abstentions, and Introduction 276A which was adopted
2 by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 7 in the negative
3 and 1 abstention, and Intro 472A which was adopted by
4 a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative
5 and 0 abstentions, and Intro 1120B which was adopted
6 by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative
7 and 0 abstentions, and Intro 1460A which was adopted
8 by a vote of 42 in the affirmative, 6 in the negative
9 and 0 abstentions, and Intros 142A, 403A, 408A, 479A,
10 910B, 958A, 987A, 1066A, 1149A, 1169A, 1229A, 1237A,
11 1279A, 1321A, 1346A, 1350A and 1359A, 1360A. 1366A,
12 1419A, 1422A, 1427A, 1452A, 1453A, 1490B, and 1503
13 which all were adopted by a vote of 47 in the
14 affirmative, 1 in the negative and 0 abstentions, and
15 Intro 1501 which was adopted by a vote of 46 in the
16 affirmative, 1 in the negative and 1 abstention, and
17 M207 and Reso 1196 which were adopted by a vote of 47
18 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative and 0
19 abstentions, and LUs 426, 427, 434, 435, 436, 437.
20 438, 439, 447, and 448 through 455 with their
21 accompanying resolutions were adopted by a vote of 47
22 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative and 0
23 abstentions.
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25 [applause]

2 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Thank you.

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4 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Okay, and with
5 that, all items on the calendar have passed. We're
6 going to move through the agenda of introduction and
7 reading of bills.

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been
9 referred to committee as indicated on today's agenda.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Thank you,
11 Speaker. We will now move into the discussion of
12 resolutions, and I'd like to recognize Council Member
13 Brewer.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very
15 much. I have two resolutions to discuss. One is
16 Resolution 734. It's been a very challenging year in
17 the state prisons. This resolution calls on governor
18 Hochul to sign the Prison Reform Omnibus Bill which
19 would strengthen independent monitoring and
20 oversight. I want to thank Natalie Metlzer [sp?] and
21 again, Sam Goldsmith from my office. This has a lot
22 to do with Mr. Brooks being killed by the guards at a
23 particular prison, and I hope that it passes and is
24 signed by the Governor. Resolution 649, this
25 resolution calls on the Federal Government to save

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2 the historic Trans-Atlantic passenger ship known as
3 the S.S. United States. The ocean-liner is slated to
4 be sunk off the coast of Florida as part of a planned
5 artificial reef. It is the-- still has the record of
6 going to Europe faster than any other ocean-liner.
7 It's as long as the Chrysler Building. It is in
8 Alabama, but we would love to have it back on the
9 Brooklyn waterfront where it started in 1951. Thank
10 you Dirk Spencer.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Seeing no one
12 else signed up to speak, we will now a voice vote on
13 today's resolutions. If you wish to vote against or
14 abstain from any of today's resolutions, please
15 notify the Legislative Documents Unit by email or by
16 approaching the dais. I'll now read today's
17 resolutions into the record. Please quiet in the
18 chambers. Resolution 82A supports the mission and
19 growth of the Climate Museum. All those in favor say
20 aye.

21 COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: All opposed say
23 nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Resolution
24 499 calls on the United States Congress to pass and
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1 the President to sign the Protecting Consumers from
2 Deceptive AI Act. All those in favor say aye.

3 COUNCIL AS WHOLE: Aye.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: All opposed say
5 nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Resolution
6 500 calls on the New York State Legislature to
7 introduce and pass and the Governor to sign
8 legislation entitled the New York State College
9 Safety Act to require that all campuses of the State
10 University of New York and the City University of New
11 York permit autoimmune and immunocompromised students
12 and faculty to learn and teach via remote instruction
13 in as many course as feasible whenever students or
14 faculty are dealing with an unpredictable or
15 temporarily debilitating impact of their condition.
16 All those in favor say aye.

17 COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: All opposed say
19 nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Resolution
20 649A calls on the United States Congress to pass and
21 the President to sign legislation allocating funds
22 for the restoration of the S.S. United States and for
23 its relocation to the City of New York. All those in
24 favor say aye.
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COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Resolution 734A calls on the Governor to sign Senate Bill 8415 and Assembly Bill 8871 known as the Prison Reform Omnibus Bill. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Resolution 842 recognizes the month of March annually as Music in Our Schools Month in the City of New York. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Resolution 1061A calls on the New York State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign legislation requiring pain management options to be offered to patients undergoing in-office gynecological procedures. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Pre-considered Resolution 1194 celebrates the New York

Knicks in a spectacular win of the 2025 Emirates NBA Cup Championship. Let's go Knicks. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: All opposed say nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. We will now move into general discussion, and I'd like to first recognize Council Member Salamanca.

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you, Madam Majority Leader. Since joining the New York City Council almost 10 years ago, actually nine years and 10 months, it has been one of my greatest honors of my life. When I stepped into this room, I made a promise to fight for the community that raised me, to make the south Bronx in New York City a stronger, healthier and safer and more equitable for every family who calls it home, and over the years we've done exactly that doing the work together. Together we expanded affordable housing across the district and throughout all New York City. We invested in schools such as the schools that I grew up in attending and giving our students the tools, technology and classrooms that they need. And I'm proud to say that I was able to do that with an

1 investment of almost \$50 million in my schools. We
2 rebuilt the parks and playgrounds that shaped my
3 childhood and that of my son Aiden [sp?], who now
4 enjoys them, creating beautiful safe spaces for the
5 next generations to play and grow. And I'm proud
6 that I was able to invest another \$50 million in
7 capital dollars to my playgrounds, and I'm proud to
8 say that 90 percent of all my playgrounds in my
9 district have been redeveloped. We confronted COVID
10 together, and we also confronted the health
11 disparities that have impacted our borough and the
12 city for far too long, working to close gaps in care
13 and bringing better health care options to our
14 community. And year after year we fought for food
15 insecurities with compassion, making sure our
16 neighbors had access to fresh, healthy food when they
17 needed it most. Now, I'm asked often, "What are you
18 most proud of in your tenure in the New York City
19 Council?" And I can say that I'm extremely proud of
20 some of the bills that I was able to pass such as the
21 15 percent homeless set aside which many said we
22 could not do it, even in our Legislative Department,
23 but we got it done. And I'm proud to say that I was
24 part of closing two jails in my district alone, a
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2 juvenile detention center called Spofford which we
3 transformed into over a thousand units of housing,
4 and just recently we were able to close the floating
5 jail in the Hunts Point community, and I was able to
6 see it barged [sic] out of our communities. Now,
7 none of this would have been possible without the
8 support, trust, and resilience of my community or
9 without the love and strength of my family who stood
10 side by side with me in every step of the way. But
11 of course, most importantly, like we all-- we have a
12 team. And I would like to thank with deep respect my
13 team, Team Salamanca. I'd like to thank my Chief of
14 Staff, Shanna [sp?]. and I need to thank Brian Hetey
15 [sp?] who's my Deputy Chief of Staff, Legislative
16 Director, Budget Director and he is my face here in
17 City Hall. Serana [sp?], Maritza [sp?], Saida [sp?],
18 Layla [sp?], Angel, Freddie, and Cristobal [sp?], a
19 group of dedicated hardworking individuals who poured
20 their hearts into serving this district. Your
21 commitments made everything-- every accomplishment
22 possible, and I'm endlessly proud of the work we have
23 done together. And then finally, I want to thank
24 you, Madam Speaker, for number one, allowing me to be
25 part of your leadership, and number two, for

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2 reappointing me as your Land Use Chair, something
3 that I'm extremely proud of and a position that I've
4 served in the last eight years. I want to thank your
5 Chief of Staff Jeremy Efisa [sp?]. I want to thank
6 the Land Use team, Paris and your team, and I want to
7 thank the Sergeant at Arms for always keeping us safe
8 and protected, calling [sic] your team.

9 [applause]

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I want to
11 thank Will and your team, your photographer team who
12 make us always look good even on our bad days. I want
13 to thank the Finance team for actually-- for standing
14 with us and ensuring that we understand the budget,
15 you know? And I was proud to say that I was part of
16 the budget negotiating team for the last eight years.
17 And I also want to thank the LS team department, even
18 though they gave me a hard time getting hearings or
19 passing bills, I want to thank you for your hard work
20 and your dedication. And finally, we need to thank
21 the clerks that are here who ensure that our votes
22 are counted and you make this possible. Please,
23 let's give them a big round of applause.

24 [applause]

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: To my
3 district, District 17, I want to thank you for
4 allowing me to serve you, your families, and the
5 borough, and I will always be proud to call home. I'm
6 proud to leave behind a better south Bronx than the
7 one that inherited 10 years ago. God bless you all.
8 Thank you.

9 [applause]

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing
11 Council Member Marmorato.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Thank you.
13 So, to my D13 family it's been not just a pleasure,
14 but a profound honor to represent you over the past
15 two years. These truly have been two of the best
16 years of my life, and I will carry this experience
17 with deep gratitude and pride as I look forward to
18 continuing to see you around the neighborhood. And
19 to my colleagues, thank you for your collaboration,
20 the debates, and the shared commitment to serving our
21 city. I have made friendships here, some I was
22 surprised to make, and I appreciate it and I thank
23 you. And to those who chose exclusion over
24 inclusion, I wish you grace. And now to the
25 incredibly staff that I have down in my district, I

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2 couldn't even begin to explain how much I appreciate
3 you. You made so much possible, your dedication, your
4 long hours, your unwavering support has meant more to
5 me than I can ever express. And my family, most
6 importantly, thank you for your patience, your
7 sacrifice and endless love. You are my foundation, my
8 strength, and the reason why I do this work. And
9 last, and certainly not least, we cannot forget to
10 think Carl and the Sergeant at Arms teams for always
11 going above and beyond, and we have seen that here
12 today-- for keeping us safe not only in the people's
13 house, but always in our district, and I thank you
14 all so much. It was truly an honor to be here those
15 last two years. Thank you.

16 [applause]

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Recognizing
18 Council Member Holden.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Thank you,
20 Majority Leader. Serving eight years in this council
21 has been a dream come true. Representing a district
22 that my parents grew up in and my grandparents had a
23 farm in the exact neighborhood right around the
24 corner from where I live, and my office is a few
25 blocks away. This is an unbelievable honor to serve

1 eight years as the Council Member for District 30.

2 It's a bitter sweet kind of crossroads for me, but I

3 would like to thank the Sergeant at Arms staff, the

4 wonderful staff, and it's been said-- and Chief Carl

5 D'Alba and I also-- Chief Rafi-- I call him Rafi

6 Perez, but great, great people and great staff, and

7 they did keep us safe. So, it was very difficult

8 sometimes getting through the picket lines outside,

9 but they always had somebody there, and I want to

10 thank them. And also Bill Alatraste [sp?] also for

11 photography. I got to talk photography with him

12 many, many hours, and I appreciate that. He did make

13 us look good, even made me look good at my age, but

14 it was great. But I just want to talk about the

15 experience in the last four years, and especially

16 yesterday, an important package of veteran

17 legislation cleared our committee, and today, the

18 Speaker and the Council leadership killed it using a

19 procedural trick to avoid a vote before the full

20 body. That's disgraceful. These bills dealt with

21 veteran housing, homelessness, mental health, and

22 support for veteran organizations, but instead of

23 letting veterans finally get some relief from this

24 city, leadership chose politics and personal payback,

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2 and that's what this was. I've never-- that's not
3 called leadership, folks. This had nothing to do
4 with the cost or policy or-- and everything to do
5 with vendetta against me. I had over 100 bills that
6 I introduced over the years, and nothing got through,
7 and the veterans were caught in the crossfire. It's
8 vindictive and petty. The message from this City
9 Council to veterans today is simple, drop dead.
10 That's to veterans. And that-- they served our
11 country and this is how they get back. They got back
12 at the whole committee too, because there's people--
13 Council Member Ariola and Paladino and Vernikov that
14 had bills that were sacrificed also only because it
15 came from the committee chaired by Bob Holden. And
16 this is something-- this is not demonstrating
17 leadership. This is nowhere near leadership.
18 Leadership is doing the right thing for constituents.
19 so, instead, I got my-- for speaking up against bills
20 or speaking up against leadership, my constituents
21 were hurt. My parks weren't funded. My schools
22 weren't funded. This is not leadership, folks. This
23 is a lack of leadership. So, I just want to say it's
24 been a great honor, especially the first four years
25 in the Council serving this body. These last four

1 years, again, when your bills are boycotted, you're
2 boycotted, it's not a great feeling, folks, but I
3 stay true to my principles. I spoke up how I felt,
4 and they didn't like it. They didn't like that I went
5 to the press. They didn't like that I exercised my
6 First Amendment rights. They didn't like it, and
7 that's chilling. So, going forward, I hope the next
8 Speaker will be fair, that we'll have an even hand,
9 and we'll do the right things by 51 districts, not
10 just a few of their favorite. So, this is not the
11 finest hour of this council. I'll never believe that.
12 I came in. I attended all hearings, meetings, never
13 missed a day, stayed until the end of the hearings
14 most of the time, and I wasn't rewarded at all. Most
15 jobs when you work hard, you show up, you do the
16 right thing, chaired a committee, you get rewarded
17 somehow. I didn't. And that's the bittersweet, you
18 know-- it's sweet that I represented my district. I
19 loved being in my district, but I didn't like what
20 was happening here, and it was very, very unfair.
21 Thank you, everyone. Thanks.

22 [applause]

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Recognizing
24 Council Member Powers.
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you, and
3 thank you, everyone, for your remarks today. When I
4 came into office in 2018 I had the same hopeful
5 vision for our city that I still hold today, that New
6 York City can be a place where everyday people like
7 my family, a small business owner, a nurse, could
8 make it here because the city made it possible to
9 access good affordable housing, good schools, and a
10 way to make a living, and I've taken that vision with
11 me every single day to the City Council on a number
12 of issues I've championed over the last eight years.
13 Our victories including reducing rents at places like
14 Waterside Plaza and fighting for tenants in
15 Stuyvesant Town, to creating a new Life Sciences
16 Center and a new high school in Kipps Bay, to
17 rezoning Midtown South to create 10,000 new homes
18 through new conversions, to reducing barriers to
19 housing for tenants including the source of income
20 discrimination, the Fair Chance for Housing Act,
21 tackling quality of life issues like noise, cameras,
22 and tackling scaffolding, expanding arts education
23 through New York City, our fight in 2018 to provide
24 fair fares for transit riders, and investing millions
25 of dollars to our schools, our parks, our libraries,

1 and our culture institutions. I am honored every
2 single day to walk into this place and work alongside
3 so many people who I think have sometimes different
4 visions for this city, but a shared hope-- hopefully
5 a shared collaborative spirit to get things done for
6 their constituents. I want to congratulate all of my
7 colleagues who are leaving here today on a tremendous
8 eight years in City Council. There's so much to be
9 proud of, not only today, but over the last eight
10 years of the work that you have done to make it a
11 better place, and for all of you who are leaving, I
12 just say thank you for great partners and friends
13 throughout your eight years and lifetime friends, I
14 know that. of course, none of us can do any of this
15 without great partners in the room, and I have
16 incredible staff who have been with me throughout
17 these eight years that have helped make this work
18 easier and more rewarding. To my Chief of Staff, Ben
19 Jacobs, who's been with me for eight years. Thank
20 you for holding it down every single day, and to the
21 rest of my staff, to Hailey, to Pat, to Franklin, to
22 Walker, Aton [sic], Eric, and all the others
23 throughout the years, thank you for giving your best
24 every single day. This is a hard job and a hard
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1 business, but thank you for being great role models
2 for everyone here. I want to thank all the staff of
3 the City Council who do the work here to make this a
4 better place. There's so many behind the scenes who
5 actually make this place work. Sometimes we fight.
6 Sometimes we disagree, but what matters is we get
7 things done and we do it on behalf of New Yorkers.
8 So thank you to the entire staff here who have really
9 led with your hearts every single day. I want to
10 thank my colleagues in this last term and all of
11 those here. You've become-- all of you have become
12 true friends over the course of our time in our
13 office, and I know that will last far in the years
14 ahead. I do want to join the echo of people who give
15 a shout out to our amazing Sergeant of Arms and to
16 Carl. I will miss hearing that stated call and
17 sometimes trying to do it back, but I don't have the
18 voice you have. But you guys are the first faces we
19 often see when we walk in this building, and you are
20 the last ones when we walk out of here and the
21 friendly nature and the way you guys work for us
22 every day, your friendship just means the world to
23 all of us, and I'm glad we're all recognizing that
24 here today. And just so many people to name, and I
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1 think most of my colleagues have gone through most of
2 them, but just thank you to everyone in this
3 building. Thank you to everyone across the street.
4 Thank you to all the staff of all the Council
5 Members, but most of all, thank you to the people of
6 Fourth Council District, a district where I grew up
7 and I spent my life. It has been an honor serving
8 you, and I look forward to doing this work together.
9 Thank you.

11 [applause]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing
13 Council Member Brannan.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Thank you. I
15 obviously want to thank the voters for sending me
16 here a couple of times and taking a chance on a punk
17 rock kid from southern Brooklyn who never dreamt of
18 being a politician. Over the last eight years I've
19 been able to build seven new public schools in my
20 district, renovated 17 parks and playgrounds, and
21 brought back over \$350 million in investments,
22 improving the district where I grew up. Serving as
23 Chair of the Finance Committee for the past four
24 years has been an incredibly rewarding experience,
25 something that I'm so lucky that the Speaker put her

1 trust in me in appointing me to that role, and what I
2 learned over the past four years doing battle with
3 City Hall on a daily basis, and the fights that we
4 won together as a council, and the millions and
5 millions of dollars in cuts that we restored. Had we
6 not fought back, those cuts would have gone through.
7 The mighty Council Finance Division, there are so
8 many smart, dedicated people. As someone who got his
9 start in the Council 15-16 years ago as a staffer, I
10 know hard the staff works and how much of the glory
11 that we get as elected officials, so much of that
12 hard work is actually done by the staff behind the
13 scenes, especially during budget season and very,
14 very long hours, and the sacrifice that we all make
15 and our families make to support us in public
16 service. So, it has been an amazing run. This is
17 the best job in the world. Getting paid to worry
18 about the neighborhood where you grew up is just
19 about as good as it gets. But it is time to shuffle
20 on, and I look forward to seeing and supporting the
21 Council in the years to come, and this has been a
22 great time. Thank you, everybody.

23 [applause]
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Recognizing
3 Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I just want to
5 start off by saying that I'm shocked that he didn't
6 mention me at all, because you know, I thought that
7 we were Ma and Pa Council and I'm shocked. I'm just
8 shocked. But no, I didn't want to make this a long
9 speech. You know, I think when I came into the
10 Council I was very-- I was a lot younger and also
11 very naïve. I had no political ambition whatsoever
12 and ran solely for the purpose of being able to lend
13 continuity to the good work of my predecessor and
14 because of my love for my community and that
15 district. I am so excited and happy that I did take
16 that chance, even when I was throwing up most days
17 because I was scared out of my mind, because I think
18 that I have served my community well. I came here
19 with a goal of improving conditions that impact New
20 Yorkers every single day, and I think I've done that
21 on multiple fronts. Obviously, you know, time is a
22 thief, and it went by really quickly. We faced very
23 challenging times because we were in two years when
24 the pandemic hit, and it robbed us of the ability to
25 really focus on projects in the district because we

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2 were always kind of on high alert. There were so
3 many things that were happening back then. Gun
4 violence was rising. People were starving, and we
5 were all out there. And I want to thank, you know,
6 many of my colleagues here. Ralph and I did a lot
7 food distribution. Ralph is the food master, but
8 he's also been very generous with his resources and
9 has made sure that the rest of us also benefit from
10 it. So, I want to thank him for that. I want to
11 thank the Bronx delegation for accepting me. I
12 represent two districts, practically two boroughs,
13 one district, and when I got to the Bronx, you know,
14 most people were like well, does she really belong
15 here. Is she like from Manhattan? And I'm like now,
16 I actually was-- you know, I lived most of my adult
17 life in the Bronx, and I love the borough. I love the
18 people, and I was really excited to be there, but
19 they really embraced me like family and I will, you
20 know, forever take that, you know, take that with me
21 for present and former members that were here, the
22 good, the bad, and the ugly. And you know, the
23 staff, the staff has been, you know, amazing. We
24 have an amazing leadership team. We have an amazing
25 budget negotiating team, but we would not be able to

1 do that without the help and the support of all of
2 you and your different legislative and fiscal
3 divisions and comms division. Faisa and Jeremy, you
4 know, I love you guys so much. You know, I don't
5 even want to look over there [inaudible] and my
6 little A.J. Ms. Phyllis [sp?] who's no longer here.
7 I hope she's enjoying her retirement. And you know,
8 Madam Speaker, thank you for believing in me when we
9 met, and you know, I-- when she called me she said,
10 "Diana, I want to tell you that I want to-- I want to
11 appoint you Deputy Speaker." And I was so excited,
12 and I'm like, [inaudible] "I'm not finished. I also
13 want you to Chair the General Welfare Committee."
14 And if you know me, if you heard my story, you know
15 that it's one of those committees that really speaks
16 to my heart because I lived all of those experiences.
17 And I was like, wait, you're giving me both? She was
18 like, "Yes, I'm giving you both." And I was just so
19 excited, but I know that-- you know, and I think--
20 you know, you've been a great partner and I hope that
21 I have, you know, been that support to you as well.
22 It's been, you know, a huge pleasure to work
23 alongside you, Amanda. Nobody looks prettier up
24 there, Amanda. Selvena, you know, Justin, Ralph, all

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2 of you, all of you that have served, you know, with
3 me in some capacity. You're welcome for the
4 [inaudible] today. You know, I will try to bring
5 food every now and then for those starving members
6 that don't have time to go out and eat, and you know,
7 I hope that you remember me as well and that, you
8 know, you-- we can continue to have a relationship
9 outside of this. You haven't seen the last of me,
10 but I would be remiss if I also did not thank the
11 Sergeant at Arms team. Those are my die, you know,
12 hard champions in this space, and I've loved spending
13 so much time with them. So, I wanted to call out,
14 you know, Carl D'Dalba, Rafael Perez, John Biondo,
15 Dain Hope, Michael Leonardo [sp?], Keith Polite,
16 Pedro Lugo, Danny Wong, Nazly Paytuvi [sp?], Walter
17 Louis, Rocco Masiti [sp?], Patrick Kurzyna [sp?],
18 James Marino [sp?], Ben Levy [sp?], Ginelle Yearwood
19 Fynn [sp?], Tavell King [sp?], Taisha Sherman [sp?],
20 Annie Lin [sp?], Preston Cameron [sp?], Michael Kane
21 [sp?], Kimberley Smith-Thomas. My staff who have
22 been, you know, fantastic keeping things up to date
23 and under control in the district, but also my
24 committee staff here, you know, when I was Chair of
25 the Mental Health Committee,

1 Consumer and Worker Protection, and now in the
2 General Welfare, I've had the best team that anyone
3 can have, and I am so grateful for them, and I wish
4 them so much success. So, whoever gets those
5 committees, make sure that you treat them well,
6 because these are good, smart, talented young people
7 that deserve to be treated like the smart, dedicated,
8 hard-working people that they are. And with that,
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10 goodbye.

11 [applause]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Recognizing
13 Majority Whip Brooks-Powers.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you.
15 So, I wanted to take a moment to recognizes you,
16 Speaker Adams, for your extraordinary leadership and
17 service to this body and to the people of New York
18 City. It has been a true honor to serve alongside
19 you, not just as colleagues in this chamber, but as
20 representatives of southeast Queens, a part of this
21 city that has too often been overlooked, yet
22 consistently produces leaders who govern with
23 integrity, balance and deep respect for the lived
24 experience of everyday New Yorkers. As the first
25 Black Speaker of the New York City Council, you led

1 during one of the most consequential periods in our
2 city's history. Under your leadership, this Council
3 centered affordability, equity, and dignity,
4 particularly for the outer borough communities that
5 know firsthand what it means to live in transit
6 deserts, to fight for housing stability and to
7 stretch every dollar just to stay in the city we
8 love. Together, we worked through some of the most
9 complex policy debates facing New York from housing
10 and public safety to mental health, education, and
11 economic recovery. You created space for diverse view
12 points, respected the legislative process, and never
13 lost sight of the fact that this body exists to serve
14 hardworking New Yorkers. And you reminded us that
15 leadership is about steadiness, principle, and
16 showing up for New Yorkers even when it's hard. I
17 would also like to recognize Deputy Speaker Ayala and
18 Council Members Powers, Brannan, and Salamanca, and
19 all of the outgoing members for their hard work and
20 service to our city. I look forward to seeing all the
21 incredible work you will continue to accomplish for
22 New York and beyond. Thank you.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Recognizing
25 Council Member Hanif followed by Hudson, then Brewer.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Today I speak as a
3 Muslim leader on this body and as your colleague for
4 four years. A member of this body continues to
5 dehumanize people. This week she called for the
6 expulsion of Muslims from our country. This is not
7 the first time she has said something this racist and
8 abhorrent, but the leniency of this body emboldens
9 her hateful rhetoric that puts New Yorkers in danger.
10 And she's proud of it, too. She won't apologize just
11 like every other time. So, I ask you, where do we
12 draw the line? Where do want to draw the line? Is
13 it if she says queer people are groomers, or that
14 immigrants should be deported, or if she trivializes
15 the Holocaust? No, it couldn't be. She already did
16 all that. I am a Muslim in this body which
17 represents almost a million Muslim New Yorkers. I
18 stand before you a testament to the resilience of my
19 people. I'm a walking, breathing reminder to people
20 like her that they are losing. As a City Council, we
21 must send a clear message to the New Yorkers that we
22 represent, that racism is unacceptable. This
23 colleague must be expelled or at the very, very least
24 censured. We all know this. We must act. And
25 colleagues, this hateful incident has happened on our

1 watch. I look to my colleagues to step up now. New
2 Yorkers expect us to do better. We must do better.
3 Now, I speak to the young Muslima [sic] at home. You
4 are strong. I'm with you. Together, we are even
5 stronger. And as you walk through life hearing hate
6 be normalized and made to feel scared, don't be. As
7 long as I breathe, there will be at least one member
8 of this Council fighting for you, even if injustice
9 is coming from inside the house. Thank you.
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11 [applause]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing
13 Council Member Hudson.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you, and I
15 had written here good afternoon, but I'll say good
16 evening. I'd like to a moment today to recognize our
17 outgoing colleagues, all of whom will be missed, and
18 also to address the leadership of Speaker Adrienne
19 Adams and the legacy she leaves behind in this
20 chamber and across our city as the first Black
21 Speaker of the New York City Council who also led the
22 first majority women council in our city's history.
23 From day one there was pressure for her not to push
24 back, to fall in line and fold to avoid conflict with
25 the mayor, but Speaker Adams understood her

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2 responsibility to protect the independence and
3 integrity of this council and to stand up for New
4 Yorkers. Many people undeservedly claim the legacy
5 of Shirley Chisolm, unbought and unbossed, but
6 Speaker Adams lives it. She listened to her members,
7 trusted a diverse majority women body, and allowed
8 this council to legislate boldly, even when it was
9 difficult. Under her leadership we approved more
10 than 157,000 new homes, expanded housing vouchers,
11 childcare, and mental health supports, confronted the
12 Black maternal mortality crisis, and protected
13 LGBTQIA+ New Yorkers' access to care. Through
14 innovative programs she championed like CUNY
15 Reconnect and direct cash assistance for new mothers.
16 She has changed lives beyond the headlines. Speaker
17 Adams has led with steadiness and seriousness through
18 moments of tension, disagreement, and challenge
19 without ever losing sight of this body's dignity, and
20 she's done this with the help of her incredible
21 staff led by Jeremy, John, and Faiza Ali to whom I
22 say thank you. We never know how good something is
23 until it's gone. So often, institutions resist Black
24 women's leadership, questioning our authority,
25 challenging our presence, even treating us as

1 something to tolerate rather than embrace. Speaker
2 Adams shows us that when Black women lead, we
3 transform the institutions that were never designed
4 for us to begin with. I'm proud to have served under
5 her leadership, and I'm honored to forever call her
6 my colleague and, of course, my Spellman sister.
7 Madam Speaker, thank you for your courage, your
8 integrity and your historic service to the City of
9 New York. And on behalf of the Black, Latino and
10 Asian Caucus Executive Committee, we'd like to
11 present you with a lovely bouquet of flowers wrapped
12 in pink and green. Thank you, Majority Leader.

14 [applause]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Recognizing
16 Council Member Brewer.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very
18 much. On a very mundane level, I'm talking about
19 Intro 1505 which would combine at the Department of
20 Records the Archival Review Board, and the Board of
21 Archives Reference and Research Advisory Board into
22 one Archival Review Advisory Board. I say this
23 because I've spent many years working on archives and
24 is why I have such an interest. And number two, term
25 limits suck. Thank you very much.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Recognizing
3 Minority Leader Ariola.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Thank you so
5 much. I was originally standing to again echo the
6 thank you to our Sergeants at Arms. Carl, no one can
7 quiet a room like you by just saying "All rise." And
8 Rafi, John, thank you for protecting us. Rafi, I met
9 you, I was only 32. How is that I aged and you
10 didn't? All our clerks, our New York City Clerk, our
11 facilities, our photographers, our Parliamentarian
12 Jeff Campagna, an unsung hero who sits there and
13 keeps us all honest. Johanna Castro [sp?] who I have
14 one thousand ETA? texts from. Thank you so very
15 much. And of course, the Committee Counsels from all
16 our committees that we chair and that I was blessed
17 to chair. But on the heels on what Council Member
18 Shahana Hanif just said, there is a reason that we
19 have free speech enshrined in our Constitution, and
20 that's to protect us from government retaliation,
21 punishment and censorship. It would be the height of
22 hypocrisy for members of this council who swore to
23 uphold that constitution to call out a Council Member
24 even if it isn't by name, but by inuendo, for
25 punishment for exercising their right to free speech.

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2 My colleagues often say things I disagree with and I
3 often find abhorrent, but like every American, I can
4 choose to respond to their speech with my own speech.
5 I suggest our colleagues stop acting like what they
6 say they detest, and we will all do the same. On
7 that note, I don't want to let this day go by without
8 saying to my colleague Kristy Marmorato, you are
9 class act, lady. You walked into this chamber and-- a
10 few more moments? You walked into this chamber to
11 represent the District 13 and represent it you did.
12 And some days, most days, you didn't get a fair
13 shake, even from your own colleagues, and yet you
14 still stood with your head high and you acted with
15 grace, and that's why we call you our lioness. You
16 will be greatly missed. Our Minority Whip and
17 myself, it was an honor to work with you. It was an
18 honor to partner with you. It was an honor to become
19 your friend, a member of your extended family. Gino
20 and Renada [sp?] are lucky to have you, and we are at
21 a disadvantage to lose you. But understand
22 something, you made your mark here, and you fought
23 hard, harder than anyone that I've ever seen. You
24 faced such adversity from the moment you walked
25 through those doors, and yet, you never lost your

1 integrity, your temper. You gave your word and you
2 kept it, and you never lost your honor. You are an
3 honorable woman, and I applaud you. Thank you.

4 [applause]

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing
6 Council Member Morano.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Thank you.
8 First, I want to thank my family who stuck around,
9 especially my four-year-old son Carmine [sp?] to see
10 me sworn in after the Stated Meeting today. It's
11 been a marathon day, and my staff who did the same,
12 and my friends, especially the indefatigable Curtis
13 Sliwa, although I guess he's got nowhere to be these
14 days, but it's nice for him to come as well. But I
15 speak to you today with a lump in my throat, because
16 I'm going to miss a lot of my colleagues that are
17 leaving, but especially because this is Council
18 Member Bob Holden's last day. Now, I know the room is
19 divided. Some of you won't miss him because he's the
20 Democrat that Progressives love to hate. Others
21 won't miss him because he's the conservative that
22 drives Republicans crazy, but I'm here to say
23 without any hedging, I'm going to miss Bob Holden a
24 lot. Because beneath all the controversy, beneath
25 the

1 bluntness, beneath the refusal to go along just to
2 get along, Bob has been something that is far too
3 rare in this body, authentic. He's been stubborn in
4 the best way, stubborn for taxpayers, stubborn for
5 seniors, stubborn for public safety, and stubborn for
6 the people who don't have a lobbyist or a public
7 relations team whispering in our ear. And if you
8 want to talk about legacy, the landmark veterans
9 legislation that were supposed to pass today would
10 have been the perfect coda for Bob's legacy in the
11 City Council. Bob has been the best advocate in this
12 council for veterans, not in words, not in photo ops,
13 in work, real work. He's also been the best advocate
14 in this body for animal rights. He's been steadfast
15 for law enforcement whether you agree with him or
16 not. You never had to wonder where he stood, and you
17 never had to wonder who he was standing up for. I
18 also have to say this, Bob Holden got elected eight
19 years ago because of the votes he received on the
20 Reform Party line, and at the time I was proud, along
21 with Curtis Sliwa, to be a leader of the Reform
22 Party, and if neither Curtis nor I do anything else
23 worthwhile in public life, we're both pretty proud of
24 that, because Bob Holden's election was a reminder
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2 that voters still have a way of rewarding
3 independence. And I'll close with a line from Dead
4 Poet's Society, another Staten Island Councilman
5 Jimmy Oddo said when another Queens Councilman Tom
6 Ognibene he left this body, "Oh Captain, my
7 Captain." Bob Holden, Captain, you drove a lot of
8 people here crazy, but you make this council better,
9 and in my opinion, this body is worse off without
10 you. God bless you and thank you for your service
11 to New York City. We're really going to miss you.

12 [applause]

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Recognizing
14 Council Member Joseph.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: It's my turn.
16 Madam Speaker, I've had many bittersweet days in this
17 lifetime and today's one of them. As you close this
18 historic chapter, I want to begin by publicly saying
19 thank you from my heart and on behalf of District 40
20 whose lives are better because you chose to lead.
21 Adrienne, you have never waivered your values. In
22 moment of uncertainty, you walk firmly in your
23 purpose, guided by integrity, courage and an
24 unwavering commitment to the people of this city.
25 You showed us what principled leadership looks like,

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2 especially when the path was not easy. During the
3 most challenging times our city has faced, you led
4 with clarity, compassion and strength. You reminded
5 us that leadership is not about title, but about
6 service, integrity and courage, and you served with
7 excellence. I am deeply grateful for your leadership,
8 your support, your mentorship. You made space for
9 voices to be heard for collaborations to thrive, and
10 for us to lead boldly and authentically. I am better
11 because I had the opportunity to serve alongside you.
12 It is important for me to note that your incredible
13 leadership was fueled by an extraordinary team. I
14 want to personally extend my deepest thanks to your
15 incredible staff, communications team. Your
16 partnership, professionalism and dedication over the
17 years made the work stronger and the mission clearer.
18 The body benefitted greatly from your commitment and
19 care. Adrienne, you will not be forgotten. Your
20 impact is etched into the institution and into future
21 leaders who will follow. We will ensure that your
22 legacy lives through the values that you've upheld,
23 the doors you've opened and the standards you set.
24 Let this be a reminder that as the first Black woman
25 in our city's history to lead the New York City

1 Council, you did not just make history, you are
2 unapologetic. You honored it. May your next chapter
3 be as powerful, purposeful as the legacy you leave
4 behind. To my sister Speaker, thank you for
5 everything. This is a goodbye for now and not
6 forever. I love you.

8 [applause]

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Recognizing
10 Council Member Narcisse.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I don't want to
12 go back, but I just want to ask one question. Who's
13 going to care-- who care about the homeowner, the
14 small property owner, the Black and Brown communities
15 that's losing their home? So, having said that, I'm
16 not going to call all the names. I'm going to say
17 there, and I'm going to say for those fake, flaky and
18 external forces got to stop. This is the
19 legislator's year. We have to make tough decision,
20 and I want to know that next time when we bring any
21 bill up that has to do with small property owners, I
22 want my sisters, my colleagues, my friends to stand
23 with us-- I mean with me, because there is no way we
24 can leave this happening in the City Council.
25 Majority Black folks are in here working for the

1 people. We need to take on the small property owner.
2 It was shaped-- that bill was shaped by homeowners,
3 advocates, civil rights leaders, religious leaders,
4 community leaders, providers, everyone came together
5 to say we need a lifeline for the small property
6 owner. I don't care much about the Airbnb, but
7 that's the-- that's where the platform that can give
8 those folks an opportunity to hold their home. They
9 are struggling out there. But having said that, I
10 want to say thank you to every-- all my colleagues
11 that stayed on and that tried to fight with me. I
12 will never forget that. For Austin, Baker, I want to
13 say 10:30 p.m., we were on the phone trying to make
14 the best out of it. I want to say thank you from the
15 bottom of my heart. And I have to say enough on all
16 this. but just for this evening, I'm not going to
17 let go. And for that, I'm going to finish to say the
18 best Speaker ever for me, because here Madam Speaker
19 Adrienne Adams, you stood strong. You did not waive.
20 You did not shake. You are Black woman and you have
21 learned how to stand up, stand on, keep on going no
22 matter what's going on. So, for that my sister, I
23 want to say I'm so happy to get to know you. I can
24 tell you the best Speaker, because that's the Speaker
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2 I have in this City Council, and I love you,
3 appreciate you. And your leadership, really I admire
4 that and everyday, whatever I can do to support. I
5 love women leadership.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Council Member--

7 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: So, I want to
8 say thank you.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: your time has
10 expired.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: And for that, I
12 want to say all the staff here, if I stop calling
13 Joanna or Carl-- I call all the folks, all the staff
14 here, I admire you, appreciate you. I know every day
15 you sacrifice your family to be here to help us out.
16 I love you all. Thank you. The photographers, the
17 Sergeants, I love you all. But Madam Speaker--

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: [interposing]
19 Thank you so much, Council Member.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: this is for
21 you.

22 [applause]

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Okay, while the
24 hug is happening, recognizing Council Member
25 Gutiérrez.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Thank you. I
3 know folks have already left, but I just want to make
4 sure that I emphasize that the only hypocrisy in
5 these chambers are coming from colleagues of mine who
6 are here representing a party that quite literally
7 stifled and censor and make excuses for hate. So,
8 forgetting that they're words, whether they're tweets
9 or IG posts or hashtags, that they have weight, and
10 there are on-the-ground impacts when someone reads
11 your tweets. Council Member Hanif has moved with
12 integrity and love always. I hate that you
13 experience hate at your place of work, and I hope
14 that we can be better, and I'm proud to call her a
15 friend and a colleague and a friend. I also want to
16 take a moment to thank our hardworking Speaker
17 Adrienne Adams. This job is impossible. I don't know
18 why people want it, I want to be honest. But you
19 have been tremendous. You have been absolutely
20 tremendous in this role. You have been kind. You
21 have been thoughtful. You have been fair. You let me
22 chair a committee in an industry that I don't come
23 from. You took a chance, and I've learned so much,
24 and I owe that to you. You have done so much for my
25 community. Bushwick, Williamsburg, and Ridgewood is

1 better because of you, because you were the Speaker,
2 because we were proud to vote you the Speaker. I love
3 saying that we were born at the same hospital. Shout
4 out to Elmhurst Hospital. And what you have done for
5 maternal mortality, Speaker-- a lot of people here
6 before you I think talked the talk, but you showed
7 up. Every single year you brought in the midwives.
8 You brought in the doulas. You stepped foot into
9 every single hospital that we were hoping to impact,
10 and it was so genuine and I thank you. I truly thank
11 you, because it's easy to just say you care about it.
12 The hard this is putting the money behind that,
13 prioritizing that, pushing the policies to do that,
14 and I think you hold the record for that. and with
15 my last six seconds, I want to say thank you and
16 until-- hasta luego to my wonderful Chief of Staff
17 Anya Lehyr [sp?]. She has been incredible, loyal,
18 hardworking, and I will miss her greatly, and if
19 you've worked with Anya, you know that girl knows her
20 stuff. So do not cross her, please. I wish her the
21 best. Thank you so much. Merry Christmas everybody.

22 [applause]

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: And with that
24 wonderful message, seeing no one else signed out to
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1 speak, and I do not expect any raised hands, I'll now
2 call on Speaker Adrienne Adams to close today's
3 Stated Meeting.
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5 [applause]

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: Alright, everybody have a
7 seat. This is not going to take long. I'm about to
8 adjourn the final Stated Meeting of the year.
9 Colleagues, this has been the honor of a lifetime
10 leading this body for the last four years. So many
11 of you came in and hadn't governed before, hadn't
12 managed offices before. Your work over the last four
13 years has transformed the lives of millions of New
14 Yorkers for the betterment of them, of their
15 families. You have put forth life-changing
16 legislation that will last a lifetime. My work with
17 you all has been unprecedented, and I thank you for
18 your leadership-- your leadership. My leadership
19 team--

20 [applause]

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: You all have seen some
22 unbelievable things, and we'll put the budget right
23 in the center of unbelievable, because we had some
24 things to deal with. BNT members, we have endured
25 some hours and some pain and some resistance, and

2 yes, even some contempt at some point in time, but
3 through it all we stood up, we stood our ground, and
4 we stood for over eight million people of the City of
5 New York that needed us to stand up for them and our
6 budget, and we won. We won and we won and we won,
7 and we beat budget cuts back. We restored and got
8 even more. I'll layer that finance team, the best in
9 the world. Richard Lee--

10 [applause]

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Shout out to Tanisha
12 Edwards as well for a job well done, \$115 billion.
13 And you all did that for this council and for our
14 constituents. Legislative team, the most legislation
15 that we've ever seen in four years.

16 [applause]

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Led by Jeff Baker.

18 [applause]

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Jeff, you can get some
20 sleep now. Tell your wife we're real sorry, but you
21 can get some sleep now. We thank you, Johanna [sp?].

22 [applause]

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you. Comms team,
24 Mandela [sp?] and team, some of the best writers.

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2 Some of the best coaches. Got to shout out Ben,
3 because Ben was with me from my district office days.

4 [applause]

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: [inaudible] Estrada
6 [sic]. My senior staff, I can't say enough. To my
7 super Chief Jeremy John [sp?]

8 [applause]

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Jeremy, you have led this
10 body in ways that many of them don't even know.

11 Jeremy has really, really been that guy behind the
12 scenes. Jeremy brings decades of expertise to this
13 council and he never waivered and never been shy
14 about sharing all of his brilliance with this body.
15 He's given that freely and has given it up for you,
16 for our constituents and for the betterment of all
17 New York. Tell Betty you're coming home. Thank
18 you, Jer [sic]. Faiza Ali, I have always considered
19 you in my heart to be the infrastructure of the
20 New York City Council. Faiza has been a leader for
21 years and years and years, dedicating herself to
22 community engagement, and over these four years, she
23 has dedicated herself to you colleagues, to you.

24 Thank you, Faiza.

25 [applause]

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: I could just go on and on
3 and on and on just looking at everybody's faces. You
4 all-- my Sergeants led by the amazing "All rise."
5 Carl D'Alba, colleague Carl. Carl, you've kept
6 us safe with your amazing security team. They have
7 always been here. John [sic] has always-- I get a
8 John-- [inaudible] "Yo Adrienne," every time. How
9 we thank you for your service, for keeping all of us
10 safe, for your love, for this institution, for
11 continuing to hold it up year after year after year.
12 Ralphie [sic], the best fish tank I've every seen in
13 my life.

14 [applause]

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you. Thank you,
16 Jason Otano [sp?], leader of the best OGC that we've
17 ever seen. I see Pasak Cocina [sp?] sitting back
18 there. Pasak, I got to shout you out.

19 [applause]

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Pasak, you have been an
21 amazing, amazing person that has been with me for--
22 gosh, even before I was elected. We've known each
23 other that long. Thank you for your leadership and
24 your support, not just for this body, but for Queens,
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2 your beloved Queens, our beloved Queens. Thank you,
3 Pasak.

4 [applause]

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: And colleagues as we
6 move on, our clerk staff, Mike McSweeney [sp?].

7 [applause]

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Oh, my gosh, thank you,
9 Mike for all of your hard work. Jonathan, for keeping
10 me in line because you just say those words, "coupled
11 on general orders, coupled on general orders,
12 coupled--" My constituent, Jonathan, "Ladies and
13 gentlemen."

14 [applause]

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: I thank the entire staff,
16 all of you that take the time to count these votes,
17 make sure that it's right, make sure that we get it
18 right in this council. Jeff Campagna [sp?], you were
19 my compagna [sic] for quite a while when we worked
20 together on the Landmarks Committee. Thank you so
21 much for all of your dedication to this body. This
22 has been an amazing ride for me, colleagues. Hi,
23 Frank. Frank, just let everybody know you're here
24 again. Just do that roll call thing that you do.
25 Welcome addition to this body. You all have given me

1 growth. You all have given me guidance. You all have
2 given me confidence to go on to whatever the next
3 great thing is in store for me. I know that I can do
4 that, because you all are the wind beneath my wings.
5 And I'll say something else. You know, my love for
6 veterans has been questioned today, and I take person
7 offense to that. This veteran walks with me on a
8 daily basis, even though he no longer walks with me
9 on this earth. This veteran, my dad, veteran of the
10 United States Airforce, I lost him to COVID in May
11 2020. My allegiance to my father as a veteran will
12 never be questioned. I do this work for this veteran,
13 this veteran, this veteran who was so proud of his
14 child, for my husband who is a veteran that had to
15 leave to make sure that our puppy didn't tear up our
16 house. For that veteran also, United States
17 Airforce. This work I do is for our veterans. Let it
18 never be said that Adrienne Adams does not stand up
19 for veterans. Veterans stood up for us. A veteran
20 birthed this first Black Speaker of the New York City
21 Council.

22 [applause]

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: And so colleagues, I love
24 you all more than you will ever know, and I thank you
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2 for growing me into the person that I am today. Our
3 work will never be forgotten. Go forth and do the
4 work that your constituents voted you to do.

5 Remember them. Most importantly, colleagues, never
6 forget the least of these. This is the work for
7 those that need us so badly. Remember the least of
8 these. The Stated Meeting of December 18, 2025 is
9 hereby adjourned.

10 [gavel]

11 [applause]

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13 TRANSCRIPTION NOTE: Vote Revision:

14 Proposed Introduction 1229-A 48 affirmative, 0
15 negative, 0 abstentions; Proposed Introduction 1433-A
16 45 affirmative, 1 negative, 2 abstentions; Proposed
17 Introduction 1443-A 38 affirmative, 8 negative, 2
18 abstentions; Proposed Introduction 1460-A
19 41 affirmative, 7 negative, 0 abstentions.

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