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STATED MEETING OF THE
NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL

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Start: 2:07 p.m.
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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Corey Johnson
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne Adams
Alicka Ampry-Samuel
Diana Ayala
Inez D. Barron
Joseph Borelli
Justin. L Brannan
Selvena Brooks-Powers
Fernando Cabrera
Robert Cornegy, Jr.
Darma Diaz
Ruben Diaz
Eric Dinowitz
Daniel Dromm
Mathieu Eugene
Oswald Feliz
James F. Gennaro
Vanessa L. Gibson

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

Mark Gjonaj
Barry S. Grodenchik
Robert F. Holden
Ben Kallos
Peter Koo
Karen Koslowitz
Brad S. Lander
Stephen T. Levin
Mark Levine
Farah Louis
Alan N. Maisel
Carlos Menchaca
I. Daneek Miller
Francisco Moya
Bill Perkins
Keith Powers
Antonio Reynoso
Kevin Riley
Carlina Rivera
Ydanis Rodriguez
Deborah L. Rose
Helen K. Rosenthal
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.
Mark S. Treyger
Eric A. Ulrich
Peter Vallone
James G. Van Bramer
Kalman Yeger
Steven Matteo
Laurie Cumbo

2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: At this time, please
3 place all electronic devices to vibrate, all
4 electronic devices to vibrate. Mr. Majority Leader,
5 it's all yours.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Good afternoon
7 and welcome to the Stated Meeting of October 21st,
8 2021. I'm Council Member Robert Cornegy, and I'd like
9 to thank you for joining us. If you would like to
10 follow along, the agenda for today's meeting is
11 posted on our website.

12 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Please join us for
13 the Pledge of Allegiance. I pledge allegiance to the
14 flag of the United States of America and to the
15 Republic for which it stands, one nation under God,
16 indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

17 UNIDENTIFIED: Roll call.

18 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Adams?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

20 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Ampry-Samuel?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

22 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Ayala?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

24 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Barron?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

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COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Borelli?

COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Brannan? Brooks-

Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Cabrera? Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Cornegy?

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Darma Diaz?

COUNCIL MEMBER DARMA DIAZ: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Ruben Diaz?

Dinowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Dromm?

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Eugene?

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Feliz?

COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Gibson?

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Present.

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COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Gjonaj?

COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Grodenchik?

COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Holden?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Kallos? Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Koslowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Lander?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Levine?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Maisel?

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Menchaca? Miller?

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Moya?

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.

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COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Perkins? Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Reynoso?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: [inaudible]

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Riley?

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Rosenthal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Salamanca?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Treyger?

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Ulrich? Vallone?

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Van Bramer? Yeger?

COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Matteo? Cumbo?

Speaker Johnson?

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Here.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I'll refrain

4 from the urge to mark people absent. Thank you.

5 We'll now have today's invocation which will be

6 delivered by Deacon Kevin McCormack, Spiritual Leader

7 at Xaverian High School located at 7100 Shore Road in

8 the great borough of Brooklyn.

9 DEACON KEVIN MCCORMACK: I've been given

10 the gift and the burden of administration and

11 leadership, and you have tasked them with the

12 protection and the wellbeing of all your people in

13 this great city. The people of our city are gathered

14 from all corners of the world with wonderfully

15 different languages, cultures, histories, and

16 beliefs. Each person with their joys and hopes, as

17 well as their grief and anguish reflect you in their

18 unique and grace-filled lives. Lord, please bless

19 these leaders with the eyes, ears, and heart to see,

20 hear, and know their neighbors. Lord, please bless

21 these leaders with the vision, patience, and wisdom

22 to understand their mission. Lord, please bless

23 these leaders with good judgment, courage, and faith

24 in their work. And lord, please bless these leaders

25 with a sense of justice to serve your people wisely,

2 and the necessary sense of humor to communicate,
3 debate, and compromise with one another. Help us to
4 remember that you share with us the power of
5 Administration and of service, and the work we do is
6 your work. Bless us always with your presence, your
7 insight, and your kindness. Amen.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you,
9 Deacon McCormack. That was delivered in only the
10 spirit of a spiritual leader from the great borough
11 of Brooklyn could do it. I'd like to ask Council
12 Member Justin Brannan to spread the invocation on the
13 record.

14 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I don't believe Council
15 Member Brannan is here, so Mr. presiding officer, I
16 would love to spread the invocation from Father
17 Michael Callahan, that beautiful invocation he gave
18 us today in full and upon the record, and I really
19 want to thank him for all the work that he has done,
20 not just of course presiding over really important
21 congregation, but the work that the New York Disaster
22 Inter-faith Services does in New Yorker's most dire
23 moments of need, he has been there. The organization
24 has been there after Hurricane Sandy, after Hurricane
25 Ida. Time and again they have stood up for New

2 Yorkers in some of the most trying times. I want to
3 thank him, and I'm going to ask that the invocation
4 be spread in full and upon the record. Sorry, I
5 apologize, it's Dean Kevin McCormack. I apologize.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you so
7 much, Speaker Johnson. We will now have the adoption
8 of minutes by Council Member Jim Gennaro.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Mr. Leader, I
10 make a motion that the minutes of the Stated Meeting
11 of September 23rd, 2021 be adopted as printed.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Messages and
13 papers from the Mayor.

14 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: None.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Communication
16 from City, County, and Borough offices?

17 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: None.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Petitions and
19 communications.

20 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: None.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Land Use Call-
22 ups.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: M342 through
24 M344.

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on a call-up
3 vote, and I'm going to ask the clerk that we take a
4 roll call vote on today's Land Use call-ups. Again,
5 we're just voting on Land Use call-ups.

6 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Adams?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

8 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Adams votes aye.

9 Ampry-Samuel?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Ampry-Samuel votes

12 aye. Ayala?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Ayala votes aye.

15 Barron?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Barron votes aye.

18 Borelli?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Borelli votes aye.

21 Brannan?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Brannan votes aye.

24 Brooks-Powers?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye.

2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Brooks-Powers votes
3 aye. Cabrera? Chin?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chin votes aye.
6 Cornegy?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

8 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Cornegy votes aye.
9 Darma Diaz? Ruben Diaz? Dinowitz?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Dinowitz votes aye.

12 Dromm?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Dromm votes aye.

15 Eugene?

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Council Member, we
17 can't give that at this moment, because we have a
18 quorum issue. So, we will check back in in a little
19 while and let you know if that's possible.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Eugene votes aye.

22 Feliz? Gennaro?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.

24 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Gennaro votes yes.

25 Gibson?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Gibson votes aye.

4 Gjonaj?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Gjonaj votes aye.

7 Grodenchik?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Grodenchik votes aye.

10 Holden?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Holden votes aye.

13 Kallos? Darma Diaz?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DARMA DIAZ: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Darma Diaz votes aye.

16 Koo?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Koo votes aye.

19 Koslowitz?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Koslowitz votes aye.

22 Lander?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Lander votes aye.

25 Levin?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Levin votes aye.

4 Levine?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Levine votes aye.

7 Louis?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Louis votes aye.

10 Maisel?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

12 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Maisel votes yes.

13 Menchaca? Miller?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: yes.

15 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Miller votes yes.

16 Moya?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Ys.

18 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Moya votes yes.

19 Perkins? Powers?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Powers votes aye.

22 Reynoso?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Reynoso votes aye.

25 Riley?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Riley votes aye.

4 Rivera?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Rivera votes aye.

7 Rodriguez? Rose?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Rose votes aye.

10 Rosenthal?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Rosenthal votes aye.

13 Salamanca? Treyger?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Treyger votes aye.

16 Ulrich? Vallone?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Vallone votes aye.

19 Van Bramer? Yeger?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Yeger votes aye.

22 Matteo? Cumbo? Speaker Johnson?

23 SPEAKER JOHNSON: [inaudible]

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: We will now have

25 communication from Speaker Corey Johnson.

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Good afternoon and we
3 have to read the call-up vote.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Today's Land Use
5 call-ups have a vote of 37 in the affirmative, 0 in
6 the negatives. We will now hear from-- have
7 communication from Speaker Corey Johnson.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr.
9 presiding officer. Good to see you Council Member
10 Cornegy. Good afternoon and welcome to today's
11 Stated Meeting. Happy Thursday everyone. I'd like to
12 again remind all members that masks are required to
13 be worn throughout the Stated, even when speaking.
14 Today we're voting on 13 bills, including a five-
15 piece legislative package related to the child
16 welfare system in New York City. The bills are aimed
17 at ensuring that parents and guardians of information
18 and resources to better navigate the Administration
19 for Children's Services. We're voting on measures
20 that will help news stand operators, help families
21 impacted by COVID-19, help home owners protect
22 themselves against deed fraud, and help LGBTQ+
23 individuals in the City's domestic violence emergency
24 shelters. I am proud of the Council for continuing
25 to find ways to help all New Yorkers. This week, as

2 everyone here knows, we lost a tremendous New York
3 native who lived a life of public service and won
4 bipartisan praise. Our deepest condolences are with
5 the family and friends of former Secretary of State
6 Colin Powell. He was born in Harlem, raised in the
7 South Bronx and was a CUNY graduate. Secretary
8 Powell was a true New Yorker and a proud American.
9 He was 84 years old. We have some Council news to
10 share. Our colleague, Council Member Oswald Feliz
11 got married on Sunday. So let's wish the happy
12 couple a best of luck with a round of applause.
13 Congratulations Oswald. I also want to acknowledge
14 that Brian Crowe [sp?], our Deputy Director for the
15 Justice Services Division is leaving the Council
16 after seven years. Brian has been instrumental in
17 our criminal justice efforts, including the Criminal
18 Justice Reform Act, the Right to Know Act, the newest
19 Abatement [sic] and Fairness Act, as well as our push
20 to invest in diversion programs, support alternatives
21 to incarceration, create a citywide bail fund, and
22 close Rikers Island. Although he'll be leaving us,
23 it was good for the citizens of Manhattan. Brian will
24 be continuing to reform our criminal justice system
25 by joining Manhattan's next District Attorney Alvin

2 Bragg [sp?]. So I want to congratulate Brian Crowe
3 for all of his service to the City. and I also want
4 to acknowledge that Kate Lucadamo [sp?] who stepped
5 in as Communications Director after Jen Vermino left
6 the City Council. Kate has been with us for a few
7 years. She has been incredible helping to lead the
8 press office, just a really, really thoughtful,
9 wonderful, talented person who I am so grateful for
10 her service over the last many years. Kate's last
11 day is tomorrow at the City Council, so I want to
12 give Kate Lucadamo a big round of applause as well
13 for everything that she has done in service to the
14 body. And I want to acknowledge those New Yorkers,
15 of course, who have died on the job since we last
16 met. We mourn the death of deliverista [sic] Abu
17 Salamiah [sp?]. He was killed during a robbery for
18 his e-bike after finishing a shift in Manhattan for
19 GrubHub. He was 51 years old, and yesterday, Achmed
20 Amuluaki [sp?], a deli worker in East Harlem was
21 killed by a customer. He was 43 years old. We
22 continue to battle COVID-19 in New York City. New
23 York has done a great job getting the numbers low,
24 but there are still people contracting COVID, and
25 there are still people who are suffering. In New York

2 City we have lost 34,480 neighbors from COVID-19 as
3 of October 30th. If we could all collectively stand
4 and have a moment of silence for those New Yorkers
5 who have died from COVID-19, those New Yorkers who
6 have died on the job, and for former Secretary Colin
7 Power.

8 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

9 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you. Now on to
10 our agenda for today. Today, the Council will vote
11 on Introduction 1919A sponsored by Council Member
12 Danny Dromm, the Chair of our Finance Committee which
13 will strengthen a Department of Finance program to
14 help homeowners protect themselves against deed
15 fraud. The Department's notice of recorded document
16 program sends notices to property owners any time a
17 deed-related or mortgage-related documented is
18 recorded against their property, this legislation
19 will require that the notice also include information
20 about whom to contact for assistance to file a
21 complaint or to report a crime if the property owner
22 believes that such recording is fraudulent. Anyone
23 can be a victim of deed fraud from seniors to
24 immigrants, to people of color. Those are the folks
25 that are most at risk, and this bill will help them

2 know what to do if they suspect a deed fraud may be
3 happening to them. From the staff I want to thank
4 Rebecca Chaison [sp?], and Stephanie Ruiz, and I want
5 to thank our Finance Chair Danny Dromm for this
6 important bill. We'll also be voting on a
7 transparency resolution out of the Finance Committee.
8 We'll be voting on the following Land Use items: the
9 Landmarks Preservation Commission's designation of
10 Dorrance Brooks Square Historic District, the first
11 historic district in New York City names after an
12 African-American, which is fantastic, a serviceman
13 who died in action during the First World War in
14 Council Member Bill Perkins' District. The site
15 selection and acquisition of 101 Varick Avenue for a
16 DOT operations and warehouse facility in Council
17 Member Antonio Reynoso's district. 130 St. Felix
18 Street, a rezoning and special permits to facilitate
19 the development of a 23-story mixed-use building with
20 120 units of housing, including affordable
21 homeownership and an expanded facility for the
22 Brooklyn Music School in Council Member Majority
23 Leader Laurie Cumbo's district. 435 11th Avenue,
24 Slaughterhouse in my district, which will facilitate
25 the development of a new mixed-use development to

2 include 275 affordable dwelling units, 71 permanently
3 affordable units, and 75 units of supportive housing,
4 a hotel, office and retail space, and NYPD vehicle
5 storage. 252 Victory Boulevard rezoning which will
6 facilitate the development of a new five-story mixed-
7 use building with 46 units of housing, 12 of them
8 permanently affordable, and a daycare space in
9 Council Member Debbie Rose's district. I know it
10 wasn't easy Debbie. Congratulations on getting
11 there. And finally, three items in Council Member
12 Van Bramer's district, 6204 Roosevelt Avenue, a new
13 13-story mixed-use building with approximately 213
14 units of housing, 54 of which are permanently
15 affordable. 48-18 Van Dam, a four-story enlargement
16 to an existing two-story commercial building in
17 Broadway. And 11th Street, a new eight-story mixed
18 use building with 205 units of housing, 51 of which
19 are permanently affordable. Moving on to our
20 legislative agenda. Our first three bills come out
21 of our housing and buildings committee. I want to
22 thank the presiding officer, the Chair of the Housing
23 and Buildings Committee, Council Member Cornegy,
24 Chair Cornegy, and the first bill is his,
25 Introduction 2259A which will extend the deadline for

2 owns of buildings in community districts two, five,
3 seven, 13, and 18 in all five boroughs to have gas
4 piping systems inspected, and where applicable
5 certify that hazardous conditions have been corrected
6 by six months to June 30th, 2022. This bill would
7 also require the Department of Buildings conduct
8 targeted outreach regarding the recertification of
9 Local Law 152 by December 1st of this year 2021. The
10 second bill from the Housing and Buildings Committee
11 is Introduction 2321A, again, sponsored by Chair
12 Cornegy. This legislation will allow all owners of
13 buildings with gas piping systems and gas service to
14 apply for a 180 day extension of the deadline by
15 which they must conduct inspections and submit
16 certifications. Additionally, this bill will give
17 the Department of Buildings the ability to grand
18 additional time beyond 180 days to building owns have
19 identified conditions that need to be corrected. And
20 finally, introduction 21-- 2321A will allow owners of
21 buildings and gas piping systems, but without gas
22 service to forgo the required inspections as long as
23 they provide certification for themselves and from
24 their utility company that the building is not
25 receiving gas service. I want to thank from the

2 staff Jeanine Zilka [sp?] for their work on this.

3 Also, from the Housing and Buildings Committee we're

4 voting on Introduction Number 2404A sponsored by

5 Council Member Brad Lander. This bill will extend

6 the certification of the no harassment pilot created

7 by Local Law One of 2018 until September 27, 2026,

8 and extend the program to significantly distress

9 buildings citywide, and I want to thank from my staff

10 Louis Sheldon Brown [sp?] for his work on that bill.

11 Next we have Introduction Number 1712A sponsored by

12 Council Member Helen Rosenthal and from the Committee

13 on Women and Gender Equity. This bill will require

14 the Department of Social Services review services and

15 resources-- will review services and resources it

16 provides, specifically to LGBTQI+ individuals who are

17 entering the city's' domestic violence emergency

18 shelters. The Department of Social Services will be

19 required to submit to the Mayor and to the Speaker of

20 the Council and published on its website a written

21 report disclosing the total number of demographic

22 information survey forms regarding sexual orientation

23 and gender identity that were distributed by the

24 Department and the total number of individuals who

25 identified as LGBTQI+ on such forms as well as the

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description of the Department's efforts to collect data specifically about LGBTQI+ domestic violence survivors. It will also disclose information about the Department of Social Services outreach efforts, any complaints the Department received about domestic violence emergency shelter services provided to LGBTQI+ residents and recommendations for enhancing outreach efforts and services offered by DSS specifically for domestic violence emergency shelter residents who identify as LGBTQI+. Domestic violence and intimate partner violence affects many people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, gender non-conforming, and non-binary, but little is known about its prevalence both within LGBTQI+ communities and from traditional domestic violence service providers. According to advocates, emergency shelter resources are often prioritized in a way that does not provide support to DV survivors who identify as LGBTQI+. Additionally, domestic violence programming in New York State is often sutured in a way that does not assist people outside of a heteronormative construct, which is cisgender women abused by cisgender men. Without access to competent services, LGBTQI+ DV

2 survivors often endure abuse far longer and with
3 greater intensity than the average cisgender
4 survivor, sometimes being forced to choose between
5 homelessness and going back to their abusive partner.
6 Transgender survivors often face even more pervasive
7 and unique barriers in discrimination in trying to
8 access safety and support. IN addition, the
9 Department of Social Services will also be required
10 to consult with community-based organizations with
11 culturally specific expertise in challenges faced by
12 survivors of domestic violence who self-identify as
13 LGBTQI+ and to develop and provide LGBTQI+ cultural
14 competency trainings to domestic violence emergency
15 shelter employees who work directly with shelter
16 residents. I want to thank from the staff Bianca
17 Pitali [sp?] and Claire [inaudible] for their work,
18 and I want to thank Council Member Rosenthal for this
19 really, really important bill and for her constant
20 advocacy for survivors. Moving on. Our next two
21 bills are from the Committee on Consume Affairs and
22 Business Licensing. First Introduction Number 1145
23 sponsored by Council Member Peter Koo will excuse
24 retail store from having to place price stickers on
25 each item they sell, a dated requirement for which

2 many New York jurisdictions have already provided
3 exemptions. Pricing every item in the store can be
4 time consuming. State law already requires prices to
5 be displayed on shelves and on signs next to the
6 items and many stores already have price scanners
7 available. Despite this, grocery store operators
8 have testified that violations of this law make up
9 some of the biggest penalties they pay. Current laws
10 enforced on a per item basis and penalties can reach
11 \$8,000 in one inspection. To qualify for exception,
12 this bill would require the items to be scannable
13 [sic] by a price scanner and the store would have to
14 place a sufficient number of price scanners around
15 the store for consumer use. Stores will also be
16 required to display the prices on shelves or on
17 adjacent signs near the items. The second bill from
18 the Consumer Affairs and Business License Committee
19 is Introduction Number 499A sponsored by Council
20 Member Karen Koslowitz. This bill will amend
21 existing law to allow newsstand operators to hold
22 their licenses as corporate entities, as long as
23 income from the newsstand is the primary source of
24 income for each shareholder, partner, member or
25 principal. This ensures newsstand continue to be

2 operated by small businesses rather than large
3 chains. Existing law only allows newsstand operators
4 to hold their licenses in their personal capacity.
5 Only one person may buy into and operate a newsstand
6 and partnerships have been prohibited. Yet, these
7 small businesses owners, many of them immigrants,
8 have been asking for the ability to partner with one
9 another in order to maintain their livelihoods, and
10 allowing operators to be licensed as corporate
11 entities means that they can shield their personal
12 assets like homes and college savings accounts from
13 business debts and lawsuits. Many businesses
14 incorporate for this reason. This bill also requires
15 the Department of Consumer and Worker Protections to
16 send a letter to newsstand operators to help them
17 transition to joint ownership. And from the staff I
18 want to thank Stephanie Jones, Leah Scripiac [sp?],
19 and Noah Miksler [sp?], and I want to thank Karen.
20 She has worked on this bill since Rudy Giuliani was
21 Mayor, and the bill was vetoed back then, and she has
22 worked on this bill for many, many years. She used
23 to be the Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee
24 when she first joined the Council. She's worked on
25 this for many years. I want to congratulate Karen

2 for getting this bill done. Next, is Introduction
3 2373, sponsored by Council Member Rafael Salamanca,
4 and will require the Department of Health and Mental
5 Hygiene waive any fee for applicants requesting to
6 amend a death certificate to list the cause of death
7 as COVID-19 where health complications caused by
8 COVID-19. And from the staff I want to thank Sarah
9 Liss [sp?], Harbonia Husia [sp?], and Em Balkan
10 [sp?]. Finally, we're voting on a packet-- a
11 legislative package in relation with the City's child
12 welfare system. Every time there is a report of
13 neglect or abuse, the Administration for Children's
14 Service must investigate to ensure the wellbeing of
15 every child. These five bills provide parents and
16 guardians with information to better work with Child
17 Protective Specialist for the Administration of
18 Children's Services. Introduction number 1716A
19 sponsored by Council Member Adrienne Adams require
20 the Administration for Children Services to report on
21 the total number of emergency removals of children
22 each quarter. This bill will also require ACS to
23 provide such information disaggregated by race,
24 community district, and primary language that each
25 child and parent or person legally responsible for

2 the child. Introduction Number 1717A sponsored by
3 Council Member Alicka Ampry-Samuel will require the
4 Administration for Children's Services to report on
5 various demographic information including race,
6 ethnicity, gender, community district, and primary
7 language of parents and children every step of the
8 child welfare system and to create a plan to address
9 any disparities identified as a result of such
10 reporting. Next, Introduction Number 1719A,
11 sponsored by Council Member Margaret Chin, will
12 require ACS to submit to the Council no later than
13 July 31st, 2022, and annually thereafter, information
14 of how long it takes for families of children in ACS
15 custody to visit their child after a placement or
16 transfer, as well as the number of children that are
17 given placements in boroughs other than those which
18 they are from, disaggregated by borough, and the last
19 two bills of the package are sponsored by the Chair
20 of the General Welfare Committee, Council Member
21 Steve Levin, who has worked very, very hard on this
22 package, Introduction Number 1729A will require ACS
23 to provide a parent or caretaker written information
24 about their right to request a fair hearing to
25 challenge an indicated report made against a parent

2 or caretaker during an ACS child protective
3 investigation. And lastly, another bill by Chair
4 Levin is Introduction Number 1727A which will require
5 the Administration for Children's Services to report
6 on emergency removal cases, which means the removal
7 of a child out of a home prior to a court hearing
8 when during the investigation of such report of abuse
9 or neglect ACS determines that such child is not safe
10 at home. And I really want to thank Amenta Killawan
11 [sp?] who has worked very, very hard on this package
12 of bills. I want to thank Council Member Cornegy,
13 our presiding officer, for leading today's meeting,
14 and I turn it back to Council Member Cornegy.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you so
16 much Speaker Johnson. We will now move into
17 discussion of General Orders. So, first we'll hear
18 from Council Members Rosenthal and Council Member
19 Adams, then Council Member Lander, in that order.
20 I'm sorry, and Council Member Koo, I apologize.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Everyone on
22 the floor helps to make sure we're heard, but I
23 really want to thank the Speaker for describing my
24 bill. You know, today is Domestic Violence Awareness
25 Month. I noticed people are wearing the lavender

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masks. I really appreciate that. And what better day to acknowledge the fact that the LGBTQAI+ community, and in particular, the TGNCNB community are underserved in our domestic violence shelter system. The people who make the placements in the system are not educated about how to speak with these individuals. They misstep and really can make people feel terrible, which there's no reason to do that. And the placements are very challenging because shelters, for a variety of reasons, are low to take this population which is disgraceful. Our bill will seek to understand, will require Department of Homeless Services to seek to understand better the nuances of this population and make recommendations, and indeed change policies in order to serve them better. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and I want to thank Jathrie Genapothy [sp?], Bianca Bitalli [sp?], my staff Madri Shuka [sp?], and from the Anti-Violence Project, Cat Shugrue dos Santos. She is an amazing advocate and her input was invaluable. Thank you very much.

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Council Member

Adams?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you very much, Mr. Presiding Officer, Council Member Cornegy. Good to see you up there in that chair, sir. This afternoon we are voting on a package of legislation that I believe will increase transparency and accountability when it comes to our flawed and often harmful child welfare system. I urge all my colleagues to vote in favor of this set of parental rights bills. In particular, I want to speak about my bill, Intro 1760A, which would require the Administration for Children's Services to report on the total number of emergency removals of children every quarter. ACS would also be required to disaggregate this information by race, community district, the primary language of each child, and the primary language of the parent or person legally responsible for the child. We already know that our city's child welfare system disproportionately impacts poor New Yorkers, immigrants, and families of color. ACS' own data shows that in 2019, 41 percent of families investigated by ACS were black; 43 percent were Latino. However, we need to know exactly who is impacted by the agency's policy of emergency removals, a separation that inflicts trauma

2 on both the parents and the child alike. Once we're
3 equipped with this detailed data and have it broken
4 down by demographic information, it will be better
5 informed as law makers to conduct-- we will be better
6 informed as law makers to conduct oversight over ACS
7 and their actions. We have to do everything we can
8 to keep our families and communities intact and
9 whole. I'm sure that many of my colleagues in this
10 room today as I do have stories to share of your
11 constituents who've been impacted by this. That
12 starts by empowering families and making sure that
13 they know and fully understand their rights as
14 parents. It's not easy when ACS investigators come
15 to your home and then take your child away. Parents,
16 especially those who face disadvantages in their
17 daily lives, deserve to know what their options are.
18 We're talking about basic protections and information
19 that should be readily available to those directly
20 impacted by our child's welfare policies. If I may--
21 that's why we need to pass this parental rights
22 package of legislation to shine a brighter light on
23 the outcomes and ACS policies and investigations.
24 Thank you, Speaker Corey Johnson, and Chief of Staff,
25 Jason Goldman for all of your hard work on these

2 bills. I'm grateful for the leadership also of our
3 General Welfare Committee, Chair Steve Levin, as well
4 as all of my colleagues who have sponsored such very
5 important legislation in this package. Thank you to
6 the advocates and families who have shared your
7 stories and uplifted the voices of the marginalized.
8 Thank you, Mr. Presiding Officer.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you,
10 Council Member. Council Member Lander?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: [inaudible] There
12 we go. Thank you to the Presiding Officer. I am
13 proud to be the lead sponsor of Intro 2404A which
14 will extend the certificate of No Harassment for
15 another five years, strengthen the program to make it
16 work better, and also extend the program citywide. In
17 a moment of sky-rocketing rent and expiring eviction
18 moratoria it is a critical moment to protect tenants
19 from bad actors who use harassment as a tool for
20 displacement, as we see too often. This pilot
21 program was created back in 2018 through a broad
22 partnership of my office, HPD, the Coalition Against
23 Tenant Harassment, and a wide range of stakeholders.
24 We had a broad series of meetings to develop the
25 parameters for the policy which were codified in

2 Local Law One of 2018. The program builds on
3 successful certificate of no harassment program that
4 was adopted in the special Clinton district way back
5 in 1972 and for single-room occupancies in 1983.
6 What the program requires is that owners of building
7 which are determined to be distressed, based on HPD's
8 building quality index, or BQI, get a certification
9 that they have not harassment tenants in order to
10 vacate or demolish or reposition the building before
11 they can get their building permit for significant
12 modifications or demolition. If landlords are found
13 to have harassed tenants as part as an effort to
14 vacate the building, then their building permits are
15 denied, a strong protection against that model of
16 harassment and displacement. The renewed version of
17 the program strengthens the 2018 version is several
18 ways. It only applied to about a third of the city,
19 but now it applies to distressed buildings citywide.
20 The denial of a certificate of no harassment now
21 constitutes per-se harassment, affording tenants the
22 opportunity to pursue legal action in Housing Court
23 with a higher likelihood of success. And finally,
24 tenants who participate in the CONE process and whose
25 building owners are denied that certificate because

2 they're found to have harassed, will be eligible to
3 receive \$5,000 in restitution in addition to the
4 other consequences and remedies. Sorry, I'll finish
5 up in a few more seconds. Big, big thank you to
6 Steph Sakowski [sp?], my policy director who worked
7 tireless on this. To Louis Sheldon-Brown [sp?] here,
8 Louis, thank you so much. And Jordan Gibbons [sp?]
9 from HPD, Paula Choa [sp?], and Gabby Danello [sp?]
10 from the Mayor's Office. And I'll just say that
11 these improvements like the original legislation
12 itself would not have happened without the strong
13 advocacy of the Coalition Against Tenant Harassment.
14 Big thank yous to Alex Bennell [sp?], Lucy Block
15 [sp?], and Verika Williams [sp?] from ANHD who led
16 that effort. It's been an honor to work with them to
17 ensure this program will reach more buildings,
18 provide real tangible benefits to tenants, and more
19 effectively dis-incentivize harassment. Thank you.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you,
21 Council Member. Council Member Koo?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Thank you, Council
23 Member Cornegy, Presiding Officer. Today, we are
24 voting on my bill, Intro 1145. This is a small
25 business relief bill that will expand the number

2 [sic] of items at retailers exempt from item pricing
3 requirements for individual pieces of merchandise, as
4 long as the store makes price scanners available for
5 the consumer. The city mandates this despite a
6 redundant state law that requires item prices to also
7 be displayed on the shelves. My bill would eliminate
8 the sticker gun [sic] mandates and give retail stores
9 the option to use price scanners such as those
10 already from a larger chain stores like Target. And
11 by using barcodes and scanners stores can more
12 efficiently implement sales and discounts over their
13 own goods. There's also zero evidence that this bill
14 will result in any sort of job loss. We have asked
15 for data, but there's none. Nassau, Suffolk, and
16 Westchester Counties have all been utilizing this
17 technology for decades with no reported job loss. If
18 anything, retailers are struggling to hire and keep
19 assisting employees at this time. This bill will
20 allow small businesses to innovate and improve their
21 business instead of having to scramble to comply with
22 the cumbersome [sic] and outdated over-regulation.
23 At the end of the day, we are in a small-- we are in
24 a retail crisis, and this is common sense step to
25 clean up the law. The pandemic has caused a retail

2 crisis like we have never been before. Majority, may
3 I proceed?

4 UNIDENTIFIED: Yeah, yeah.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Supermarkets and
6 small retail-- supermarkets and small retailers
7 continue to shut their doors, and this is one
8 tangible action we can take to support them. We have
9 all talked about wanting to help small businesses.
10 This is how to do it. For supermarkets in
11 particular, this bill would save them from
12 unnecessary burdensome fines that big boxes-- big box
13 stores are able to absorb as a cost of doing
14 business. DCWP has voiced their support of this
15 bill, and I urge all my colleagues to do the same.
16 Thank you to the Speaker's Office, especially Speaker
17 Johnson, Jason, and Ebony [sp?], the Committee Staff,
18 Stephanie Jones [sp?], Leah [inaudible], and Owa
19 Messler [sp?], our original bill drafter,
20 [inaudible]-- I'm sorry I mispronounce the names, and
21 all the advocates. And lastly, I want to thank my
22 own staff, Jane [sic] and Scott for doing a good job.
23 Thank you.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you,
25 Council Member. Council Member Salamanca?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you. I
3 am speaking on my bill that's being voted on today,
4 Intro. 2373A. Like many New Yorkers, when COVID hit
5 I lost a loved one. I lost my dad, just like
6 thousands and thousands of New Yorkers throughout the
7 City of New York, and when I received my father's
8 death certificate, it actually stated on the cause of
9 death that he passed of natural causes, and I didn't
10 pay any mind to that until the Federal Government,
11 they opened up-- they assigned funding where
12 individuals who had a family who passed from COVID,
13 you could apply so that you can get some of your
14 federal expenses reimbursed. So I started receiving
15 calls from my constituents because they too had the
16 same issue, and as a result in trying to get your
17 death certificate revised, there's a 40 dollar fee
18 that the City of New York was charging to families.
19 And so I just felt that this was a financial burden
20 to New Yorkers that we should not have to pay for.
21 and so that is the motion of this bill which in
22 reality, what it does is it just waives the fee when
23 a New Yorker is trying to get their death certificate
24 revised, and I really hope that I can have the
25 support of my colleagues today. Thank you.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you,
3 Council Member. Council Member Koslowitz?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: On December
5 11th, 2001, the City Council passed Intro 9068. It
6 was a bill that I introduced. On December 26th,
7 2001, Mayor Giuliani vetoed the legislation. Because
8 this veto occurred five days from the end of the
9 1998/2001 legislative session, the Council did not
10 have the ability to consider an override. Today,
11 almost 20 years later, the Council is considering
12 Intro 499. It's essentially considering the same
13 bill as Intro 0968. Intro 0968 contained language
14 authorizing raising the limit on the dollar amount a
15 newsstand operator could charge for an item. This
16 increase dollar limit-- my allergies are killing me--
17 operator with the Chief during the Bloomberg
18 Administration, and therefore does not appear in
19 Intro 499. Except for the raising of the dollar
20 amount, Intro 0968 and Intro 0499 are basically
21 identical. Currently, only an additional-- an
22 individual can obtain a newsstand license. This bill
23 would permit partnerships, companies, and
24 corporations to obtain a newsstand license as well.
25 I got more. I don't talk that much, so--

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COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: [interposing]

Does someone have a bottle of water, though, for the Council Member?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Why is this important? Because it would enhance the ability for immigrants to obtain a newsstand license and thus become entrepreneurs. There are approximately 300 newsstands in operation in our city. These newsstands are overwhelmingly operated by immigrants. That is operated but not owned by immigrants. By expanding ownership to partnerships, company, and corporations, the current personal license holder would be given the ability to bring in the operator as a partner, and when the current license holder retires or passes on, because the definition of ownership is to be expanded, the immigrant operating as a partner would have the ability to become the sole owner, or the immigrant operator would have the ability to buy the license from the licensee. Under current rules, this is not possible. This bill is 20 years old. And today I want to thank our Speaker Corey Johnson and Jason Goldman for allowing this bill to come to the Council and be voted on. So, I

2 ask everybody please vote for this bill. I've waited
3 20 years.

4 [applause]

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you,
6 Council Member. Report on Special Committees?

7 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: None.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Report on
9 Standing Committees?

10 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Report of the
11 Committee on Consumer Affairs and Business Licensing,
12 Intro 499A, newsstand licenses.

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

15 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Intro 1145A, item
16 pricing.

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

19 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Report of the
20 Committee on Finance, Intro 1919A, recording of real
21 estate instruments.

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

24 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Preconsidered Reso
25 1765, transparency resolution.

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
3 Orders.

4 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Report of the
5 Committee on General Welfare, Intros 1716A through
6 1729A, parental rights package.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
8 General Orders.

9 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Report of the
10 Committee on Health, Intro 2373A, amending death
11 certificates.

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

14 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Report of the
15 Committee on Housing and Buildings, Intros 2259A and
16 2321 A, gas piping systems.

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

19 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Intro 2404A,
20 certifications of no harassment.

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

23 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Report of the
24 Committee on Land Use, LU828 and Reso 1766, Dorance
25 Brooks Square Street Historic District.

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
3 Orders.

4 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: LU835 and Reso. 1767,
5 101 Varick.

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
7 Orders.

8 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: LU842 through LU844,
9 River North.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved modifications
11 and referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant
12 to Section 197D of the New York City Charter.

13 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: LU's 852 and 853 and
14 accompanying resolution 6204 Roosevelt Avenue
15 rezoning.

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
17 Orders.

18 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: LU854 through 856 and
19 accompanying resolutions 495 11th Avenue.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
21 Orders.

22 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: LU857 and 858 and
23 accompanying Reso's 252 Victory Boulevard.

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
25 Orders.

2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: LU's 859 and 860 and
3 accompanying Reso's 270 Nostrand Avenue.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with
5 modifications and referred to the City Planning
6 Commission pursuant to Section 197D of the New York
7 City Charter.

8 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: LU's 861 and 862 and
9 accompanying reso 1776 48th Street rezoning.

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

14 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: LU863 and Reso 1775,
15 48-18 Van Dam Teamster's rezoning.

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
17 Orders.

18 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: LU's 875 through 878
19 and accompanying resos 130 Felix Street.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
21 Orders.

22 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Saint Felix Street.
23 LUs 879 and 880 and accompanying resos, Broadway and
24 11th Street rezoning.

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SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General Orders.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Report of the Committee on Women and Gender Equity, Intro. 1712A domestic violence emergency shelter reporting.

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on General Orders.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: General Orders Calendar, Resolution appointing various persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General Orders, and I am going to ask the Clerk to take a roll call vote on all of the items coupled on today's General Orders Calendar.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye on all and abstain from 1145A. 1145A, abstain. Thank you.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Ampry-Samuel?

COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Ampry-Samuel says aye on all. Ayala?

COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Ayala
3 votes aye. Barron?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. On
5 the legislation I vote aye on all. On the Land Use
6 items, I vote yes on 828, 835, 863, and no on the
7 remaining items.

8 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
9 Eugene?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: [inaudible]

11 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Eugene
12 votes aye. Council Member Adams?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Adams
15 votes aye. Borelli?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye on
17 all except Intro 2404 and a brief mention of why you
18 have candles. This Council body funds an
19 organization called the Grace Foundation which
20 educates and employs developmentally disabled
21 children and adults, mostly people with autism, and
22 they have a candle and soap making factory. So this
23 was a gift I thought you'd all enjoy. So God bless
24 and thank you.

25 [applause]

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COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
Brannan?

COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
Brannan votes aye. Brooks-Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS:
[inaudible]

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Permission
granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: So while I
am going to vote aye, I just wanted to lift up my
concerns that I addressed with the prime sponsor of
Intro 1145A. I just wanted to make mention that we
want to-- when we look at legislation as a body, we
want to make sure that while we want to help our
small businesses through these difficult times, we
want to also be sure that we're preserving all jobs
in the City of New York, including the lower wage
jobs as well. So, I did express my concern to the
prime sponsor, but I did want to raise that concern.
Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you,
Council Member.

2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
3 Cabrera? Council Member Chin?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye on all.

5 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Chin
6 votes aye. Council Member Cornegy?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: No on 2404A; aye
8 on all the rest.

9 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Darma
10 Diaz?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Darma
13 Diaz votes aye. Council Member Ruben Diaz? Council
14 Member Dinowitz?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: I vote aye on
16 all, except 1145 abstain [inaudible]

17 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member, we
18 need you on a microphone, please. Thank you, sir.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: I vote aye on
20 all except 1145A on which I abstain.

21 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Thank you. Council
22 Member Dromm?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Dromm
25 votes aye. Council Member Feliz?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

3 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Feliz
4 votes aye. Council Member Gennaro?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
7 Gennaro votes aye. Council Member Gibson?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye on
9 all.

10 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Gibson
11 votes aye. Council Member Gjonaj?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: No on 2404A and
13 aye on the rest. Thank you.

14 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
15 Grodenchik?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye on all
17 with the exception of 1145A in which I abstain.

18 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
19 Holden?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye n all except
21 for Intro 2404A, which I vote no.

22 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
23 Kallos?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Kallos
3 votes aye. Council Member Koo?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye.

5 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Koo
6 votes aye. Council Member Koslowitz?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Ae on all.

8 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
9 Koslowitz votes aye. Council Member Lander?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Request
11 permission to explain my vote? Thank you. I am
12 respectfully voting no on 1145A. I do believe it is
13 appropriate to reform item pricing, but I do believe
14 it needs to be done in partnership with workers, both
15 unionized and non-unionized and with consumer
16 advocates as well. So I'll be voting no on 1145 and
17 aye on the rest.

18 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Levin?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Permission to
20 explain my vote?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Permission
22 granted.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very
24 much. I just wanted to thank the Speaker, Chief of
25 Staff Jason Goldman, Counsel to General Welfare

2 Committee Amenta Killawan [sp?], Kelly Taylor, Jeff
3 Baker, Louis Sheldon-Brown [sp?], for-- and Crystal
4 Pond [sp?], and Natalie Amarie [sp?] at the General
5 Welfare Committee for working on the ACS
6 Accountability Act bills. I want to acknowledge the
7 work of my colleagues Margaret Chin, Adrienne Adams,
8 Alicka Ampry-Samuel, and thank all my colleagues for
9 voting aye on this legislation. There was a lot of
10 work that went into it. We hope that this will move
11 the needle in terms of accountability on behalf of
12 parents who face significant challenges when
13 confronted with ACS knocking on their door, and
14 having the ability to know their rights, to know what
15 steps they can take moving forward in the best
16 interest of their children and their families. And
17 with that, I vote aye on all. Thank you.

18 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Levine?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye on all.

20 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Levine
21 votes aye. Council Member Maisel?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

23 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Maisel
24 votes yes. Council Member Menchaca? Council Member
25 Miller?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: [inaudible] votes
3 aye, and congratulations [inaudible].

4 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Miller
5 votes aye. Council Member Moya? Council Member
6 Perkins? Council Member Powers?

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

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Permission
10 granted.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. I'll
12 be voting aye on all. I just wanted to also say my
13 well wishes to Brian Crow [sp?]. I don't know if he's
14 here today, but during my time at the City Council
15 he's been-- worked on my committee, the Criminal
16 Justice Committee, and I know he's going not far
17 away, just a few blocks away. I want to wish him well
18 wishes as he moves over to Manhattan DA's Office, and
19 of course, also congratulate our colleague on his
20 wedding. He looked great. We saw the pictures. And
21 with that, I'll be voting aye on all. Thanks.

22 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
23 Reynoso?

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

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Permission
3 granted.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Thank you.

5 First, congratulations to everyone on these bills
6 that are passing. Peter Koo, great job pushing the
7 itemized pricing bill, which I think is a great bill.
8 It's going to help small businesses, and also it's
9 just-- the times we're in make it so that the
10 itemized pricing is just not necessary. So,
11 congratulations to Peter Koo. But I do want to talk
12 about these bills that we're passing from-- regarding
13 to ACS, Health and Hospitals and so forth. They're
14 great bills and I want to congratulate every single
15 Council Member, especially Council Member Adams and
16 Council Member Levin for the great work that they did
17 in passing these pieces of legislation. But there is
18 one piece of legislation that wasn't part of that,
19 which is Intro 1426, was originally part of the
20 package and was pulled out. And what it would do, it
21 would require the New York City Administration for
22 Children's Services or ACS to provide an annual
23 report to the Mayor and to the Council with
24 information regarding the number of patients who were
25 referred to ACS for investigation as a result of a

2 positive drug screening performed at an H+H facility.
3 We don't know exactly who and how many people are
4 affected. There's an assumption here that it's
5 mostly black and brown women that are being tested at
6 an unusual rate, and now because we're not voting on
7 this bill today, it is something that we won't know
8 until we can pass that legislation. It is simply a
9 reporting bill. I don't know exactly why it didn't
10 get on, but it is unfortunate. I don't want to take
11 away from the great bills that are being passed by
12 Council Member Levin and Council Member Adams. So
13 I'm going to vote aye on all, and thank you for
14 indulging me. Thank you.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you,
16 Council Member.

17 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Riley?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I'll be abstaining
19 on 1145A and aye on all. Thank you.

20 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
21 Rodriguez?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I vote aye.

23 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
24 Rodriguez votes aye. Council Member Rose?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Rose
3 votes aye. Council Member Rivera?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

5 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Rivera
6 votes aye. Council Member Moya? Council Member
7 Rosenthal?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I vote aye.

9 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
10 Rosenthal votes aye. Council Member Salamanca?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Permission to
12 explain my vote?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Permission
14 granted.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I'd like to
16 make a motion for a unanimous consent to vote on all
17 Land Use call-ups in addition to all items coupled in
18 the General Order Calendar.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I see no objections.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you. I
21 vote aye on all.

22 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
23 Treyger?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye on all.

2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
3 Treyger votes aye. Council Member Ulrich? Council
4 Member Vallone?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
7 Vallone votes aye. Council Member Moya?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Moya
10 votes aye. Council Member Van Bramer? Council
11 Member Yeger?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: I vote aye on all
13 with the exception of Introduction 2404, and I would
14 just like to commend the sponsors of the bills coming
15 out of General Welfare today. Those are important
16 for reasons I've discussed in the past with some
17 folks here in our private meetings in the Council.
18 They bring justice to a lot of people who need that
19 justice, and I think that that is the right thing to
20 do, and I'm glad we're moving them today. Thank you.

21 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
22 Matteo?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Thank you. I'd
24 like permission, unanimous consent to vote on all
25 Land Use call-ups?

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SPEAKER JOHNSON: I see no objections.

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Thank you. I vote yes on that, and I vote no on 2404 and yes on the rest. Thank you.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Speaker Johnson?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye on all.

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: So, the results of today's votes are as follows: All items on today's General Calendar are adopted by a vote of 42 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no abstentions. Intro 2404-- with the exception of Intro 2404A which had 36 in the affirmative, 6 in the negative, and Intro 1145A which had 36 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, and 5 abstentions. Land Use items 852 through 858 and LU's 875 through 880 and accompanying resolutions are 41 in the affirmative and 1 in the negative with 0 abstentions. Introduction and reading of bills.

SPEAKER JOHNSON: All bills have been referred to committees as indicated on today's agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you. There are no resolutions on today's calendar. We

2 will now move into General Discussion beginning with
3 Council Member Barron.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, Mr.
5 President Pro Temp. I want to call attention to a
6 resolution that you'll see listed. It's Resolution
7 1763 and it calls for stop arms to be on both sides
8 of school buses. The reason being that they're
9 generally on the driver's side, but not on the
10 passenger's side, but now that we have protected bike
11 lanes, there's actually traffic moving on that
12 passenger side, and I think that stop arms would
13 allow those bikes and other vehicles in that lane to
14 be aware of children getting off the bus. And that
15 bill is being introduced along with Council Member
16 Rodriguez and Council Member Riley. Well, 20 years
17 ago, also, when Charles Barron was here, he called
18 for the removal of that statue and he called Thomas
19 Jefferson a slave holding pedophile, and since that
20 time the Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus has also
21 called for the removal. We sent a letter to the
22 Speaker, and the Speaker sent a letter to the Mayor.
23 And on Monday, the Public Design Commission voted to
24 remove-- voted unanimously to remove the statue. It
25 still remains where the statue will go. But I have a

2 poem-- you know I was a teacher, and I have lots of
3 ways to try to get my message across, so I wrote a
4 poem, and I've entitled it "Human Trafficking a la
5 Colonial Slavery." Kidnapped from Africa, birthplace
6 of humans, severed from family and culture, thrown
7 into confusion. Bound and chained, forced to walk to
8 the West, held in dungeons, not castles where
9 thousands breathed their last breath. Confined in
10 ship like cargo and coffin-esque space, months below
11 decks, forced to lie in their waste. Sold at
12 auctions like a horse or a pig to the person making
13 the highest bid. Held in bondage as chattel
14 property. No declaration for us of life and liberty.
15 Exploited of our intellect, uncompensated for our
16 talents and skills. Still, Africans resisted finding
17 ways to undermine the enslaver's will. Raped and
18 forced to mate to increase the enslaver's worth,
19 bearing children for him, bound to slavery from
20 birth. Thomas Jefferson said blacks were inferior to
21 whites and displaced indigenous people to a trail
22 that took thousands of their lives. So let's not
23 engage in cognitive dissonance, rejecting new
24 information because it's disconcerting just doesn't
25 make sense. No more half lies which means no more

2 half-truth, which means half lies. Tell it all,
3 embrace the facts that are there before your ears and
4 eyes. Thank you.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you
6 Council Member.

7 [applause]

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Council Member
9 Adams?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you very
11 much, Mr. Presiding Officer. How to follow that, but
12 I'm going to try. On Monday, my Co-Chair Council
13 Member I. Daneek Miller, Co-Chair of the Black,
14 Latino, and Asian Caucus, myself, Council Member Inez
15 Barron and Assembly Member Charles Barron provided
16 testimony in a public hearing held by the Public
17 Design Commission. The topic was long-term loan of
18 Thomas Jefferson statue to the New York Historical
19 Society. What was expected of the Commission was a
20 date and the confirmation of placement to the New
21 York Historical Society and a vote on such items.
22 The only entity that agreed to house the statue to
23 date is the New York Historical Society thanks to the
24 due diligence of the Speaker and his Chief of Staff
25 Jason Goldman. But what we did not get on that day

2 in that hearing was a vote on a date and a
3 confirmation of the placement to the New York
4 Historical Society. We received instead an agreement
5 to remove by the end of 2021, considering other
6 options of placement of the statue. Although it is
7 not expected that the statue will be looking down
8 upon the incoming Council Membership, in 2022 which
9 will be majority people of color, as he is looking
10 down upon us today. It was the hope of the caucus
11 that there would be no further delay to remove the
12 representation monument of one who owned, brutalized,
13 and profited from 600 human beings who looked like
14 me. Thank you, Mr. Presiding Officer.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you,
16 Council Member. Council Member Rosenthal followed by
17 Council Member Miller to round out today's schedule.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Two tough acts
19 to follow. Today is Domestic Violence Awareness Day.
20 Every year there are roughly 66-- sorry. The number
21 of domestic violence murders has increased over the
22 past 10 years during the same time period homicides
23 have declined. In 2020, domestic violence made up 20
24 percent of all murders. I'd like to ask that we take
25 a moment of silence for all the victims of domestic

2 violence, including last month's Chenise Young [sp?]
3 who was shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend as she
4 was leaving her own baby shower. Thank you. Thank
5 you my colleagues.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you,
7 Council Member. Council Member Miller, I'm sorry,
8 followed by Council Member Levin.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you Council
10 Member Rosenthal for that acknowledgement. I first
11 want to talk about an Introduction today--
12 legislation that I'll be introducing along with Chair
13 Cornegy to create an Office of Homeowner's Advocate
14 within the Department of Housing, Preservation and
15 Development. For the over 70 percent of New York
16 residents who are renters, homeowner's is often a
17 lifetime dream, but attaining and maintaining this
18 dream can be challenging. It can also be a
19 nightmare. Home ownership requires support that goes
20 beyond the capacity of individuals as would be and
21 new home owners are tasked with navigating a myriad
22 of processes, agencies in order to maintain their
23 homes. Regular people need assistance, somewhere to
24 turn. There's a one stop shop for resources, grants,
25 financing opportunities, a catalog for not-for-

2 profits that assist them currently operating within
3 this space. It is also important for a home owner to
4 understand the responsivity when it comes to
5 maintaining their homes and their surrounding areas.
6 The advocate office would serve as a liaison between
7 agencies and help working families who often don't
8 have the time to navigate these processes themselves.
9 Thank you, Mr. Chair, for your leadership on that.
10 Of course, I would love to address the hearing that
11 took place this past Monday on removal of the
12 Jefferson statue from these Council Chambers. While
13 the final motion acknowledged the need to remove the
14 statue, it merely delayed the process significantly.
15 We are deeply disappointed by the slave owner-- that
16 the slave owner of more than 600 slaves and one who
17 is impacted the ethnic cleansing of the indigenous
18 people remain in these chambers. It need not remain
19 for a moment longer. It is also disappointing that
20 the PDC Commission themselves were woefully
21 unprepared to discuss this issue, undermining two
22 decades of advocacy, and I stand with my caucus
23 colleagues and my colleagues here in the Council in
24 pressing for a swift removal of this statue in the
25 People's House. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you,
3 Council Member. Council Member Levin? Council
4 Member Levin is our final speaker this evening.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very
6 much, Mr. Presiding Officer. I want to associate
7 myself with the remarks of my colleagues, Council
8 Members Miller, Adams, and Barron regarding the
9 Jefferson Statue. I also want to acknowledge today--
10 yesterday a staff member of mine, Dietra Chetham
11 [sp?], was honored by the Urban Resources Institute
12 which provides domestic violence shelter for
13 survivors and people fleeing abusive relationship
14 here in New York City. she was honored with their
15 Triumph award for her work on-- as a resident of a--
16 a former resident of a URI shelter, domestic violence
17 shelter, for her advocacy for other survivors of
18 domestic violence and for her work on legislation
19 that passed this Council this past August to require
20 the City of New York to develop a plan for
21 accommodating pets in shelter so that those people
22 who have pets that are part of their families and
23 that they love as part of their families can take
24 them with them when they are fleeing an abusive and
25 dangerous situation at home. So, I just want to

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offer my congratulations to Dietrich Chetham on her accomplishment yesterday, and thank you very much.

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you, Council Member. I will now call on Speaker Corey Johnson to close today's Stated Meeting.

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Council Member Cornegy, thank you for presiding over today's meeting. You did a fabulous job as always. The Stated Meeting of October 21st, 2021 is hereby adjourned. We have four Stated Meetings left for this City Council. Thank you all very much.

Transcriber's Note:

Revised Land Use Call-Ups are adopted by a vote of 39 in the affirmative and 0 negative.

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