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Thursday, May 1, 2025

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: *The Majority Leader (Council
Member Amanda Farías) presiding as
the Acting President Pro Tempore*

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Adrienne E. Adams, *Speaker*

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Alexa Avilés

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Chris Banks

Erik D. Bottcher

Justin L. Brannan

Gale A. Brewer

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Tiffany Cabán

David M. Carr

Carmen N. De La Rosa

Eric Dinowitz

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Oswald Feliz

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A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION - Delivered by:

Reverend Kim Council, Brooklyn Deputy Borough
President and Assistant Pastor of Greater Mount
Pleasant Baptist Church, 877 Saint Marks Avenue,
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SERGEANT MARINO: This is a microphone check for the Stated Meeting of May 1, 2025 – recorded by James Marino in the Chambers.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen, please find seats, all council members, please take your seats! All council members, please take your seats so we can get a count, please. Thank you.

(PAUSE)

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Council Member Sanchez, can we do a soundcheck?

COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Testing.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Thank you very much.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you.

(PAUSE)

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen, please find seats. At this time, folks, let's clear the floor. Any staffers, please take a seat. Thank you. All non staff, you can join us upstairs in the balcony. We need all electronic devices to be silenced now, thank you so much for your cooperation.

NYC Media, are you ready? Thank you.

Madam Majority Leader, we are good to go.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: [GAVEL]

Good afternoon and welcome to the Stated Meeting of May 1, 2025. I am Majority Leader Amanda Farías, and I would 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 here today. During Stated Meetings, only members of the Council may speak. Members of the public shall remain silent. If you wish to express support of any remarks, you may make the silent approval gesture.

I want to remind my colleagues that decorum is to be respected at all times. Insulting each other is not appropriate, all remarks are to be addressed to the Chair, and members shall not speak unless recognized by the Chair. It is essential that even if we disagree, we treat each other with respect.

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

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Roll call?

CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté.

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CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Here.

CLERK: Council Member Banks?

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: I'm here.

CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Carr?

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO RESPONSE)

CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.

CLERK: Council Member Felder?

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Here. All right, I
abstain.

(LAUGHTER)

2 CLERK: Thank you.

3 Council Member Feliz?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (NO RESPONSE)

5 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: (ABSENT)

7 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Présenté.

9 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.

11 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present.

13 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

15 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present.

17 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: (ABSENT)

19 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.

21 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here.

23 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.

25 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

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2	COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present.	
3	CLERK: Council Member Marte?	
4	COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present.	
5	CLERK: Council Member Mealy?	
6	COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)	
7	CLERK: Council Member Menin?	
8	COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here.	
9	CLERK: Council Member Moya?	
10	COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: (NO RESPONSE)	
11	CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?	
12	COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present.	
13	CLERK: Council Member Nurse?	
14	COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present.	
15	CLERK: Council Member Ossé?	
16	COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present.	
17	CLERK: Council Member Paladino?	
18	MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: (ABSENT)	
19	CLERK: Council Member Powers?	
20	COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: (UN-MIC'D) Here	
21	CLERK: Council Member Restler?	
22	COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: (NO RESPONSE)	
23	CLERK: Council Member Riley?	
24	COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: (NO RESPONSE)	
25	CLERK: Council Member Rivera?	

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2	COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.	
3	CLERK: Council Member Salaam?	
4	COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present.	
5	CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?	
6	COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.	
7	CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?	
8	COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.	
9	CLERK: Council Member Schulman?	
10	COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.	
11	CLERK: Council Member Stevens?	
12	COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: (NO RESPONSE)	
13	CLERK: Council Member Ung?	
14	COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present.	
15	CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?	
16	COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)	
17	CLERK: Council Member Williams?	
18	COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: (NO RESPONSE)	
19	CLERK: Council Member Won?	
20	COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present.	
21	CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?	
22	COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Here.	
23	CLERK: Council Member Ariola?	
24	MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Present.	
25	CLERK: Council Member Farías?	

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present.

CLERK: Speaker Adams?

SPEAKER ADAMS: Present.

CLERK: Madam Majority Leader, we have a quorum.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you.

We will now have today's Invocation, which will be delivered by Reverend Kim Council, Assistant Pastor of Greater Mount Pleasant Baptist Church at 877 Saint Mark's Avenue in Brooklyn.

REVEREND KIM COUNCIL: Let us pray.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast in our eternal home. We thank you for the many ways in which you have blessed us, and we thank you for preserving our lives and allowing us to be in this space today.

We have gathered from every neighborhood across this city in the most splendid place that we call home, a place full of diversity and wonder, full of hope and dreams where the challenges are great but the possibilities are endless.

Today, we are grateful. Grateful for the mosaic of cultures that blend together to create a tapestry like no other in the world. Grateful for leaders like our Speaker and every city council member, and their

staff, who bring their lived experience to their styles of leadership. We're not afraid to speak truth to power and stand up to the nation, the state, and lead our city with both grit and grace.

We're grateful for every man, woman, boy, and girl, and non-binary being, who by birth or by choice, have made New York City their own.

We are ever mindful that every day there are systems at work that seek to undermine this beautiful city. That there are people who seek to divide and conquer, that our problems often seem insurmountable, and that there are times when we feel the only way to be heard is to be the loudest person in the room and rage against the machine. Times when we feel disconnected and helpless, and as we look out over this world that you have created, it is often hard to reconcile man's inhumanity to man. In those times, let us remember that we are not alone, that you are with us, and that just that it is darkest just before dawn, that there is hope even when we feel hopeless.

Strengthen and guide us in the days to come and help us to build bridges and repair relationships. Help us to understand that our true strength is revealed when we show love and compassion for one

another. Help us all to understand that justice and peace go hand in hand.

And so today, as we sit here focused on all the great work that has been done and the plans that lay ahead, let us continue in a spirit of gratitude for each and every individual under the sound of my voice.

For those in elective office who carry the burden of leadership, let them never forget the reason that they are in the positions that they hold.

For every individual here, I know that you are a God that provides. So whatever people stand in need of, I ask that you grant. I lift up a mother and a grandmother named Adrienne, who has for years fought for the least of these. Continue to lead and guide her as she seeks to lead this council and this city.

Thank you for leaders who are not focused on what is popular or politic, but what is right.

I ask that you give us all the courage to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. It is in the name of the almighty God that I pray. Amen.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Reverend Council. I would ask Council Member Chi Ossé to spread the Invocation on the record.

COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I want to thank Deputy Brooklyn Borough President, Reverend Kim Council, for this powerful and affirming invocation today.

Deputy Borough President Council truly represents our borough's best of the best. She has played many roles and put on many hats throughout her life, law librarian, a former executive nonprofit leader, and board chair, reverend at Greater Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in North Crown Heights, and now Deputy Borough President for the great borough of Brooklyn.

And in every role she has been in, Deputy Borough President Council has centered public service and community first. We thank her for her years of work and commitment to the public, and we are honored to have her with us here today at the Stated Meeting.

Thank you Majority Leader. I would like to thank Deputy Brooklyn Borough President, Reverend Kim Council, for being here today, and I make a motion for unanimous consent to spread the Invocation in full upon the record.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Adoption of Minutes?

CLERK: None.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Messages and Papers from the Mayor?

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2 CLERK: Preconsidered M 122 through Preconsidered
3 M 127, mayoral appointments.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Rules, Privileges and Elections.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Communications from City,
6 County, and Borough Offices?

7 CLERK: None.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Petitions and
9 Communications?

10 CLERK: None.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Land Use Call-ups?

12 CLERK: None.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. We will now
14 have Communication from Speaker Adrienne Adams.

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you. And I, too, thank our
16 Deputy Borough President, Reverend Kim Council. Thank
17 you so much for those beautiful words.

18 Before we begin, I do want to acknowledge a fatal
19 fire that occurred Monday in Council Member Althea
20 Stevens' district in the Bronx, where two New Yorkers
21 lives were lost. My heart is with their loved ones
22 and community as they grieve these tragic losses.

23 Yesterday was Denim Day, a day committed to
24 supporting survivors of sexual violence. As a
25 Council, we are committed to supporting survivors

with the trauma-informed care and recovery services they need.

Today, colleagues, is May Day, also known as International Labor Day, in honor of the workers whose labor makes all things possible. We will continue to support our workers and union partners in the movement.

Today is also Israel's Independence Day and May 5th is Cinco de Mayo.

May 6th is National Nurses Day. We are so grateful to our essential frontline health care workers who help keep our communities healthy and safe every day.

May 6th is also National Teacher Day, observed on the first Tuesday of May. On this day, we pay tribute to our teachers who help... who keep our students educated, safe, and healthy. Thank you to all of the dedicated and hardworking teachers who are our unsung heroes.

And today is also a National Principals Day, which we say thank you so much in gratitude to all of our principals.

May 11th is one of my personal favorite holidays. Can anybody guess what it is? I'll tell you, it's

Mother's Day. Okay, good. As a women majority Council made up of new mothers, mothers to be, and mother figures, this holiday is especially meaningful to all of us. To all of the mothers in this room, and those who are in the entire city of New York, who are the heart and soul of our families and communities, I truly wish you all, and all New Yorkers, a very, very happy Mother's Day.

And throughout the month of May, we're celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Haitian Heritage Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, Lupus Awareness Month, and Maternal Mental Health Month.

And we wish a happy birthday to Council Member Jim Gennaro, whose birthday is on May 3rd (APPLAUSE), and Council Member Erik Bottcher, whose birthday is on the 9th. (APPLAUSE) Happy birthday.

Now let's move on to our Stated Agenda.

First, we'll vote on the following land use items:

102-51 Queens Boulevard Rezoning, a private application to facilitate a new 17-story mixed-use building with approximately 216 residential units, 54

of which will be permanently affordable under MIH in Council Member Schulman's district.

Today, we'll also vote on the following pieces of legislation:

Resolution 822-A, sponsored by Council Member Lynn Schulman, calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.705/A.2140, which would cap the amount people pay for non-complicated, routine medical procedures at 150% of the cost paid by Medicare for those same services.

Resolution 165-B, sponsored by Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign S.5545/A.885, the Equity in Fertility Treatment Act. Thank you to our staff members Joshua Newman, Christopher Pepe, and Sara Sucher.

Resolution 741, sponsored by Council Member Carlina Rivera, designating May 10th annually as Judith Jamison Day in the City of New York to honor her life and legacy as a dancer, choreographer, and longtime artistic director of the groundbreaking Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

Resolution 844, sponsored by Council Member Susan Zhuang, recognizing May 10th annually as Chinese American Railroad Workers Memorial Day in New York City. Thank you to our staff member Regina Paul.

Introduction 191, sponsored by Council Member Jennifer Gutiérrez, would require all taxis and for-hire vehicles to prominently display a sign on all rear passenger doors warning passengers to look for cyclists before opening the door. The signs would be provided to drivers at no cost by the Taxi and Limousine Commission. Thank you to our staff members Clare McLaughlin and Mark Chen.

Introduction 23-A, sponsored by Majority Whip, Selvena Brooks-Powers, would require that the city comptroller publish an annual report that indicates the total share of city procurement contracts that were awarded to MWBEs for the most recent fiscal year. The report would include information regarding the contract value, awarding agency, and demographics of the MWBEs. We thank our staff members Kris Sartori, Alex Yablon, and Rachel Cordero.

Introduction 1125-A, sponsored by Council Member Lincoln Restler, would require the Department of Education to report annually the number of licensed

and non-licensed school librarians at each school, the number of school libraries, and other data related to student access to library staff and facilities, including compliance with state staffing requirements. Thank you to our staff member Nadia Jean-Francois.

Next, we will vote on legislation to preserve the limits on fees delivery caps can charge restaurants. The Council enacted legislation to cap these fees and provide critical relief to small businesses. In the wake of lawsuits by delivery app companies, New York City has remained one of the last of the more than 100 cities to keep this policy intact. Today's legislation maintains the cap on these fees while permitting additional services to be purchased.

Introduction 762-B, sponsored by Council Member Rafael Salamanca, maintains limits on the fees that third party delivery services can charge restaurants, while allowing apps to provide optional enhanced services such as marketing for an additional fee of 20%. It would only permit charging an enhanced service fee; however, if the delivery service also offers the option to purchase a basic service plan at a cost no higher than the current fee limits that

includes delivery services and being listed and discoverable on the third party platform. The bill also establishes strong protections for those who do not opt in by clearly defining the basic services that must remain subject to capped rates. Thank you to our staff members Sarah Swaine, Natalie Meltzer, and Rachel Cordero.

And Introduction 1185-A, sponsored by Council Member Shekar Krishnan, would require the Department of Parks and Recreation to develop a strategic plan to mitigate the occurrences of wildfires in parks by March 1, 2026. This bill would also require DPR to report annually on wildfires that occur in parks under its jurisdiction. Thank you to our staff members Kris Sartori and Patrick Mulvihill.

Thank you for your attention, now I turn it back over to our Majority Leader.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Speaker Adams. We will now move into Discussion of General Orders, and I would like to first recognize Council Member Schulman, followed by Council Member Krishnan, then Majority Whip Brooks-Powers.

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you, Majority Leader.

Today, I am voting to support the proposed development at 102-51 Queens Boulevard. My district needs more housing, specifically affordable housing, and this is what this development will provide. Of the 216 residential units, 54 will be permanently affordable. I am also proud of approving a project that will be using union labor in both the construction and operation of the building. I want to thank the applicant for working with me and the community on this project.

I also want to thank the applicant for considering the community's request for supportive housing as part of the project. While this type of project does not meet the conditions required for supportive housing, the project will have apartments that are designed for people with disabilities, which is much appreciated. Thank you very much.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council Member Krishnan.

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Thank you so much.

It's a beautiful day today, but it's also a moment to reflect and remember that we're in the middle of a climate emergency. Last fall, there were 250 wildfires in just two weeks in our city's parks

across the city, from Brooklyn to the Bronx to Queens. It sent a clear message that we have to do far more as a city to prepare and to protect our city from the worst effects of climate change and the lasting harm of wildfires.

That's why I'm proud today that we are passing my legislation, Intro 1185-A, requiring the Parks Department to work with city agencies to come up with a plan to prevent wildfires where possible, to protect our city from the worst impacts of them when they do occur, and to educate New Yorkers on all that we can do together to make sure we are protecting our city's trees and green spaces from wildfires.

The bill would require the agencies to work together by March 1st, and come up with a preparedness plan, a way to both prevent the wildfires, and also require agencies to work together to increase response times when they do happen, more fire prevention training for city workers, better surveillance over fire prone areas of parkland, and improve enforcement against activities in parks that contribute to fires occurring. The plan would have to be posted on the Parks Department website and be updated regularly with relevant data on any recent

fires that occurred. I urge all my colleagues to vote in favor of this legislation. We are in the middle of a climate emergency that is getting worse every day from here, across the country, to LA.

We need to take decisive action and be prepared, and that's what this bill does. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Majority Whip Brooks-Powers.

MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you.

Today, I'm calling on my colleagues to support my bill, Intro 23. This bill advances equity and public procurement by requiring the Comptroller to publish an annual report detailing how much of the City's contract spending goes to minority and women owned business enterprises. This report will include a breakdown by agency, industry, contract value, and the gender and ethnic identity of the awarded firms, providing a clear picture of how we are investing public dollars. MWBEs are the engine of economic mobility for our city. They create jobs, build wealth in our communities, and reflect the diversity of New York. We cannot forget or abandon them, no matter the fiscal climate or shifting political winds. MWBEs continue to face real barriers when competing for

city contracts. By placing the responsibility for this reporting with the comptroller, we ensure the data is not only made public, but presented independently and comprehensively creating a reliable tool for advocacy, oversight, and reform.

This bill gives us the information we need to course correct, to demand better from our agencies, and to expand access to opportunity for the diverse business owners who power our economy.

I thank my co-sponsors for their partnership, and I urge all my colleagues to vote in support of this important legislation. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council Member Salamanca.

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you, Majority Leader.

Introduction 762-B is a long overdue compromise, it is a major win for local restaurants and consumers, and is a result of extensive negotiations to ensure small, independent restaurants' voices were heard and their needs met.

Let's be clear, this compromise maintains a cap on delivery fees, while providing the flexibility for marketing services, making it, without exaggeration,

the strongest food delivery commission cap of its kind in the country with key safeguards in place.

The enhanced safeguards in this bill ensure transparent prices for marketing services, clearly outlined, so restaurants avoid surprises, and can opt in or opt out as needed.

Restaurants will also retain the ability to set their own menu prices, the ability to include marketing materials in everyday delivery, and delivery platforms are prohibited from purchasing a restaurant's name as a keyword for use in advertising.

From the beginning, the focus of this legislation was to better enable small and independent restaurants to grow and support the unique characters of their neighborhood. This bill restores restaurants fundamental ability to invest in marketing, expand their customer reach, and compete with big chains in this highly competitive market. It also provides restaurants with much more choices and autonomy to leverage delivery platforms in ways that work best for them, allowing them to tailor their services and change them as needed — this moves away from a one size fits all approach.

This bill also allows restaurants to now access vital marketing tools like an in app promotion and target campaigns to reach new customers and increase their visibility tools they often lack the resources to implement on their own.

This bill is a common sense compromise that would empower small businesses, bring more order to local restaurants, and create more earning opportunities for delivery workers, which is a win-win for all stakeholders in our delivery ecosystem. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Seeing no one else signed up to speak, Report of Special Committees?

CLERK: None.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Report of Standing Committees?

CLERK: Report of the Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection, Intro 762-B, food delivery services.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General Orders.

CLERK: Report of the Committee on Contracts, Intro 23-A, MWBE procurement.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General Orders.

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2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Education,
3 Intro 1125-A, public school libraries.

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

6 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use, LUs
7 267 and 268, 2510 Coney Island Avenue Rezoning?

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with Modifications and
9 Referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to
10 Section 197-(d) of the New York City Charter.

11 CLERK: LU 269 and Resolution 865 and LU 270 and
12 Resolution 866, 102-51 Queens Boulevard Rezoning,
13 Queens Boulevard?

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

15 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Parks and
16 Recreation, Introduction 1185-A, wildfire mitigation.

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

19 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Rules,
20 Privileges and Elections, Preconsidered Resolution
21 862, recommending the appointment of Helen Skipper,
22 Board of Correction.

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

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2 CLERK: Preconsidered Resolution 863, Recommending
3 the appointment of Dr. Robert Cohen, Board of
4 Correction?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

6 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Transportation
7 and Infrastructure, Introduction 193-A, rear door
8 signage for taxis?

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

11 CLERK: General Orders Calendar, Resolution
12 appointing various persons Commissioner of Deeds?

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

14 I now ask that the Clerk take a roll call vote on
15 all of the items coupled on today's General Order
16 Calendar.

17 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

19 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

21 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

22 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye.

23 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

25 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Aye.

3 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

5 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes.

7 CLERK: Thank you.

8 Council Member Brooks-Powers?

9 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye, and I

10 congratulate my colleagues on their bills passing

11 today.

12 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye on all.

14 (BACKGROUND NOISE)

15 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I vote no on Preconsidered

17 Resolutions 862 and 863 and aye on the rest.

18 CLERK: Thank you.

19 Council Member De La Rosa?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

21 CLERK: Thank you.

22 Council Member Dinowitz?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: (UN-MIC'D) Aye.

2 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

4 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: (ABSENT)

6 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Thank you.

9 Council Member Hanif?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

11 CLERK: Thank you.

12 Council Member Hanks?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye.

14 CLERK: Thank you.

15 Council Member Holden?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all except for
17 Resolutions 862 and 863 of which I vote no.

18 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

20 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: (ABSENT)

22 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye on all except for
24 Introduction 762-B, for which I vote no.

25 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

3 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

5 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye on all with

7 the exception of Resolutions 862 and 863; I vote no.

8 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye on all, and no

12 Introduction 762-B.

13 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

15 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

17 CLERK: Thank you.

18 Council Member Narcisse?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye on all.

20 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye on all.

22 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye on all.

24 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

25 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: (ABSENT)

2 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all with the
4 exception of Introduction 762-B.

5 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: (NO RESPONSE)

7 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

9 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

11 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

13 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all, and no on
15 Resolution 822.

16 CLERK: Thank you.

17 Council Member Sanchez?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Thank you.

20 Council Member Schulman?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

22 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

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2 CLERK: Thank you.

3 Council Member Vernikov?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all, except no on

5 Resolutions 862 and 863.

6 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

8 CLERK: Council Member Won?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all, except

10 Introduction 762-B.

11 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye on all, except

13 Resolutions 862 and 863.

14 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

15 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I vote no Resolutions 862

16 and 863 and aye on all the rest.

17 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.

19 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye on all.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All items on today's

22 General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 46 in

23 the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0

24 abstentions; with the exception of Introduction 762-

25 B, which was adopted by a vote of 42 in the

affirmative, four in the negative, and 0 abstentions;
and Resolutions 862 and 863, which were adopted by a
vote of 40 in the affirmative, six in the negative,
and 0 abstentions.

(PAUSE)

We are just going to pause for one second on the
Stated Agenda.

(PAUSE)

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Folks, we still have to
maintain silence in the Chambers, please.

(PAUSE)

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Okay, and we are back at
it. We are moving to Introduction and Reading of
Bills.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: All bills have been referred to
Committee as indicated on today's Agenda.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. We will now
move into the Discussion of Resolutions. And I would
first acknowledge and recognize Council Member
Schulman, followed by Council Member Zhuang, then
Council Member Narcisse.

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Hold on one second,
sorry.

Okay, New Yorkers rely on basic routine healthcare, like flu shots, MRIs, IV bags, and cancer treatment to stay healthy. But, too often they are being charged outrageous prices simply because the hospital system owns the facility where they get care. It's not fair and it's not sustainable. The Fair Pricing Act would make New York the first state in the country to cap prices for routine, outpatient services at 150% of Medicare rates, regardless of where the care is delivered. And that is why Resolution 822 was introduced to support the legislation in the New York State Legislature that would do that. And this legislation could save New Yorkers over \$1 billion a year — money that should go to rent, food, and other essentials, not excessive medical bills. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council Member Zhuang.

COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Thank you, Majority Leader.

Today is the first day of AAPI Heritage Month. By voting yes on my Resolution 844, you, the representatives of people, are making sure we don't erase Asian Americans from American history.

Today people talk about immigrants with fear and sometimes hate. It's not new. The Chinese American railroad workers in American history had the same problems. These workers worked just for a few cents a day, and many died to build the transcontinental railroad. But the surviving workers were not allowed on the final picture. Leland Stanford made so much money off those workers. However, he endorsed the Chinese Exclusion Act, the first U.S. policy to restrict immigration based on race, not only just Chinese, to all Asians.

This is a short version of forgotten history. And do you see (TIMER) why it's so important we remember? This is AAPI Month, let's make history and make May 10th Chinese American Railroad Workers Memorial Day. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Council Member Narcisse, followed by Council Member Salamanca.

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you, Majority Leader, and thank you, Madam Speaker. (BACKGROUND NOISE)

Today, I'm asking for your support in passing Resolution 165, which calls on the New York

Legislature to establish full insurance coverage for fertility treatments.

Fertility challenges effect many individuals and couples across our city, yet the high costs and insurance exclusions create unjust barriers, particularly for marginalized communities.

Should it be based on how much money you have, your race to have a baby, to full your to fulfill your need being a family? It is time we guarantee equitable access to these individual services for all New Yorkers.

As Chair of our Hospital Committee, and a registered nurse, I believe regardless of your income, race, or sexual orientation... I urge you to stand with me in support of this resolution.

It's all about family.

And shout out to Haitian History, because Haitian Independence, it was not only for Haiti, (TIMER) it was for everyone.

So Happy Flag Day, because the flag, we raise it high, we remember our independence, the freedoms, the things that we have done for the world, and thank you, Madam Chair.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council Member Salamanca.

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you.

I'm speaking out against Resolution eight 822, the Fair Pricing Act, which threatens the financial sustainability of healthcare systems such as New York City Public Hospitals, such as Lincoln Hospital, Jacobi Hospital, Woodhull, Metropolitan, and many other hospitals in New York City.

You know, healthcare prices is not a one size fits all. Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates fall short. The academic health systems provide high value and community-based care, which will be affected. And the Fair Pricing Act seeks to set a standard price for low level care, but low level care is not low level care. And it also puts hospitals, which carry a regulatory burden, and for that reason the Fair Pricing Act may appear equitable on the surface, but it undermines the very institutions working to close healthcare gaps and expand access to healthcare, and that is why I will be voting no.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Council Member.

I am going to take a pause to answer a question.

(PAUSE)

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Okay, folks, we will now have a voice vote on today's resolutions. If you wish to vote against or abstain from any today's Resolutions, please notify the Legislative Documents Unit by email or by approaching the dais.

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

Resolution 165-B, calls on New York State to enact S.5545/A.885, the Equity in Fertility Treatment Act.

Will all those in favor say aye?

ALL: Aye

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

Resolution 741 designates May 10th annually as Judith Jamison Day in the City of New York to honor her life and legacy dancer, choreographer, and longtime artistic director of the groundbreaking Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

Will all those in favor say aye?

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2 ALL: Aye

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

4 ALL: (SILENT)

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

6 ALL: (SILENT)

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

8 Resolution 822-A, calls on New York State to

9 enact S.705/A.2140, which would cap the amount people

10 pay for non-complicated, routine medical procedures

11 at 150% of the cost paid by Medicare for those same

12 services.

13 Will all those in favor say aye?

14 ALL: Aye

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

16 ALL: (SILENT)

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

18 ALL: (SILENT)

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

20 Resolution 844, recognizing May 10th annually as

21 Chinese American Railroad Workers Memorial Day in New

22 York City.

23 Will all those in favor say aye?

24 ALL: Aye

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

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2 ALL: (SILENT)

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

4 ALL: (SILENT)

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

6 (PAUSE)

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Council Member Restler,
8 do you have a motion?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Yes, I would like to
10 request unanimous consent to be able to vote on the
11 items on today's General Order Calendar?

12 (PAUSE)

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The council member
14 requests unanimous consent to vote all items on
15 today's calendar. Does anyone object to the council
16 member's motion?

17 Seeing no objections... (CROSS-TALK)

18 (LAUGHTER)

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: (INAUDIBLE)... (CROSS-
20 TALK)

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Council Member Restler is
22 approved to vote, and you can cast your vote on the
23 floor.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Thank you, all, that was
25 very gracious, I apologize.

Aye on all with the exception of 762-B. And I just want to thank everyone for their support of 1125, so that we can get a library in every school and a librarian in every library. Thank you very much.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: One second as we re-tally, so I can update the vote for the record.

(PAUSE)

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All items on today's General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 47...

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Keep it down, please.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I am re-stating the vote, as we had a new addition.

All items are today's General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 47 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0 abstentions; with the exception of Introduction 762-B, which was adopted by a vote 42 in the affirmative, five in the negative, and 0 abstentions; and Resolutions 862 and 863, which were adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative, six in the negative, 0 abstentions.

We will now move into General Discussion, and I would like to first recognize Minority Leader Ariola.

MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Thank you, Madam Majority Leader, Madam Speaker.

I'd like to first congratulate our colleague from the Common Sense Caucus, Susan Zhuang, for passing her first piece of legislation today. Congratulations, Susan.

(APPLAUSE)

MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Additionally, today we are joined by council member elect, Frank Morano, from the 51st Council District, which was vacated by my predecessor, Minority Leader, Joseph Borelli.

(APPLAUSE)

MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: As soon as he is certified and sworn in, he will be joining us here. Congratulations, Frank. And congratulations to the Staten Island GOP on their decisive win. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Minority Leader.

I would now like to recognize Council Member Louis, followed by Council Member Banks, then Council Member Cabán.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Madam Majority Leader, and good afternoon colleagues.

Today, I'm introducing two pieces of legislation to protect the health and safety of women and girls in our city, especially those who are often overlooked and underserved.

The first bill builds on this year's powerful joint hearing on Youth and Human Trafficking, chaired by Council Member Althea Stevens in January. Intro 1273 will require all DYCD and ACS staff for direct youth contact to complete annual trauma-informed training to help identify and support sexually exploited youth, many of whom are Black and brown girls under the age of 24. Our foster, homeless, and LGBTQ+ youth are some of the most vulnerable in our care, and this bill ensures that those responsible for them are well trained to recognize and respond to signs of exploitation.

My second Reso, 861, calling on the State to pass the Beauty Justice Act. Far too long, many products marketed to Black women by big corporations – lotions, hair relaxers, cosmetics, and more contain toxic chemicals linked to cancer, infertility, and poor maternal outcomes. This social justice issue has been a long overlooked public health crisis. New York must join other states in banning harmful substances

in personal care products and affirm every woman's right to safe non toxic options.

These bills will serve our youth and every woman in New York City trying to protect their health and well-being that's too often disregarded. I encourage my colleagues to sign on to these pieces of legislation. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council Member Banks, followed by Council Member Cabán, then Council Member Avilés.

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Thank you, Madam Majority Leader.

Two days ago, I spoke with News 12 Brooklyn about the footbridge connecting the L and the 3 trains at the Livonia/Junius Train Stations, a connection for our community that has sadly become a symbol of neglect. My office and 311 have been flooded with calls from residents asking for something to be done, and they're absolutely correct.

When you walk by and you see trash piling up, the smell, the stench, you watch rats roaming around like they own a place, it's unsettling. I've spoken with neighbors who say it's not just nasty, it's downright depressing.

This is city-owned property, and it would never have been... it should have never been allowed to get this bad, and it definitely shouldn't have taken until this morning to start the cleanup.

Our residents deserve better. The people at the 42nd Council District deserve better.

I appreciate the DOT for stepping in, but I hope this isn't just a one-time fix. Many of my colleagues and I support containerization as a step towards a cleaner and safer city, but we can't ask our businesses and residents to follow a higher standard than the City is willing to meet itself. We need to lead by example.

To everyone who called and spoke up, who refused to accept this as normal, we thank you. Your voices matter, and I'll keep raising it until this bridge reflects the dignity and respect that our community deserves.

And lastly, a big shoutout to my Fellow, Sarah Quispe, who's returned to her alma mater as a Development Officer. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the 42nd Council District. We wish you the very best, and thank you again.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council Member Cabán, followed by Council Member Avilés, Council Member Riley.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you.

Today, I along with a number of colleagues, am introducing legislation to explicitly protect intersex individuals and individuals with intersex characteristics under New York City Human Rights Law.

For the at least 140,000 intersex New York City residents, this Amendment will provide the safety, security, and dignity every person deserves.

Intersex characteristics are far more common than many people realize, but intersex people often face discrimination in their daily lives, in areas like healthcare, education, housing, and employment.

At this time of open federal attacks on long established rights, it is essential that we fortify protections against this discrimination here in New York City. While existing guidance from the Human Rights Commission offers some protection, it's not enough. Guidance can change. The law must be permanent. That is why we must amend the City's Human Rights Law to protect intersex individuals and individuals with intersex characteristics. Codifying

these protections in the law would continue the Council's long standing tradition of strengthening Title 8 to reflect our values of equality, inclusion, and justice.

In the face of growing threats to LGBTQIA+ rights nationwide, this amendment sends a clear message: New York City stands firmly on the side of fairness and human rights for all.

I urge you to join me in supporting this crucial legislation. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council Member Avilés, followed by Council Member Riley, then Council Member Carr.

COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Thank you, Majority Leader.

I want to bring to your attention two important pieces of legislation I'm introducing today along with Council Member Cabán.

The first is Resolution 859 condemning the passage of the Laken Riley Act. While we mourn the tragic loss of life of a young woman, framing her death as anything other than yet another example of violence against women in our culture is a grave mistake that undermines any public safety goal.

For those of you who may not know, the Laken Riley Act allows undocumented immigrants to be detained based merely on suspicion, marking the elimination of due process. We have already seen the deleterious effects of this legislation in an example after example within only a few short weeks. The Laken and Riley Act makes our communities less safe, allowing for rampant and extremely harmful racial profiling, puts immigrant victims of crime at risk, resulting in deportation for individuals who may participate in crimes through no choice of their own, leaving their exploiters unharmed and leaves immigrant children and those born in The U.S. to immigrant parents incredibly vulnerable.

I also want to bring to your attention Intro 1268, which will require the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs to develop signage to be posted at city agencies where direct or emergency services are delivered notifying immigrants of their constitutional and legal protections.

While our nonprofit providers are strapped providing workshop after workshop informing our immigrant communities of their rights, the City must come up with a way to more consistently deliver this

message, not only to those impacted, but to each city agency across all levels of staffing.

New York City must step up at this critical moment. We must restore trust between our local government and immigrant communities. I urge you all to stand with me in condemning the Laken Riley Act, and in standing together to protect our communities and ensure all (TIMER) are informed of their constitutional and legal protections in the face of rising authoritarianism. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council Member Riley, followed by Council Member Carr, then Council Member Zhuang.

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority Leader.

Managing a co-op comes with complex responsibilities, as everyday residents must navigate a web of housing laws and regulations while working to serve their communities with care and fairness.

As the representative of Co-op City, the largest cooperative housing development in the world, I understand how important it is for co-op board members to be well informed and prepared to lead.

That's why I'm... excuse me... That's why I'm proud to introduce Intro 1275, legislation that

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2 directs the Commission of HPD to create a
3 comprehensive training program for co-op board
4 members citywide. The training will cover key areas
5 including housing laws in all levels of government,
6 fiduciary duties to shareholders, anti-discrimination
7 protection for prospective buyers, and best practices
8 for managing a cooperative corporation.

9 This knowledge is vital to empowering board
10 members to lead with professionalism, transparency,
11 and accountability. To support this effort, this bill
12 also requires the Commissioner to conduct a citywide
13 outreach campaign to raise awareness and to ensure
14 boards know about and take advantage of training
15 opportunities.

16 This legislation is not just about regulatory
17 compliance, it's also about strengthening the culture
18 of cooperative housing and supporting the people who
19 keep it running. When board members are equipped with
20 the right knowledge, they make better decisions,
21 foster stronger communities, and build greater trust
22 amongst their residents.

23 I urge my colleagues to sponsor this legislation
24 and join me in uplifting our communities. Let's
25 ensure cooperative housing remains a stable,

inclusive, and empowering foundation for families across New York City. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council Member Carr, followed by Council Member Zhuang.

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Thank you, Majority Leader.

I want to add my congratulations to our future colleague, Frank Morano, on his decisive victory in the special election on Tuesday to succeed our former colleague, Joe Borelli. You know, Frank has a wealth of knowledge about government that rivals, I think, even the most seasoned and veteran members and public servants in this city. And I think colleagues will find in him somebody who wants to work with them to champion improving quality of life across the five boroughs. He's a person of incredible commitment to his principles. He's dedicated to the South Shore community he will soon be representing and, just a lover and passionate, uh, passionate believer in municipal government and what it can do to improve our quality of life. So I look forward to him joining us by the time of the next Stated, and for all of my colleagues here to be getting to know him and working with him over the rest of the year. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council Member Zhuang.

COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Thank you, Majority Leader. I want to thank everyone who supported me and also voted yes for May 10th as Chinese American Railroad Workers Memorial Day.

I want to thank the American Association of Cantonese who helped me to start this resolution, and I want to thank UFT's support, MTA Chinese Association, which is under TW Local 100, and also CCBA, Museum of Chinese in America, and lots of Chinese American organizations.

And, also, I want to thank Council Member Bob Holden, who gave me his bill, and I want to thank Regina Paul for drafting this resolution. And, also, want to thank my team, especially Katelynn Ulrich. I really appreciate everyone's vote for the Asian community. It's not only just for Chinese Americans, it's for all Asian Americans.

And this month is Asian Heritage Month as well as Jewish Heritage Month. We need unity in the community. We need to support each other. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Council Members.

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

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Madam Majority Leader.
6 The Stated Meeting of May 1, 2025 is hereby
7 adjourned.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Friendly reminder to the
9 members of the body, BLAC (New York City Council
10 Black, Latino and Asian Caucus) is happening in the
11 Committee Room.

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