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OF THE

STATED MEETING

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Wednesday, October 29, 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*

Joann Ariola

Alexa Avilés

Diana I. Ayala

Chris Banks

Erik D. Bottcher

Justin L. Brannan

Gale A. Brewer

Selvena N. Brooks-Powers

Tiffany Cabán

David M. Carr

Carmen N. De La Rosa

Eric Dinowitz

Amanda Farías

Simcha Felder

Oswald Feliz

James F. Gennaro

Jennifer Gutiérrez

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

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A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION:

Delivered by: Reverend James Thornton, Senior
Pastor, Salem missionary Baptist Church, located
at 305 East 21st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11226

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2 SERGEANT MARINO: This is a microphone
3 check for the Stated Meeting on October 29, 2025,
4 recorded by James Marino, in the Chambers.

5 (PAUSE)

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Sergeants, can we close
7 those doors in the back? Thank you. Council Members,
8 please take a seat. Council Members, please take a
9 seat. Quiet down, please! Quiet down, please! Take
10 your seats, thank you.

11 Ladies and gentlemen, at this time,
12 please place all electronic devices, all electronic
13 devices, to vibrate.

14 Madam Majority Leader, it's all yours.

15 [GAVEL]

16 AUTOMATION: Recording in progress.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Good afternoon,
18 and welcome to the Stated Meeting of October 29,
19 2025. I am Majority Leader Amanda Fariás, and I would
20 like to thank you for joining us. If you would like
21 to follow along, the agenda for today's meeting is
22 posted on our website.

23 On behalf of the body, I welcome the
24 members of the public who have joined us. During
25 Stated Meetings, only members of the Council may

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

12 CLERK: Please join us for the Pledge of
13 Allegiance.

14 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

15 ALL: [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Roll call?

17 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present

19 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: (NO RESPONSE)

21 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

22 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Here

23 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Here

25 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEr: Here
CLERK: Council Member Brannan?
COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: 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
CLERK: Council Member Feliz?
COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here
CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?
COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here
CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?
COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presenté
CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here

CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (ABSENT)

(BACKGROUND NOISE)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Folks, please
silence your electronic devices.

CLERK: Did I miss Hanks?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Holden?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here

CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present

CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present

CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here

CLERK: Council Member Lee?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here

CLERK: Council Member Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present

CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present

CLERK: Council Member Marte?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present

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

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CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?
COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present
CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?
COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present
CLERK: Council Member Schulman?
COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here
CLERK: Council Member Stevens?
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here
CLERK: Council Member Ung?
COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present
CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?
COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)
CLERK: Council Member Williams?
COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Present
CLERK: I'm sorry, Council Member
Williams?
COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Present
CLERK: Oh, thank you.
Council Member Won?
COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present
CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?
COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Here
CLERK: Council Member Ariola?
MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Present

2 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present

4 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present

6 CLERK: We have a quorum.

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. We
8 will now have today's Invocation, which will be
9 delivered by Reverend James Thornton, Senior Pastor
10 of Salem missionary Baptist Church, which is located
11 at 305 East 21st Street in Brooklyn.

12 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

13 REVEREND DR. JAMES THORNTON: Let us pray.

14 Dear God, we come into your presence today
15 recognizing that you are the Creator and Maker of
16 everything. Your word reminds us that in the
17 beginning, you created the heavens and the earth, you
18 breathed into us mere mortals, and we became living
19 souls. We beg that you allow us to see the Imago Dei,
20 the image of God, the divinity of God in each of us.
21 We thank you for our political leaders, especially in
22 this moment. We ask that you would pour your
23 benedictions upon our Council Members and all elected
24 officials. We pray that you would grant them wisdom,
25 insight, and courage to fight for the needs and

1 interests of your people. Today, we live in a
2 polarized governmental system. We beg that you would
3 melt stony hearts and give our leaders hearts of love
4 and compassion. Finally, we ask that our political
5 leaders, as they gather together to deliberate and
6 work on behalf of your people, they would hear the
7 words of the prophet Micah: What does the Lord
8 require of us but to do justly, to love mercy, and to
9 walk humbly with God? We pray that even now you would
10 make the crooked places straight and the rough places
11 plain, and that your glory would be revealed and that
12 all flesh would see it together. We ask now, O God,
13 that you would hear our prayer, incline your ear to
14 us, and grant us these petitions. In the name of
15 Jesus, we pray. Amen.

17 (PAUSE)

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. I
19 would now ask Council Member Rita Joseph to spread
20 the Invocation on the Record.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you,
22 Majority Leader Fariás. It is my honor... (BACKGROUND
23 NOISE)

24 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Go ahead? Thank
25 you, Sir...

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Yes, please
3 continue.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you.
5 Majority Leader Fariás.

6 It is my honor to have today's Invocation
7 be spread by Reverend Doctor James A. Thornton, the
8 esteemed pastor of Salem Missionary Baptist Church in
9 the 40th Council District.

10 For nearly four decades, Dr. Thornton has
11 dedicated his life to faith, education, and
12 community. He constantly reminds me and others that
13 faith is not just what we speak, but how we serve. As
14 the sixth pastor of the Salem Missionary Baptist
15 Church, Dr. Thornton has continued the legacy of
16 spiritual leadership while building bridges between
17 the church, our schools, and our neighborhoods. His
18 ministry extends beyond the sanctuary, empowering
19 young minds through education, nurturing families,
20 and bringing hope to communities here in New York
21 City and across the globe. He embodies what it means
22 to lead with compassion, purpose, and a belief that
23 when we lift others, we all rise. Beyond the pulpit,
24 he's a teacher, mentor, and a global missionary,
25 bringing faith and service to communities here in New

2 York and abroad. Thank you, Dr. Thorton, for joining
3 us today. With that being said, I make a motion to
4 spread today's Invocation on the Record.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. We
6 will now ask Council Member Chi Ossé for the Adoption
7 of Minutes.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I make a motion that
9 the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of October 9th,
10 2025, be adopted as printed.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Messages and
12 Papers from the Mayor?

13 CLERK: M 177, Mayor's Management Report.

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, Ordered,
15 Printed, and Filed.

16 CLERK: M 178 through M 187, mayoral
17 appointments.

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Rules, Privileges and
19 Elections.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Communications
21 from City, County & Borough Offices?

22 CLERK: None.

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Petitions and
24 Communications?

25 CLERK: None.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Land Use Call-
3 ups?

4 CLERK: M 188 through M 190.

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you. I now ask that
6 the Clerk take a roll call vote on all of today's
7 Land Use Call-ups.

8 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

9 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

11 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: (NO RESPONSE)

12 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

13 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye

18 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

20 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes

22 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

23 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye

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2 CLERK: Council Member Carr?
3 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO RESPONSE)
4 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?
5 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye
6 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?
7 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye
8 CLERK: Council Member Felder?
9 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Aye
10 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?
11 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.
12 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?
13 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye
14 CLERK: Thank you.
15 Council Member Gutiérrez?
16 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye
17 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?
18 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye
19 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?
20 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (ABSENT)
21 CLERK: Council Member Holden?
22 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye
23 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?
24 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye
25 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye

9 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye?

11 CLERK: Yes, thank you.

12 Council Member Marte?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (ABSENT)

16 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: I request

18 permission to vote on today's Land Use Call-ups and

19 all items under General Orders.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission

21 granted.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Thank you. I vote

23 aye on all.

24 CLERK: Council Member Morano?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Aye

2 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

4 CLERK: Thank you.

5 Council Member Narcisse?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: (UN-MIC'D)

9 (INAUDIBLE)

10 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Permission to vote

12 on all items on today's Agenda?

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission

14 granted.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye on all,

16 with the exception of M 184, M 185, M 186, M 187, and

17 that's all. Thank you.

18 CLERK: Thank you.

19 Council Member Paladino?

20 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: (NO RESPONSE)

21 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I am reading. I
3 request permission to vote on all items on today's
4 Agenda.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission
6 granted.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I am going to
8 vote aye on all. Thank you very much.

9 CLERK: Thank you.

10 Council Member Riley?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you. Majority
12 Leader, permission to vote on all items on today's
13 Agenda?

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission
15 granted.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye on all.

17 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: (ABSENT)

19 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Permission to
21 explain my vote?

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: You can solely
23 ask for permission to leave early. There's no
24 discussion on any of-- there's no discussion on Land
25 Use Call-ups.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: So, uh, I would
3 like to disclose on the record...

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Disclosers...

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Yeah, I would
6 like to disclose on the record of the Council
7 proceedings that we are voting on a Land Use
8 application regarding Gotham Health, and my spouse is
9 associated with this entity.

10 And I would like permission to vote on
11 all Land Use Call-ups, and items on the General Call-
12 ups.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission
14 granted. And thank you for your disclosure.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you. Aye
16 on all.

17 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye

21 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye

25 CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Vernikov?

COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

CLERK: Council Member Won?

COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Permission to vote on
all agenda items?

CLERK: MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission
granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Zhuang?

COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Avilés, Land Use
Call-ups?

COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

CLERK: Thank you.

(PAUSE)

CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

CLERK: Council Member Farías?

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

CLERK: Speaker Adams?

SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

(PAUSE)

CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Permission to vote on all items on today's agenda?

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye on all. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

Today's Land Use Call-ups are adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

And we will now have Communications from Speaker Adrienne Adams.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority Leader.

Good afternoon, everyone. I want to acknowledge the loss of Leobardo Hernandez, a 65-year-old grocery store worker who was assaulted and died on the job. We also lost Ander Jahir Bustamante Huanca, a 25-year-old window washer who died on the job. And last week, 52-year-old construction worker Jorge Sanchez died on a construction site. All

workers deserve to be safe, and my thoughts and prayers are with their families and loved ones.

Last week, we also lost a New Yorker to a fatal lithium-ion battery fire at an e-bike store in Queens. My heart goes out to their family and friends who are grieving. And while we've made progress on fire safety by passing laws to curb threats from dangerous lithium-ion batteries, we know there is continued work to be done.

Earlier this month, we lost Mike McKee, a New York City giant. Mike was a brilliant tenant organizer at Met Council on Housing and the Brooklyn Tenants Union who founded the Tenants and Neighbors Coalition. In his lifetime, he brought thousands of New Yorkers into the tenant rights movement. My thoughts are with all those who knew Mike, and he will be greatly missed by our city and state.

And today we learned of the sorrowful passing of Rabbi Alvin Kass, Chief Chaplain of the NYPD. An Air Force veteran, Rabbi Kass joined the NYPD in 1966, serving our city for nearly 60 years. Rabbi Kass was a wise and trusted member of the NYPD, counseling officers and colleagues through times of

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2 tragedy, and my prayers are with his family and loved
3 ones. May his memory be a blessing.

4 Next, I want to welcome all of our
5 remarkable scholars who are here today to participate
6 in Foster Youth Day. These young leaders are learning
7 how to use their voices to shape policy and drive
8 changes in their communities. Thank you to our
9 Children and Youth Chair Council Member Althea
10 Stevens for helping make this day possible. Everybody
11 participating in the program, just wave your hand.
12 Hi, everybody. Thank you for being here. We greet
13 you.

14 Last Monday was Diwali, the Festival of
15 Lights. I hope our city's Hindu, Sikh, and Jain
16 communities had a wonderful celebration. October 23rd
17 was Hungarian Republic Day, the 24th was Zambian
18 Independence Day, and today is Turkey's Republic Day.
19 I wish all New Yorkers who are observing a meaningful
20 celebration.

21 Yesterday was National First Responders
22 Day, honoring and thanking the brave people across
23 our city who work hard to ensure our health and
24 safety. We thank them all.

2 October 31st is Halloween, so whether you
3 are trick-or-treating with your children, or watching
4 a scary movie, or dressing up, I won't name any
5 names, be safe and have a lot of fun.

6 As a reminder, early voting ends on
7 November 2nd, and November 4th is Election Day. If
8 you haven't already, please make a plan to vote with
9 your neighbors, friends, and family.

10 And finally, I want to wish a happy
11 birthday to Council Member Vickie Paladino, whose
12 birthday was yesterday. She's not here today. Happy
13 birthday, Vic! And Councilmember Oswald Feliz, whose
14 birthday is today. Happy birthday, Oswald. (APPLAUSE)

15 Now let's move on to our Stated Agenda.

16 First, we'll vote on the following Land
17 Use items:

18 The Jamaica Neighborhood Plan, the City's
19 largest neighborhood rezoning in over two decades,
20 will deliver nearly 12,000 new homes, nearly 4,200 of
21 which will be permanently affordable in my district
22 and the districts of Council Members Nantasha
23 Williams and James Gennaro. The plan spans 230 blocks
24 in Southeast Queens, will map the largest mandatory
25 inclusionary housing area ever created, and generate

1 over two million square feet of new commercial and
2 community facility space with 7,000 new jobs. The
3 Council secured over \$413 million in new community
4 investments, including for water and sewer
5 infrastructure, parks and open space, transportation
6 and public realm improvements, public health and
7 safety resources, and cultural and educational
8 institutions. As a longtime resident of Jamaica and a
9 former co-chair of the Jamaica Now Leadership
10 Council, this neighborhood rezoning is deeply
11 important to me and my community. Our Jamaica is a
12 thriving and vibrant community whose success is
13 pivotal to the prosperity of Southeast Queens and our
14 entire city. Its growth and transformation to a
15 bustling residential, commercial, and transportation
16 hub for local residents with the opportunity to
17 advance careers, build homes, and raise families has
18 always been a top priority. I am so thankful to
19 Council Member Dr. Nantasha Williams, who led a
20 community planning process for over two years,
21 engaging with residents and community stakeholders to
22 shape the vision and future of Downtown Jamaica.
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24 The final version of the Jamaica
25 Neighborhood Plan, with its level of neighborhood

1 investment, housing affordability, and targeted
2 commitments, would not have been possible without the
3 work of this Council and the community to negotiate
4 for the public goods needed. I also want to thank, of
5 course, the Council's entire Planning and Land Use
6 Division for their extraordinary work on this
7 historic neighborhood rezoning, as well as our
8 partnership with the Department of City Planning.
9 Thank you, everyone.

11 H+H River Commons, 1225 Girard Avenue,
12 will facilitate the redevelopment of a portion of the
13 NYC Health and Hospitals campus on Gerard Avenue in
14 Council Member Althea Stevens' District. It will
15 allow construction of a 17-story mixed-use building
16 with approximately 98 supportive units for single
17 adults and approximately 230 affordable units for
18 households earning less than 80% of the area median
19 income. The development will also include
20 approximately 6,000 square feet of community facility
21 space, approximately 7,500 square feet of open space,
22 specific floors allocated for clinical operations by
23 H&H, and 75 parking spaces for staff and patients.

24 Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment—applause
25 applause, will facilitate the adaptive reuse of the

1 Kingsbridge Armory building in Council Member Pierina
2 Sanchez's district and the construction of a new 16-
3 story residential building, including 500 permanently
4 affordable units and ground floor retail on the
5 adjacent National Guard site. This redevelopment will
6 create several new uses for the Armory, including but
7 not limited to a community facility and cultural
8 space, office space, and a 17,000-person live event
9 venue.
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11 Ikos Senior Living is the disposition of
12 city-owned property to facilitate the development of
13 affordable housing for seniors in Tiffany Cabán's
14 district. This project is a result of the 2019
15 Seniors First RFP to redevelop city-owned parking
16 lots. It will result in a new 13-story mixed-use
17 building with a total of 167 income-restricted
18 apartments for seniors, as well as a community
19 facility and commercial space.

20 Domino Site B, an application to make
21 several design changes to an existing large-scale
22 development in Council Member Lincoln Restler's
23 District—It adds over 200 additional units, slightly
24 increasing the tower height, removing a sky bridge,
25 and adding balconies.

74 Bogart Street Rezoning will facilitate the development of a new seven-story art storage facility in Council Member Jennifer Gutiérrez's district.

Taylor Wooten Estates will facilitate the development of 21 three-story buildings with approximately 63 affordable co-op units and recreation space in Council Member Chris Banks' district.

The Council will vote on the disapproval of Ovi's Place application for revocable consent to operate a sidewalk cafe in Council Member Louis' District.

We will also vote on the following Finance items:

Resolution 1083, sponsored by Council Member Justin Brannan, would authorize an increase in the amount to be expended annually in seven business improvement districts and one special assessment district and set the date, time, and place for the public hearing on the expenditure increase.

Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council Member Brannan, concerns the establishment of the Coney Island BID in Brooklyn and sets the date,

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2 time, and place for the public hearing on its
3 establishment.

4 Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by
5 Council Member Brannan, would amend the district plan
6 of the Lincoln Square BID to change the method of
7 assessment upon which the district charge is based,
8 and authorize additional services for the district.
9 The resolution would also set the date, time, and
10 place for the public hearing of the Local Law
11 authorizing these changes.

12 Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by
13 Council Member Brannan, would establish a partial 40-
14 year Article V tax exemption for one building in
15 Council Member Salaam's district.

16 Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by
17 Council Member Brannan, would establish a new 40-year
18 Article XI tax exemption for a 22-story building also
19 in Council Member Salaam's district.

20 Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by
21 Council Member Brannan, would establish a partial 40-
22 year Article XI tax exemption for nine buildings in
23 the districts of Council Members Lynn Schulman and
24 Robert Holden.

Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council Member Brannan, would approve a new designation and changes in the designation of certain organizations to receive funding in the Expense Budget.

Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council Member Brannan, would determine a 1% increase of the base property tax proportion for Fiscal Year 2026.

Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council Member Brannan, would amend and restate the resolution computing and certifying base percentage, current percentage, and current base proportion of each class of real property for Fiscal Year 2026 to the State Board of Real Property Tax Services.

And Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council Member Brannan, would authorize the city of New York to levy property taxes for Fiscal Year 2026 to fund city and county government operations and pay existing obligations in accordance with state and local law.

Today, we will also vote on the following legislation:

2 Resolution 969-A, sponsored by Council
3 Member Kevin Riley, would designate October annually
4 as Black Boy Joy Month in the City of New York to
5 celebrate the resilience, intelligence, creativity,
6 and potential of young Black males. Thank you to
7 staff member Regina Paul.

8 Resolution 501-A, sponsored by Council
9 Member Shekar Krishnan, would call on the New York
10 State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign
11 S.2545A/A.4846 to require school districts to send
12 water safety informational materials home to
13 students' parents or guardians and permit school
14 districts to provide water safety instruction in
15 school for K-12 students.

16 Resolution 852-A, also sponsored by
17 Council Member Krishnan, would call on federal
18 officials to halt Social Security Administration
19 Office closures, restore staffing and funding, oppose
20 privatization efforts, and enact legislation to
21 secure long-term financing of the Social Security
22 program to protect seniors and individuals with
23 disabilities who depend on these benefits. Thank you
24 to our staff members Chad Benjamin and Chloë Rivera.

2 Resolution 1015, sponsored by Council
3 Member Carmen De La Rosa, would condemn Alden Global
4 Capital cuts and managerial hostility towards
5 unionized Daily News staff, and calls on the hedge
6 fund to reach a contract deal with the newspaper's
7 union. We thank our staff member, Elizabeth Arzt.

8 Introduction 1231-A, sponsored by Council
9 Member Chris Banks, would require tax preparers to
10 provide consumers with a receipt that includes an
11 itemized list of all charges and fees. We thank our
12 staff members, Sarah Swaine and Natalie Meltzer.

13 Introduction 1016-A, sponsored by Council
14 Member Erik Bottcher, would require the Department of
15 Health and Mental Hygiene to design graphic images to
16 accompany the written warnings by state law for gun
17 dealers and licensing officers to display and
18 disseminate. Thank you to our staff members, Sarah
19 Swaine and Natalie Meltzer.

20 Introduction 1290-A, sponsored by Council
21 Member Julie Menin, would establish a new license
22 category for self-storage facilities. The annual
23 license would cost \$295. DCWP would enforce this law
24 and would have the authority to suspend or revoke a
25 self-storage facility license. Thank you once again

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2 to our staff members, Sarah Swaine and Natalie
3 Meltzer.

4 Introduction 495-A, sponsored by Council
5 Member Justin Brannan, would require self-storage
6 facilities and storage warehouses to provide 60 days'
7 notice prior to increasing an occupant's storage fees
8 and restrict termination of occupancies without
9 explanation. Thank you to Sarah Swaine and Natalie
10 Meltzer.

11 Introduction 29-A, sponsored by Majority
12 Leader Amanda Fariás, would require the Director of
13 the Office to End Gender Based Violence, in
14 consultation with the Fire Commissioner and Police
15 Commissioner, to develop a training program for first
16 responders on how to recognize and respond to
17 traumatic brain injuries that may result from
18 domestic violence. Thank you to our staff members,
19 Christopher Pepe and Sahar Moazami.

20 Introduction 1132-A, sponsored by Council
21 member Oswald Feliz, would require the Department of
22 Small Business Services to coordinate with City
23 agencies to develop and deliver regulatory compliance
24 assistance to small businesses within each borough.
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1 Thank you to our staff members Luke Hamil and Rebecca
2 Barilla.
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4 Introduction 1134-A, sponsored by Council
5 member Shekar Krishnan, would require agencies that
6 collect demographic information from individuals
7 through form documents to include additional race and
8 ethnicity options. Thank you to our staff member
9 Jayasri Ganapathy.

10 Introduction 111-A, sponsored by Council
11 Member Alexa Avilés, would require the mayor or a
12 designated office or agency to publish online and
13 submit to the Council an annual report on NYCHA
14 dwelling units that were vacant during the
15 immediately preceding calendar year. Thank you to our
16 staff member, Sierra Townsend.

17 We will also vote on a package of
18 maternal health legislation:

19 Last October, I raised the alarm that
20 maternal mortality in our city is a public health
21 emergency. I have publicly shared my own mother's
22 struggles with her birthing process when she had me,
23 which reflects that of so many Black women and
24 patients of color. In New York City, dozens of New
25 Yorkers die during and after pregnancy. Black New

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2 Yorkers are six times more likely to die of
3 pregnancy-related causes than white women. We can
4 prevent these tragedies. These disparities are of
5 medical and structural racism that leave Black women
6 and other people of color, immigrants, and low-income
7 New Yorkers at risk of losing their lives.

8 This injustice is why my office and this
9 Council have prioritized the improvement of maternal
10 health, convening the Steering Committee to build
11 upon the existing work of advocates, midwives,
12 doulas, providers, families, and community leaders.
13 Today, after a year of convenings, the Council is
14 releasing a report that includes policy and budgetary
15 actions and recommendations to help address this
16 crisis.

17 Ensuring maternal health for Black women
18 and all New Yorkers requires that we improve its
19 social determinants, from mental health and poverty
20 to stable housing and opportunity. This means
21 confronting persistent inequities in our city as we
22 address affordability for all.

23 We know the solutions to the maternal
24 mortality crisis, and we understand that this is a
25 complex issue that won't end overnight. It will take

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2 years of sustained commitment from leaders across our
3 city and state working in unison to fix the patchwork
4 of challenges that allow so many to fall through the
5 cracks.

6 Addressing this public health emergency
7 will require the next administration and Council to
8 make it a priority. We owe it to our mothers, without
9 whom there is no life, to get this right.

10 Resolution 1087-A, sponsored by Council
11 Member Lynn Schulman, calls on the New York State
12 Department of Health to conduct regular reviews of
13 New York Patient Occurrence Reporting and Tracking
14 System, or NYPORTS, data, and to require hospitals to
15 retroactively fill in missing data.

16 Resolution 1086-A, sponsored by Council
17 Member Chi Ossé, calls on the State Department of
18 Health to create a new and separate occurrence code
19 for maternal mortality and to standardize the
20 definition of events reportable to NYPORTS.

21 Resolution 1085-A, sponsored by Council
22 Member Mercedes Narcisse, calls on New York City
23 Health and Hospitals facilities to report adverse
24 maternal health events to NYPORTS based on an
25 expanded and standardized definition.

2 Resolution 1082-A, sponsored by Deputy
3 Speaker Diana Ayala, calls on the New York State
4 Department of Health to confidentially share data
5 regarding adverse maternal health events from the New
6 York Patient Occurrence Reporting and Tracking System
7 with the New York City Maternal Mortality Review
8 Committee.

9 Resolution 868-A, sponsored by me, calls
10 on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the
11 Governor to sign, legislation that mandates that
12 Medicaid automatically authorize the coverage of
13 validated blood pressure cuffs and monitors for
14 pregnant people and fully reimburses healthcare
15 providers who assist such patients in their usage.

16 Resolution 867-A, also sponsored by me,
17 calls on the New York State Assembly to pass and the
18 Governor to sign S.172/A.84, which would provide for
19 annual increases in the weekly Temporary Disability
20 Insurance payments from January 1, 2026, through
21 January 1, 2030.

22 Resolution 64-B, sponsored by Council
23 Member Tiffany Cabán, calls upon the New York State
24 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,
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2 legislation that enables community health centers to
3 be fully reimbursed for telehealth care services.

4 Introduction 1393-A, sponsored by Deputy
5 Speaker Diana Ayala, would require DOHMH to provide
6 information to the public and non-obstetric
7 healthcare providers on healthy living, nutrition,
8 and managing chronic diseases during and after
9 pregnancy.

10 Introduction 1285-A, sponsored by
11 Council Member Jennifer Gutiérrez, would require the
12 DOHMH Commissioner to establish a program to provide
13 free doula services to people in marginalized
14 neighborhoods in all five boroughs, to train
15 individuals to become doulas, and to help certain
16 maternity hospitals foster a doula-friendly
17 environment.

18 Introduction 1284-A, also sponsored by
19 Council Member Gutiérrez, would require DOHMH to
20 implement an education campaign for health
21 professionals who provide care and support to
22 patients during and after pregnancy about the safe
23 use of medications to treat opioid use disorder.

24 Introduction 1146-A, sponsored by
25 Majority Whip Selvena Brooks-Powers, would require

1 DOHMH to maintain a newborn home visiting program
2 that offers free in-person and virtual visits from
3 social workers, nurses, and lactation professionals
4 to new parents during the first 12 weeks postpartum.

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6 And Introduction 1001, also sponsored by
7 Council Member Gutiérrez, would require the creation
8 of a multilingual, automatic text message system that
9 can send parents and guardians reminders and guidance
10 about their children's health and development,
11 including information like recommended medical
12 checkups, vaccination schedules, and deadlines for
13 early childhood education and public school
14 enrollment. Thank you to all of the staff who worked
15 on this effort, including Sara Sucher, Christopher
16 Pepe, Julia Goldsmith-Pinkham, Mahnoor Butt, Joshua
17 Newman, Cristy Dwyer, Katie Salina, Justin Campos,
18 Alejandro Carvajal, Rie Ogasawara, Smita Deshmukh,
19 Sara Liss, Sahar Moazami, Andrea Vasquez, Christina
20 Yellamaty, Elizabeth Artz, Danielle Picaro, Sasha
21 Sealy, Lorraine Valentin, Santa Soriano-Vasquez, and
22 Julia Agos.

23 Thank you all for your attention. And now
24 I turn it back over to our Majority Leader—and I
25 catch my breath. Thank you.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: (LAUGHS)

3 Thank you, Speaker Adams. We will now
4 move into Discussion of General Orders, and I'd like
5 to first recognize Council Member Sanchez, followed
6 by Banks, then Williams.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you,
8 Majority Leader, and good evening, everyone.

9 First, Maria, Ben, Kim, Gerard, Brenda,
10 Stephanie, Dillon, Carla, my team just thank you for
11 being with me every step of the way. Speaker Adams
12 from the before times, before elected office times,
13 thank you for your support, the Bronx Delegation, and
14 my colleagues in government. Y'all don't know what
15 I'm talking about yet 'cause I haven't said it, but
16 I'm talking about the Kingsbridge Armory. And I also
17 want to thank Sandra Lobo, the northwest Bronx Clergy
18 Coalition, the 50 community organizations, parents,
19 cultural leaders, faith partners who sat at the
20 negotiating table, and the team at 8th Regiment
21 partners that listened. And even to the mayor. Thank
22 you, Mayor, for your partnership and getting this to
23 the finish line.

24 Today's vote is deeply personal. I grew
25 up in the shadows... of oh, I told my husband I was

1 going to stand up—Today's vote is deeply personal. I
2 grew up in the shadows of the Kingsbridge Armory,
3 which is the size of six football stadiums. This
4 building has long reflected both the immense
5 potential of our community and the pain of decades of
6 disinvestment. After 30 years of vacancy and four
7 years of tireless work on this Council, we are
8 finally transforming that potential into promise with
9 a historic \$375 million in public and private
10 investment, a projected \$2.6 billion in economic
11 impact, and 500 units of affordable housing.

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13 This project will shape the future of the
14 Bronx for generations to come. We are delivering \$130
15 million community benefits agreement, one of the
16 largest in our city's history, guaranteeing local
17 hiring, union jobs, support for small businesses,
18 cultural programming, and real community oversight.

19 This project brings new public
20 investment: funding for our small business corridors,
21 park renovations, community safety initiatives, and
22 expanded afterschool programs for hundreds of
23 children across the West Bronx—75% in my district
24 (TIMER) who live below the federal poverty line... I
25 will close on this somber note that I dedicate

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2 Majority Leader. I apologize—I dedicate this win to
3 one-year-old Nicholas Feliz Dominici, who lost his
4 life in daycare two years ago, and to Pamela Almonte,
5 a beautiful 35-year-old neighbor killed just three
6 days ago in front of the Armory. We deserve more.
7 This investment is for you. Thank you, DJ Dr. Dirty
8 Dev, and to my family--that's my husband-- and my
9 family. Today, we prove that possibility doesn't just
10 exist, it is created by our collective hopes, our
11 shared struggle, and our dreams for the future. Thank
12 you.

13 (APPLAUSE)

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you,
15 Council Member Sanchez. Now recognizing Council
16 Member Banks, followed by Williams, then Majority
17 Whip Brooks-Powers.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Thank you, Madam
19 Majority Leader, and good evening, all.

20 Today I want to speak briefly on two
21 items that represent what our work in the Council is
22 truly about:

23 First Intro 1231, a bill being voted on
24 today, is about creating fairness and transparency in
25 the tax preparation process. It ensures that both

1 clients and tax preparers are on the same page by
2 requiring itemized statements and receipts that
3 clearly outline fees and services. This is about
4 trust and giving working people clarity and
5 protecting small business owners from disputes. It's
6 a small but meaningful step towards making everyday
7 systems fairer and more accountable for everyone who
8 relies on them.

10 Second, I want to highlight the Taylor
11 Wootton Estates project in my district and affordable
12 home ownership development bringing more than 64
13 units to the East New York section of my district.
14 This project honors the former Councilwoman Priscilla
15 Wooten and community leader Dennis Taylor, who were
16 tireless housing advocates who fought for equality
17 and opportunity for our neighborhoods. From day one,
18 my office worked to ensure that this project truly
19 reflected the needs of our residents, negotiating for
20 parking, community space, and most importantly, a
21 home ownership model that allows working families to
22 build wealth and stability.

23 Both Intro's 1231 and Taylor Wootton
24 Estates speak to the same core values, ensuring
25 people are seen, heard, and treated fairly, whether

1 it's at the tax office or in the housing market.
2 These are the kinds of efforts that help restore
3 faith in government and make real, tangible impacts
4 in people's lives.
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6 I want to thank all my colleagues, the
7 Speaker, all my staff, and all the partners for their
8 support. Together, we're proving that good policy and
9 good community planning can go hand in hand to create
10 lasting change. Thank you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing
12 Council Member Williams.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you so
14 much.

15 Today is deeply meaningful for me and the
16 people of Southeast Queens. For too long, our
17 community has waited for investments, infrastructure
18 improvements, and simply just to be seen. But today,
19 the wait is over. When I first took office, I
20 promised the people of Jamaica we would no longer be
21 a footnote in someone else's plan. We would chart our
22 own path, grounded in community, pride, and purpose.
23 And that's exactly what we've done. The Jamaican
24 Neighborhood Plan is more than a rezoning. It's a
25 reinvestment in our people and our neighborhoods.

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2 For the past two years, we have listened
3 in church basements, community centers, classrooms,
4 and multilingual town halls. We held forums and a
5 youth symposium where young people help shape this
6 plan. Residents shared their hopes, concerns, and
7 ideas, and we built it together. This is what
8 community-driven development looks like. And it's the
9 kind of partnership that we must always guide, that
10 must always guide how we shape our city's future.
11 This plan delivers on that promise. It will create
12 nearly 12,000 new homes, including close to 4,000
13 permanently affordable units, the largest mandatory
14 inclusionary housing area ever established in New
15 York City. It will create jobs, support small
16 businesses, and strengthen a downtown that reflects
17 the vibrant ambition of the people who call Jamaica
18 home. We are building a Jamaica that is walkable,
19 vibrant, and thriving—a hub where people can live,
20 work, and play, not just pass through.

21 Together, we secured over \$700 million in
22 infrastructure and community investments, including
23 what we secured through City of Yes for safer
24 streets, modernized schools, upgraded parks, expanded
25 healthcare access, and workforce programs that keep

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2 opportunity right here. Real change requires more
3 than ribbon cuttings. It requires accountability.
4 That's why this plan establishes the Downtown Jamaica
5 Oversight Task Force, an independent body ensuring
6 transparency, collaboration, and continued community
7 voice.

8 I want to thank my staff, the Department
9 of City Planning, the Speaker's Office, our Land Use
10 team, my colleagues, and most importantly, (TIMER)
11 the residents, advocates, and community leaders who
12 never gave up on Jamaica. Today, we are proving what
13 happens when the City listens, when government and
14 community work together, and when we dare to believe
15 every neighborhood deserves investment, beauty, and
16 hope. Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing
18 Majority Whip Brooks-Powers, followed by Council
19 Members Gutiérrez, Avilés, and Bottcher.

20 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you.
21 Today, the Council is voting on Intro 1146, which
22 expands the Newborn Home Visiting Program to reach
23 families in all of New York City's Task Force on
24 Racial Inclusion and Equity Neighborhoods over the
25 next five years. The Newborn Home Visiting Program

1 provides free in-person and virtual visits for
2 families with newborns during the critical first 12
3 weeks after birth. Through these visits, nurses,
4 social workers, and lactation professionals offer
5 health screenings, infant feeding support, safe sleep
6 education, and referrals to community and mental
7 health services. Right now, this program is only
8 available in a handful of zip codes, including just
9 three in Queens and none in Staten Island. Yet we
10 know access to care during the postpartum period
11 saves lives—40% of maternal deaths occur within the
12 1st 42 days after delivery. In our city, Black women
13 are nine times more likely to die from pregnancy or
14 childbirth than white women. This bill sets a clear
15 timeline for progress, expanding the program to 75%
16 of priority neighborhoods by 2028 and citywide by
17 2030, while requiring regular reporting to ensure
18 accountability and transparency. This is about giving
19 every new parent the support they need, no matter the
20 zip code, and about addressing the deep racial and
21 geographic inequities in maternal health that persist
22 across our city.
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24 I want to thank my co-sponsors and
25 colleagues for their collaboration. Together, we are

1 moving New York City toward a future where every
2 family has access to the care, information, and
3 compassion they deserve during the most vulnerable
4 moments of new life. Thank you.

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6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing
7 Council Member Gutiérrez, followed by Council Member
8 Avilés, and Council Member Bottcher.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Thank you so
10 much, Majority Leader.

11 It feels really meaningful to be passing
12 yet another package of maternal health bills today.
13 It's been almost four years since this council was
14 elected, since the first majority women council was
15 elected, the most diverse council was elected. And
16 I'm going to tell you why all of that matters. It's
17 because this council has centered our experiences,
18 our communities, in some of the best legislation.
19 Today, you're hearing some of the amazing housing
20 projects because we've built the most housing
21 projects, and you're going to hear today about
22 strengthening and keeping Black and brown women alive
23 because we're passing bills that are strengthening
24 maternal policy. We've passed more than 20 bills
25 addressing maternal health already.

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2 And what's really meaningful is that the
3 three bills that I'm passing today came from experts.
4 The Safe Pregnancy and Opioid Treatment Act comes
5 from the 2024 Maternal Mortality Review Committee's
6 recommendations that revealed a growing number of
7 pregnant women are overdosing. And so this bill will
8 help create resources and empowerment for medical
9 professionals who are working with women, and for
10 women to also know that there is help out there for
11 them and be able to keep themselves safe and their
12 baby safe during pregnancy.

13 Texts for Kids came from the five borough
14 childcare report, which says ending text messages is
15 cost-effective, and it worked during COVID. So now,
16 if you are a new parent and you want to opt in, we
17 can let you know when your child is expected to hit
18 certain milestones, and you can be in the know. And
19 that is what leadership looks like.

20 And I just want to say quickly, I just
21 want to shout out the doulas who are here today and
22 who were part of my many roundtables. I know we have
23 a lot more work to do, but we value so, so, so much
24 the level of advocacy that you provide for folks in
25 the room. And we know that we have a lot more to do.

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2 But thank you so much. And lastly, I just want to
3 shout out UOVO, there's a project in my district,
4 74th Bogart, and they made a ton of commitment to the
5 community, artist in residence, maintenance for a
6 local park, improving sidewalks, a local hiring, and
7 (TIMER) a jobs fair. So, thank you so much for
8 working with us and my community on that. Thank you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing
10 Council Member Avilés.

11 Today we're voting on Intro 111, which
12 will require the Administration to report on vacant
13 units at NYCHA. This legislation will help us all
14 have the data we need to ensure that New Yorkers have
15 access to housing and hold the Public Housing
16 Authority accountable for any units that sit idle
17 while New Yorkers sleep on the streets. I am proud of
18 the gains that we made through negotiations on this
19 legislation, including understanding how many units
20 have been vacant for 30 days or more at the district
21 level, demographic data that lets us know whether
22 these are family-sized units, accessible units or
23 senior housing, whether these units have been tested
24 for hazardous substances, and what efforts NYCHA has
25 undertaken to ensure vacant units are promptly

1 occupied. At a time when so many New Yorkers are
2 struggling to find affordable housing, and well over
3 5,000 apartments sit vacant in NYCHA, many people
4 have waited for years for a public housing apartment.
5 It is unacceptable for so many units to remain
6 vacant.
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8 I want to say thank you to the Speaker
9 for helping to bring this legislation to the floor
10 today, to Chair Banks, to Committee staff, and to the
11 District 38 team. But most importantly, I must thank
12 the residents of public housing and advocates who
13 helped to shape this legislation before you today.
14 Thank you.

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing
16 Council Member Bottcher.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: One day in the
18 not-too-distant future in New York City, someone's
19 going to walk into one of the 14 gun stores that we
20 have in New York City, and they're going to walk into
21 that store to purchase a handgun for their home, with
22 the belief that that's going to make them safer, that
23 that's going to make their families safer. Because of
24 the bill we are passing today, on the wall of that
25 gun store, there will be a graphic warning with a

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2 photograph that illustrates the dangers of firearm
3 ownership, and you can imagine what that photograph
4 might be. This law was inspired by cigarette packs in
5 other countries—We've all seen them, because imagery
6 makes public health warnings more effective. This
7 bill will direct the Department of Health to create a
8 graphic image. Picture a child reaching into a drawer
9 next to a bed and pulling out a handgun.

10 If this law makes one person think twice
11 and change their mind about bringing a gun to their
12 home, it will have done its job, cause we know that
13 firearms are exponentially more deadly, more likely
14 to kill someone in the home than they are to be used
15 in self-defense.

16 This has never been done before in the
17 United States of America. I am excited to let other
18 cities and states know about this, because every gun
19 store in America should have a warning, a graphic
20 warning, for consumers.

21 I want to thank the Speaker, the policy
22 staff, my staff, and all the advocates who helped
23 make this happen. Today, we're passing legislation
24 that's going to save lives. (TIMER)

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing
Minority Whip Paladino.

(PAUSE)

MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Can you hear me?

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Yes, we can.

MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Hello, good
afternoon, everybody. I'd like permission to vote on
all Land Use items at this time and General Orders at
this time.

(PAUSE)

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission
granted.

MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Oh, thank you.
Okay.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Your vote?

MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: I'd like to vote
no on Resolution 1100, Transparency Resolution, and
Intro 1016-A, and Resolution 1015-A, and yes, on all
the Land Use—sorry, guys.

(PAUSE)

CLERK: Thank you.

(PAUSE)

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Seeing no one
else recognized to speak, just a friendly reminder to

Members on the floor, as we move through the Agenda towards votes, to disclose your annual disclosures prior to voting on the items today on the Agenda.

Report Of Special Committees?

CLERK: None.

MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Reports of Standing Committees?

CLERK: Report of the Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection, Intros 495-A and 1290-A, self-storage facilities.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General Orders.

CLERK: Intro 1016-A, firearm warnings?

SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General Orders.

CLERK: Intro 1231-A, tax preparers?

SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General Orders.

CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance, Resolution 1083 and Preconsidered Resolutions 1101 and 1106, Business Improvement Districts?

SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

2 CLERK: Preconsidered Resolution 1101,
3 transparency Resolution?

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

5 CLERK: Preconsidered Resolutions 1102,
6 1103, and 1104, class shares.

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

8 CLERK: Preconsidered Resolution 1105,
9 property taxes?

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

11 CLERK: Preconsidered LU 411 and
12 Resolution 1111 through Preconsidered LU 413 and
13 Resolution 1113, tax exemption?

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

15 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
16 Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation,
17 Introduction 1134-A, collection of demographic
18 information?

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

21 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Health
22 Intros 29-A and 1001-A, first responders training and
23 automated text messaging system?

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

2 CLERK: Intro 1146-A, Newborn Home
3 Visiting Program?

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

6 CLERK: Introduction 1284-A, opioid
7 education and agonist therapies

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

10 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land
11 Use, LU 345 and Resolution 1114 and LU 346 and
12 Resolution 1115, Taylor Wooten Estates?

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

14 CLERK: LU 373 through LU 378, Long Island
15 City Neighborhood Plan?

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with
17 Modifications and Referred to the City Planning
18 Commission pursuant to Section 197-(d) of the New
19 York City Charter.

20 CLERK: LU 383 and Resolution 1116, New
21 York City Health + Hospitals River Commons?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

23 CLERK: LU 384 and Resolution 1117 through
24 LU 386 and Resolution 1119, Ikos Senior Living?

25 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

2 CLERK: LU 387 and Resolution 1120 through
3 391 and Resolution 1124, Kingsbridge Armory
4 Redevelopment?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

6 CLERK: LU 393 Long Island City
7 Neighborhood Rezoning?

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

12 CLERK: LU 397 and Resolution 1125, 74
13 Bogart Street Rezoning?

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

15 CLERK: LUs 398 and 399, 78-01 Queens
16 Boulevard Rezoning?

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with
18 Modifications and Referred to the City Planning
19 Commission pursuant to Section 197-(d) of the New
20 York City Charter.

21 CLERK: LU 400 and Resolution 1126 through
22 LU 402 and Resolution 1128, Domino Site B?

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

24 CLERK: LU 403 and Resolution 1129, Ovi's
25 Place?

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

3 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Public
4 Housing Introduction 111-A, vacant NYCHA units?

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

7 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Small
8 Business, Introduction 1132-A, regulatory education
9 services?

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

12 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Women
13 and Gender Equity, Introduction 1285-A, citywide
14 doula program?

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on
16 General Orders.

17 CLERK: Introduction 1393-A, maternal
18 health-related information?

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

21 CLERK: General Order Calendar, LU 396 and
22 Resolution 1130 through LU 371 and Resolution 1132,
23 Jamaica Neighborhood Plan?

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

CLERK: Resolution appointing various persons Commissioner of Deeds?

SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

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

CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Banks?

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Bottcher?

COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes

CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Carr?

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Permission to vote on Land Use Call-ups as well as General Order Calendar items?

(PAUSE)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member, we're not allowed to vote out of order for the Land Use Call-ups. We've already passed that on the Agenda. So you can only vote on the current items for General Orders.

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Okay, thank you.

I'd like to disclose on the record that in the Transparency Resolution we're voting on today, the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island is being funded, and I am associated with that entity.

And I'll be voting no on Preconsidered Resolution 1100 and Introduction 1016-A and aye on the rest. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you so much.

(PAUSE)

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member De La Rosa?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

5 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

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

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission
11 granted.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Thank you. Very
13 proud of the bills that we're voting on today,
14 including my bill, Introduction 1132-A, which will
15 protect small businesses from burdensome and unfair
16 fines and regulations.

17 Small businesses are the backbone of our
18 local economies. They do so much for our communities.
19 They stimulate local economies. They hire local
20 people. They turn communities into vibrant places
21 where people want to go to eat, shop, and spend time
22 with their families. They do so much for our
23 communities, but they face so many obstacles,
24 including and specifically with regulations, which
25 can seem confusing and burdensome, especially for the

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2 newer businesses. They face obstacles, and there's so
3 much that we can do to help them. My bill will ensure
4 that the City provides them with the specific
5 resources and help needed related to compliance
6 regulations so that our small businesses can focus on
7 what they do best, creating local jobs and making our
8 communities vibrant.

9 I want to thank Speaker Adams. Thank you
10 so much for making sure that our small businesses are
11 always put first.

12 I vote aye on all.

13 And I was going to seek permission to
14 vote on all Land Use and General Orders, but yeah,
15 thank you.

16 Aye on all.

17 (PAUSE)

18 CLERK: Thank you.

19 Council Member Felder, clarification?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: I abstain on
21 Resolution 1083.

22 CLERK: Thank you.

23 Council Member Gennaro?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Pass

25 CLERK: Thank you.

1 Council Member Gutiérrez?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (ABSENT)

5 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all except
7 for Resolution 1100, on which I vote no.

8 CLERK: Thank you.

9 (PAUSE)

10 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all. And on
14 the record, in this Transparency Resolution, my child
15 is a student in the New York City Public School
16 system, thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: (INAUDIBLE)

18 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

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

21 (PAUSE)

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Permission to
23 explain my vote?
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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Permission
3 granted, apologies.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Yeah, don't
5 worry. Just briefly wanted to say we-- I'm very proud
6 to be passing Intro 1134 today, data disaggregation,
7 to require city agencies to report with more
8 specificity racial and ethnic data. And this has been
9 an issue that's very important for our Asian American
10 communities because, for too long, we have been
11 lumped into one box and not visible. But we are
12 invisible no more. And I want to thank CACF for all
13 of their work with the coalition on this issue. I
14 would also like to recognize my predecessor, former
15 Council Member Danny Drumm, who started work on this
16 legislation during his time with the Council.

17 And with all that-- and also the
18 disclosure that we are funding the New York City
19 Public Schools, and my two children are students in
20 the public school system.

21 I vote aye. Thank you.

22 CLERK: Thank you.

23 Council Member Lee?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all. And also,
25 I would like to disclose that in this Transparency

Resolution, we are funding DOE, and both my kids are students in the public schools. Thank you.

CLERK: Council Member Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye on all with the exception of Reso 1100 and Introduction 1016-A; I vote no.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Marte?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: I vote aye.

CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Morano?

COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Aye on all, with the exception of Reso 1100 and Intro 1016-A and Intro 1015-A, on those I vote no.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Moya?

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Narcisse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I vote aye.

CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

CLERK: Council Member Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I vote aye.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Salaam?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I would like to vote aye on all, and a special shout-out to all of the foster kid youth who are in the building today. And a super special shout-out to Pierina Sanchez for passing the Armory today and holding it down for the Bronx.

CLERK: Council Member Ung?

COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Permission to explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

I'd like to comment on Reso 1016-A. I just like to say that there are already a lot of restrictions on gun ownership in the city and state, and some of these restrictions have been ruled unconstitutional. Gun ownership is not only our Second Amendment right, but its use is one of the best checks on government tyranny. It is the reason we're not the United Kingdom right now, whose government is jailing people for social media posts. And in our increasingly dangerous city, perhaps on the eve of electing a defund the police demoralize the police perspective, the right of responsible gun ownership is an effective and necessary right for self defense, especially for women today.

With that said, I vote no for Preconsidered Resolution 1100 and Introduction 1016-A. Thank you.

CLERK: Council Member Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye. Oh, and I am disclosing for the record, I am a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., the Queens (INAUDIBLE) chapter, and also a faculty member of (INAUDIBLE) CUNY.

CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I would like to
3 disclose on the record that my daughter works for
4 Presbyterian Hospital, and we are funding
5 (INAUDIBLE), thank you.

6 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: I'd like to
8 disclose in the record that my kids go to public
9 school, and DOE is on the list.

10 And, also, I would like to abstain on
11 Introduction 1134, and for the rest, I vote aye.

12 CLERK: Thank you.

13 Council Member Carr?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Majority Leader, I
15 would like to request unanimous consent from the body
16 to vote on the Land Use Call-ups.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing that
18 Council Member Carr had made a motion to request
19 unanimous consent to vote on the Land Use Call-ups.
20 Any objections?

21 ALL: [SILENT]

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Hearing none,
23 Council Member, your vote on Land Use Call-ups?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye on all. Thank
25 you.

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

CLERK: Thank you.

CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote aye on all, with the exception of Introduction 1016-A, on which I vote no.

CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.

(PAUSE)

CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I would like to disclose for the record that my son works for the DSNY, which is on the Transparency Resolution.

I am voting no on Resolution 1100 and Introduction 1016-A, and aye on all of the rest. Thank you.

CLERK: Council Member Fariás?

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I vote aye on all.

CLERK: Speaker Adams?

SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

(PAUSE)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All items on today's General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote

of 47 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, 0 abstentions, with the exception of:

Introduction 1016-A, which was adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 7 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

Resolution 1100 which was adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 7 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

Resolution 1083 and Introduction 1134-A which were adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 1 abstention.

* The revised Land Use Call-ups vote is 46 in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Introduction and Reading of Bills.

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

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Speaker Adams.

We will now move into...

UNIDENTIFIED: (APPLAUSE)

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you for abiding by the rule of a hand gesture. (LAUGHS) Kind of, sort of.

2 We will now move into the discussion of
3 Resolutions. I would like first to recognize Council
4 Member Cabán, followed by Council Member Narcisse,
5 then Council Member De La Rosa.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you. I'll be
7 super brief.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: One second,
9 Council Member Cabán. If you are leaving the
10 Chambers, you must do so quietly. (BACKGROUND NOISE)

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Congrats to the
12 folks in the balcony.

13 Community health centers are lifelines
14 for working class New Yorkers, immigrants, and
15 families of color. Telehealth proved during the
16 pandemic that it saves lives and removes barriers to
17 care. We should be expanding access, not cutting it
18 off. And so this Resolution is about making sure
19 every New Yorker can see a doctor, no matter their
20 zip code or income. And I ask that folks join me in
21 voting aye on it.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.
23 (BACKGROUND NOISE), Council Member.

24 SERGEANT AT ARMS: (INAUDIBLE)
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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Council Member
3 Narcisse?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you,
5 Majority Leader, and thank you, Madam Speaker.

6 Every mother...

7 UNIDENTIFIED: (INAUDIBLE) Hannah.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE Every mother
9 deserves to survive childbirth and thrive afterwards,
10 but too many do not.

11 UNIDENTIFIED: (INAUDIBLE)

12 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Here in New York
13 City, far too many lose their lives every year,
14 particularly in the brown and Black community, and
15 far more experience life altering complications.

16 Resolution 1085 calls on the New York
17 City Health + Hospitals to take a simple but powerful
18 step and fully report adverse maternal health
19 events—using a clear and standardized definition
20 that includes complications at least 30 days after
21 birth. Without accurate and consistent data, we
22 cannot solve this crisis. With it, we can shine a
23 light on where systems are failing and make the
24 changes needed to save lives.

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2 As a nurse, I have seen how even the
3 smallest of gaps in the reporting can have
4 devastating consequences. (TIMER) This will help
5 close these gaps and help protect the rights of every
6 mother to be safe and cared for during childbirth.
7 I'm proud to pass this bill, and I want to say thank
8 you to all the members of the legislative body who
9 helped with the bill, and of course, my speaker, for
10 bringing it to the floor. And I would like to
11 disclose...

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member,
13 your time has expired.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I would like to
15 disclose, you don't want me to disclose? (LAUGHS)

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Disclosure is
17 already over.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Oh, that, uhm, my
19 live-in partner is associated with NYU Hospital.
20 Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you,
22 Council Member.

23 Council Member De La Rosa?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Thank you so
25 much. For 106 years, The Daily News has been the

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2 watchdog and a storyteller from New York City,
3 bringing breaking news, community voices, and
4 critical coverage to the doorsteps and street corners
5 across our five boroughs. The Free Press, with robust
6 coverage, is a cornerstone of democracy. And right
7 now, the Daily News and many newsrooms across the
8 country are being swallowed up by venture capital
9 firms looking for marginal profits and not
10 prioritizing journalists who are tasked with telling
11 stories of millions of people.

12 Today, only 65 total Daily News employees
13 are tasked with operating a newsroom and telling the
14 stories of 8.5 million New Yorkers. For three years,
15 the Daily News Union and CWA News Guild have gone up
16 against a profit-driven, predatory venture capital
17 firm, Alden Global Capital. Pay raises haven't
18 happened in over a decade for our hometown paper with
19 top journalists, writers, and reporters, and their
20 asks aren't revolutionary—standard benefits like
21 paid leave and retirement, matching job protections
22 and benefits for part-time staff, and security
23 against the permanence of contracting. (TIMER) In a
24 city as expensive as ours, these are basic
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2 protections, and so I ask our colleagues today to
3 support Resolution 1015. Thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Seeing no one
5 else signed up to speak, we will now move to a voice
6 vote on today's Resolutions. If you wish to vote
7 against or abstain from today's Resolution, please
8 notify the Legislative Documents Unit by email or by
9 approaching the dais.

10 I will now read today's Resolutions into
11 the Record:

12 Resolution 64-B calls on the New York
13 State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,
14 S.3359/A.1691, legislation that enables the community
15 health centers to be fully reimbursed for telehealth
16 care services.

17 Will all those in favor say aye?

18 ALL: Aye.

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say
20 nay?

21 ALL: (SILENT)

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

23 ALL: (SILENT)

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.
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2 Resolution 501-A calls on the New York
3 State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign
4 A.1080 and a companion bill in the Senate, to require
5 school districts to send water safety informational
6 materials home to students' parents or guardians, and
7 to permit school districts to provide water safety
8 instruction in school for K-12 students.

9 Will all those in favor say aye?

10 ALL: Aye.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say
12 nay?

13 ALL: (SILENT)

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

15 ALL: (SILENT)

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

17 Resolution 52-A calls on the United
18 States Congress and the President to take steps to
19 protect Social Security.

20 Will all those in favor say aye?

21 ALL: Aye.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say
23 nay?

24 ALL: (SILENT)

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

Resolution 867-A calls on the New York State Assembly to pass and the Governor to sign S.172/A.84, which would provide for annual increases in the weekly Temporary Disability Insurance payments from January 1, 2026, through January 1, 2030, so that such payments achieve parity with weekly payments available for those on Paid Family Leave.

Will all those in favor say aye?

ALL: Aye.

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say nay?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

Introduction 868-A calls on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.8541/A.8946, legislation that mandates that Medicaid automatically authorize the coverage of validated blood pressure cuffs and monitors for pregnant people and fully reimburse healthcare providers who assist such patients in their usage.

Will all those in favor say aye?

ALL: Aye.

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say
nay?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.
Resolution 969-A designates October
annually as Black Boy Joy Month in the City of New
York to celebrate the resilience, intelligence,
creativity, and potential of young Black males.

Will all those in favor say aye?

ALL: Aye.

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say
nay?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.
Resolution 1015 condemns Alden Global
Capital cuts and managerial hostility towards
unionized Daily News staff, and calls on the hedge

1 fund to reach a contract deal with the newspaper's
2 union.

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4 Will all those in favor say aye?

5 ALL: Aye.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say
7 nay?

8 ALL: (SILENT)

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

10 ALL: (SILENT)

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

12 Resolution 1082-A calls the New York
13 State Department of Health to confidentially share
14 data regarding adverse maternal health events from
15 the New York Patient Occurrence Reporting and
16 Tracking System with the New York City Maternal
17 Mortality Review Committee.

18 Will all those in favor say aye?

19 ALL: Aye.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say
21 nay?

22 ALL: (SILENT)

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

24 ALL: (SILENT)

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

2 Resolution 1085-A calls on New York City
3 Health + Hospitals facilities to report adverse
4 maternal health events to NYPORTS based on an
5 expanded and standardized definition of adverse
6 maternal health events, including adverse events at
7 least 30 days post-partum.

8 Will all those in favor say aye?

9 ALL: Aye.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say
11 nay?

12 ALL: (SILENT)

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

14 ALL: (SILENT)

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

16 Resolution 1086-A calls on the New York
17 State Department of Health to create a new and
18 separate occurrence code for maternal mortality and
19 to standardize the definition of events reportable to
20 the New York Patient Occurrence and Reporting
21 Tracking System.

22 Will all those in favor say aye?

23 ALL: Aye.

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say
25 nay?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

Resolution 1087-A calls on the New York State Department of Health to conduct regular reviews of NYPORTS data and to require hospitals to retroactively fill in missing data.

Will all those in favor say aye?

ALL: Aye.

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say nay?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

And we will now move into General Discussion.

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

COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you. I am proud to be introducing Amanda's law today. In my district one year ago, Amanda Servedio was biking

1 home, and then she was hit by a car. The driver who
2 hit her was being chased by the police. He was a
3 suspect in a non-violent offense. But after the
4 chase, Amanda ended up dead. And this is not an
5 outlier; it's a problem that we can fix. And around
6 the country, 93% of people killed in highspeed police
7 chases were not drivers being pursued because they
8 were suspected of violence. They were bystanders,
9 passengers, people like Amanda. Amanda's Law is the
10 solution. Officers should never start a highspeed
11 chase if they believe someone just committed a
12 nonviolent offense and doesn't pose an immediate
13 danger to others. Safety experts, researchers, and
14 police chiefs agree. And other cities in New York and
15 around the country already do it. Commissioner Tisch
16 implemented a new policy this year that is improving
17 this issue, and it is the Council's responsibility to
18 strengthen it and enshrine it in law. And if this law
19 had been in effect a year ago, Amanda might still be
20 alive today. And so I urge all of my colleagues to
21 sign on as co-sponsors to Amanda's Law.

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23 And I want to use the rest of my time to
24 talk about some of our constitutional rights and
25 tyranny. Our colleague talked about the danger of

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2 tyranny and what does or doesn't flag such a threat.
3 And I actually happened to agree that pictures on
4 social media shouldn't result in individuals getting
5 imprisoned, so perhaps the Black and brown men who
6 find themselves on gang databases based on social
7 media posts shouldn't be there or be arrested based
8 solely on that.

9 In addition, if we're talking about
10 tyranny and consequences for social media posts, I
11 agree we should have the First Amendment and a Free
12 Press and make sure that we are not punished for
13 political speech, which is happening right here in
14 this city under a Trump administration. So I'm glad
15 we can find some points of agreement on some things.
16 It's a fine bipartisan position. But I also want to
17 be clear that I was very proud to vote in the
18 affirmative (TIMER) for Council Member Bottcher's
19 bill. Thank you.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing
21 Council Member Dinowitz, followed by Council Member
22 Louis, then Council Member Brewer.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Thank you, Madam
24 Majority Leader.
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2 I think all of us in this Chamber see it
3 all the time, these new buildings popping up in our
4 community, these new city-subsidized buildings, and
5 invariably, 70% of these units are studios and one-
6 bedroom apartments. And this is by design. This is
7 what HPD incentivizes with their term sheets. This
8 ratio is directly on their term sheets. So it
9 shouldn't be too surprising that if the housing we're
10 building, that we are subsidizing as a city, is not
11 designed for families, we are going to continue to
12 see these awful reports of more and more children
13 living in shelter and these reports of families with
14 young children fleeing New York City—and families
15 with young children are leaving New York City at a
16 higher rate than any other demographic group. So
17 today I'm introducing Introduction 1433—1 4 3 3.
18 And what this bill does is it sets minimum
19 percentages of units that receive City funding, be
20 two and three-bedroom apartments—based on the actual
21 population data in our city, not something contrived
22 by HPD.

23 We are going to be building more two and
24 three-bedroom apartments, apartments designed for
25 families with children, the same families that are

1 living in shelters, the same families that are
2 exiting New York City. And I urge my colleagues to
3 sign on to Intro 1433 to ensure that we have a
4 greater supply of housing for families with children,
5 the very type of housing that we need to be building
6 more of in this city.

8 Again, I urge you to sign on to 1433.

9 Thank you.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing
11 Council Member Louis, followed by Council Member
12 Brewer, then Council Member Morano.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Madam
14 Majority Leader.

15 Today I'm going to introduce two bills to
16 protect our children and empower their families:

17 The first, Intro 1439, would require at
18 least one school crossing guard at every public and
19 private school serving students from kindergarten
20 through 8th grade. Every year, we fight in public--
21 sorry, we fight in budget hearings for the most basic
22 necessity, getting our students to school safely. Yet
23 schools across my district in central Brooklyn have
24 been denied crossing guards for years because they
25 were deemed not a priority. This is unacceptable.

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2 After a horrific crash outside of Cortelyou Academy
3 in Flatbush sent a young student and his mother to
4 the hospital, it took a community pressure and direct
5 intervention just to secure one guard. Parents at
6 Great Oaks Elementary face the same fear every day:
7 no guard, no crosswalk, no speed bump, only risks.
8 The safety of our children must never depend on zip
9 code or school type.

10 The second bill, Intro 1438, expands the
11 use of safe time so that parents can attend school-
12 related events like parent-teacher meetings, IEP
13 conferences, or disciplinary hearings without fear of
14 losing wages or their jobs. Principals across my
15 district remind me constantly that student success
16 depends on engaged parents. Yet only 23% of private
17 sector workers have access to paid family leave, and
18 among the lowest paid, just 12% do. This gap hits
19 hardest for single mothers and caregivers of color
20 who face impossible choices between economic survival
21 and their child's education.

22 I encourage my colleagues to sign on to
23 these bills and to affirm that safety and opportunity
24 go hand in hand in protecting our children's futures.
25 Thank you.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Now recognizing
3 Council Member Brewer, followed by Council Member
4 Morano, then Council Member Holden.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very
6 much.

7 Intro 1428 would require third-party
8 delivery services to share trip and other data with
9 city agencies to ensure compliance with safety
10 regulations enacted by the City Council. Any sharing
11 would not be able to be shared. It would not be in
12 any form that could be shared with *any* other agency.

13 Delivery workers are the largest, about
14 80,000, and most active group of micro-mobility
15 riders in our city. We can rein in unsafe riding and
16 take care of the deliveristas by recognizing that
17 rapid home delivery at the click of a button is an
18 incentivized behavior that is inconsistent with safe
19 travel on our streets, mostly thanks to the apps.

20 The City Council has made progress in
21 this area. I passed Local Law 133, which requires
22 delivery services to ensure delivery workers complete
23 a safety course, and it establishes penalties for
24 companies for the apps that fail to enforce safety
25 requirements.

Comprehensive e-bike and micro-mobility safety reform is achievable. We'd like to pass Intro 1332, by Council Member Brannan, to prohibit delivery work deactivations; Intro 972 by Council Member Powers to make sure that verified mopeds should be registered with the DMV; and Intro 1448, which I think is on the Agenda today, by Council Member Schulman, to make sure that the delivery services obtain a business license from the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection.

I'd like to thank Sam Goldsmith from my office and Sarah Swaine, our great partner in the Legislative Division. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing Council Member Morano, followed by Council Member Holden.

COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Thank you, Madam Majority Leader.

I want to take a moment to address something that matters deeply to my constituents and really to anyone who believes in fair elections. This week, a lawsuit was filed challenging the boundaries of New York's 11th Congressional District, which happens to be the only Republican held seat in New

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2 York City, representing Staten Island and part of
3 Southern Brooklyn.

4 Now, redistricting, as we all know, can
5 be complicated. But this isn't about fairness or
6 representation, it's just about politics. It's an
7 attempt to undo, in court, what the voters of Staten
8 Island decided at the ballot box repeatedly. What's
9 especially ironic is that the lawsuit claims
10 "minority voters are being disenfranchised in a
11 district represented by the first Hispanic and
12 minority member ever elected there, Congresswoman
13 Nicole Malliotakis. It's not just ironic, it's
14 absurd, quite frankly. The people of Staten Island
15 and South Brooklyn deserve to choose their own
16 representative, not have that decision rewritten by
17 national political lawyers who've likely never set
18 foot on the Staten Island Ferry. Our borough may be
19 small in size, but it's big in heart and even bigger
20 in pride. We stand for fairness, for democracy, and
21 for trusting voters to make their own decisions, even
22 when those decisions upset the political
23 establishment.

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So I'll just say this. You can try to redraw lines on a map, but you can't redraw the character of Staten Island. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing Council Member Holden.

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Thank you, Majority Leader.

Today, I'm introducing legislation that will help boost an invaluable safety net that assists our veterans who are going through the criminal justice system.

Intro 1436 will create a Department of Veteran Services-administered fund for Veterans Treatment Court Mentors, who spend their free time and money, to help guide our veterans who have found themselves on the wrong side of the law. These are volunteer mentors, by the way, folks. They don't get paid. They help veterans who are in the criminal courts. So that's a terrific tool. And this is important legislation.

I met with a Queens Treatment Court judge who opened my eyes to the lack of funding for the treatment court system. She pointed out a problem that the Council can fix, and this is a very

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2 important tool. Right now, mentors for veterans, like
3 I mentioned, in the criminal justice system, they
4 must spend everything out of pocket. This legislation
5 will help them pay for small things like travel,
6 lunch, and reasonable expenses. With this fund, they
7 will be able to focus on their important work and be
8 recognized as an important part of the criminal
9 justice system.

10 Please join me in helping those who are
11 helping our most vulnerable veterans. Thank you, and
12 this is again a volunteer effort, and we don't have
13 that many. We have maybe one or two mentors in the
14 whole five boroughs, all the five boroughs. So let's
15 get behind this. This is a win-win for everyone.
16 Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. Seeing
18 that no one else has signed up to speak, I will now
19 call on Speaker Adrienne Adams to close today's
20 Stated Meeting.

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Madam Majority
22 Leader. The Stated Meeting of October 29, 2025, is
23 hereby adjourned. [GAVEL]

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World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is no interest in the outcome of this matter.



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