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Thursday, November 21, 2024

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B E F O R E: Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker
Amanda Farías, Majority Leader

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NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING
A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION: None

SERGEANT POLITE: Testing one two, one two.

Today's date is November 21, 2024. Today's Stated Meeting is being recorded in the Chambers by Kieth Polite.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen, to minimize disruption, at this time, please place all electronic devices, all electronic devices to silent or vibrate mode.

Madam, Majority Leader?

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Welcome to the Stated Meeting of November 21, 2024. I am Majority Leader Amanda Fariás, and I would like to thank you for joining us. If you would like to follow along, the agenda for today's meeting is posted on our website.

On behalf of the body, I welcome the members of the public who have joined us here today.

During Stated Meetings, only members of the Council may speak. Members of the public shall remain silent. If you wish to express support of any remarks, you may make the silent approval gesture.

We want to remind my colleagues that decorum is to be respected at all times. Insulting each other is not appropriate, all remarks are to be addressed to the Chair, and members shall not speak unless

2 recognized by the Chair. It is essential that even if
3 we disagree, we treat each other with respect.

4 (PAUSE)

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

7 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

8 ALL: [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Roll call?

10 CITY CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: (NO RESPONSE)

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Here

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Here

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member Banks?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Here

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEr: Here

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here

24 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here

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2 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: (NO RESPONSE)

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present

6 CITY CLERK: Council Member Carr?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO MIC) Here

8 CITY CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here

10 CITY CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Presenté

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: (NO RESPONSE)

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Here

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (NO RESPONSE)

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Holden?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here

24 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present

2 CITY CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: (ABSENT)

6 CITY CLERK: Council Member Lee?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: (ABSENT)

8 CITY CLERK: Council Member Louis?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present

10 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marte?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: (ABSENT)

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member Menin?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member Moya?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present

24 CITY CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present

2 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Present

6 CITY CLERK: Council Member Powers?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: (ABSENT)

8 CITY CLERK: Council Member Restler?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: (ABSENT)

10 CITY CLERK: Council Member Riley?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salaam

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here

24 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ung?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present

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2 CITY CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Williams?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: (ABSENT)

6 CITY CLERK: Council Member Won?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present

8 CITY CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here

10 CITY CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Here

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: (NO RESPONSE)

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Farías?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present

16 CITY CLERK: Speaker Adams?

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Invocation?

19 CLERK: None

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. Adoption of

21 Minutes?

22 CLERK: None

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Messages and Papers from

24 the Mayor?

25 CLERK: None

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Communications from City,
3 County and Borough Offices?

4 CLERK: None

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Petitions and
6 Communications?

7 CLERK: None

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Land Use Call-ups?

9 CLERK: None

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. We will now
11 have Communications from Speaker Adams.

12 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much, Madam
13 Majority Leader.

14 Before we begin, I'd like to acknowledge the
15 presence of a fellow New Yorker from Harlem, she is
16 in our balcony, Miss Gloria Dickerson (phonetic), she
17 is 77 years young today!

18 (APPLAUSE)

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: We welcome you to the People's
20 House, we hear you!

21 (APPLAUSE)

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: We hear you, Miss Gloria. Okay?
23 Alright. We'll save Dinowitz's birthday for later.

24 (LAUGHTER)

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2 Good evening, everyone. I do want, to begin by
3 remembering the New Yorkers who faced unspeakable
4 violence perpetrated against our communities. On
5 Monday, a man stabbed three New Yorkers killing them.
6 On Wednesday, NYPD Officer Rich Wong and a 26-year-old
7 young woman were shot by a gunman.

8 All of us deserve to be and feel safe in our
9 city. Horrific violent crimes like these negatively
10 impact all of us. I'd like to commend the NYPD for
11 their ongoing efforts to keep New Yorkers safe, and
12 this Council will continue to work to comprehensively
13 improve public safety for every neighborhood together
14 with our stakeholders.

15 As we celebrate Thanksgiving next week, I hope
16 everyone has a happy and safe holiday spent with your
17 loved ones, and I'm thankful for all of you and the
18 hard work that you and your teams do every single day
19 to serve your constituents and the people of New York
20 City.

21 Colleagues, do not forget to shop small on Small
22 Business Saturday and donate to your favorite
23 charities on Giving Tuesday. Don't be cheap.

24 We're gonna say Happy Birthday now to Council
25 Member Eric Dinowitz. (APPLAUSE and CHEERING) We hope

2 you're having a great day on this day that never
3 ends.

4 (APPLAUSE)

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Oh look, Council Member Mealy wore
6 some sparkly stuff just for your birthday, look
7 festive, festive, festive.

8 Thank you all very much. Do we have our...

9 (PAUSE)

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Sorry, folks, we're just
11 going to take a brief pause for a moment. Just bear
12 with us.

13 (PAUSE)

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Just a reminder, folks,
15 we are still online, so let's keep it to a low tone,
16 Thank you.

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Now, let's move on to our Stated
18 Agenda.

19 First we will vote on the following Land Use
20 items:

21 Brooklyn Yards will facilitate the development of
22 12 new residential buildings with a total of 270
23 housing units of which 81 will be permanently
24 affordable pursuant to MIH. One new commercial
25 building and one new mixed-use building in the

1 districts of Council Member Zhuang and Council Member
2 Yeger. This application includes seven special
3 permits related to a large scale general development,
4 development within or over railroads and parking
5 waivers as well as a zoning map amendment and zoning
6 text amendment.
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8 And 962 through 972 Franklin Avenue rezoning will
9 facilitate the development of a new 11 story mixed-
10 use building with a total of 355 housing units of
11 which up to 107 will be permanently affordable
12 pursuant to MIH in the Crown Heights neighborhood of
13 Council Member Hudson's district.

14 Port Authority Bus Terminal replacement will
15 facilitate the redevelopment of the Midtown Port
16 Authority bus terminal in Council Member Bottcher's
17 district. Through this project, the Port Authority
18 will construct a new bus terminal, a storage and
19 staging facility, a new ramp system, and facilitate
20 two private-commercial office buildings to be located
21 above the new terminal.

22 Next, we'll vote on the following finance items:

23 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
24 Member Justin Brannan, establishing a new 40-year
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2 Article XI tax exemption for one building in Council
3 Member Avilas' district.

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11 Member Brewer's district.

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13 Member Justin Brannan, establishing a new 40 year an
14 Article XI tax exemption for 114 buildings in Council
15 Member Riley's district.

16 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
17 Member Justin Brannan, establishing a new 40-year
18 Article XI tax exemption for one building in Council
19 Member Abreu's district.

20 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
21 Member Justin Brannan, establishing a new 40-year
22 Article XI tax exemption for one building in Council
23 Member Salaam's district.

24 Today we will also vote on the following pieces
25 of legislation:

2 Resolution 250, sponsored by Council Member Kevin
3 Riley, calling on the New York State Legislature to
4 pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation that
5 would require all school buses operating within the
6 state, regardless of seating capacity, to have a
7 stop-arm on each side, and to prohibit any school
8 buses from operating if they do not have functioning
9 stop-arms. We thank our staff member Chloe Rivera.

10 Resolution 280, sponsored by Council Member Farah
11 Louis, designating November 30th annually as Shirley
12 Chisholm Day in the City of New York to recognize her
13 contributions as an educator, activist, and elected
14 official, who served the people of New York City with
15 passion and dignity.

16 Chisholm became the first Black woman ever
17 elected to the United States House of
18 Representatives, representing the New York's 12th
19 congressional district for seven terms from 1969 to
20 1983, during which time she was a founding member of
21 the Congressional Black Caucus. In 1972, she became
22 the first Black candidate to seek a major party's
23 presidential nomination, and the first woman to run
24 for the Democratic party's nomination. We thank our
25 staff member, Wiam Diouri.

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2 Proposed Introduction 436-A, sponsored by Council
3 Member Pierina Sanchez, would update the New York
4 City Electrical Code by adopting the standards of the
5 2020 National Code with certain amendments based on
6 unique conditions within the City. It would also
7 incorporate the New York City Electrical Code into
8 the City's Construction Codes to better align the
9 requirements for electricians for with those for
10 other trades licensed by the Department of Buildings.
11 We thank our staff member, Austin Malone.

12 Introduction 1018-A, sponsored By Council Member
13 Justin Brannan, would confirm the City's pet shop
14 laws to state law, amending Local Law to prohibit the
15 sale of dogs and cats in pet shops. On November 15,
16 2024, New York state law prohibiting the sale of dogs
17 and cats in retail pet shops will take effect. We
18 thank our staff members Nick Connell, Julia
19 Goldsmith-Pinkham, Christopher Pepe, Sara Sucher, and
20 Mahnoor Butt.

21 Introduction 515-A, sponsored By Council Member
22 Brannan, would improve existing Department of
23 Education reporting on the number of transportation
24 employees to include the type of training employees
25 have completed, including training specific to

2 supporting students with disabilities, employee route
3 assignments, general or special education, and
4 whether those employees accompany students on school
5 bus routes. We thank our staff member Nadia Jean-
6 Francois.

7 Introduction 557-B, sponsored by Council Member
8 Gale Brewer, would require the New York City Office
9 of Technology and Innovation to create a specific 311
10 category for complaints related to unlicensed
11 cannabis retailers. OTI would implement and maintain
12 through its 311 customer service center the
13 capability for the public to file a complaint under
14 the category of unlicensed cannabis retailer,
15 including on its website, mobile device platforms,
16 and any other platform on which the center routinely
17 utilizes categories to sort complaints. We thank our
18 staff member, Nicole Kata, Stephanie Ali, Sarah
19 Swaine, Mike Toomey, and David Seitzer.

20 Introduction 981-A, sponsored by Council Member
21 Brewer, would update existing reporting relating to
22 the City's inspection and enforcement of unlicensed
23 sellers of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, tobacco
24 products, and illicit cannabis. Specifically, the
25 legislation would incorporate new reporting relating

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2 to the expanded local authority to conduct
3 inspections and enforcement of state cannabis law,
4 and provide in increased details to the outcomes of
5 each inspection conducted by city agencies. We thank
6 our staff member Nicole Cata, Josh Kingsley, Mike
7 Twoomey, and David Seitzer.

8 Introduction 1070-A, sponsored by Deputy Speaker
9 Diana Ayala, would amend the current reporting
10 requirements on exits from domestic violence
11 shelters, which currently only includes information
12 about domestic violence emergency shelter exits, to
13 additionally require reporting on domestic violence
14 tier 2 shelter exits.

15 Introduction 1071-A, also sponsored by Deputy
16 Speaker Ayala, would amend the existing reporting
17 requirements regarding applications for multi-agency
18 emergency housing assistance to additionally include
19 reporting on referrals to HRA domestic violence
20 shelters disaggregated by household type and source
21 of referral. This bill would also require reporting
22 on transfers between City administered facility
23 systems and exits from HRA administered domestic
24 violence shelters, including domestic violence
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1 emergency shelters and domestic violence tier 2
2 shelters.
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4 Introduction 1018-A, sponsored by Council Member
5 Justin Brennan... Oh, we did that one, okeydokey.

6 We thank our staff member for, 1071-A, we thank
7 our staff member Sahar Moazami.

8 Lastly, we will vote on a couple of bills
9 included in the Aging in Place 2.0 legislative
10 package, which aims to combat some of the most
11 pressing issues facing older adults. The Council has
12 already voted two of the bills, Introduction 228 and
13 Introduction 689 into law.

14 Introduction 1025-A, sponsored by Council Member
15 Crystal Hudson, would require the New York City
16 Department for the Aging to provide information in
17 paper form regarding older adult workforce programs
18 administered by DFTA to all contracted older adult
19 centers and clients of all contracted providers. This
20 bill would also require that DFTA update its existing
21 Know Your Rights pamphlet for older adults to include
22 information and resources regarding employment
23 opportunities, volunteer opportunities, and workforce
24 program opportunities. The pamphlet would also
25 include information to assist older adults in

1 identifying and addressing employment discrimination,
2 as well as contact information for government
3 agencies or community based organizations that an
4 older adult may contact to obtain additional
5 information about issues regarding employment
6 discrimination.
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8 And introduction 1053-A, also sponsored by
9 Council Member Crystal Hudson, would require DFTA to
10 conduct a feasibility study regarding the creation of
11 older adult information points.

12 Older adult information points would serve as
13 physical locations where older adults can receive
14 information concerning DFTA services and programming.

15 In the feasibility study, DFTA would be required
16 to identify potential locations in each borough for
17 the creation of older adult information points.

18 Additionally, the feasibility study would require
19 DFTA to assess the potential benefits and constraints
20 in establishing older adult information points.

21 Finally, this bill would require DFTA to submit a
22 report to the Mayor and Speaker of the Council
23 regarding the findings of the feasibility report and
24 to post the report on DFTA's website. We thank our
25

2 staff members, Christopher Pepe, Chloe Rivera, and
3 Declan McPherson.

4 Thank you so much for your attention. Now I turn
5 it back over to our Majority Leader.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Speaker Adams.

7 We will now move into the Discussion of General
8 Orders. I will present a friendly reminder that we
9 are not voting on City of Yes, should of any of you
10 like to discuss, you should not discuss City of Yes
11 today in Discussion of General Orders or to explain
12 your votes in the General Orders Calendar. We are not
13 voting until the December 5th Stated Meeting.

14 Seeing no one signed up to speak, Report of
15 Special Committees?

16 CLERK: None.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Reports of Standing
18 Committees?

19 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Aging,
20 Introductions 1025-A and 1053-A, older adult
21 workforce programs and information points.

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

24 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Education,
25 Introduction 515-A, school bus venders?

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

4 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance,
5 Introductions 557-B and 981-A, unlicensed cannabis
6 sellers?

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

9 CLERK: Preconsidered L U 191 and Resolution 656
10 through Preconsidered L U 196 and Resolution 661, tax
11 exemptions?

12 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

13 CLERK: Report of the Committee on General
14 Welfare, Introductions 1020-A and 1071-A, domestic
15 violence shelters?

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

18 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Health,
19 Introduction 1018-A, pet shops?

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

22 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Housing and
23 Buildings, Introduction 436-A, electrical code?

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

2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use, LU
3 181, City of Yes zoning for housing opportunities?

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with modifications and
5 referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to
6 Section 197-(d) of the New York City Charter.

7 CLERK: LU 185 and Resolution 632 through LU 187
8 and Resolution 664, Port Authority Bus Terminal?

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

10 CLERK: General Orders Calendar, LU 161 and
11 Resolution 665 through LU 163 and Resolution 667,
12 962-972 Franklin Avenue Rezoning?

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

14 CLERK: LU 164 and Resolution 668 through 172 and
15 Resolution 676, Brooklyn Yards?

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

17 CLERK: Resolution appointing various persons
18 Commissioner of Deeds?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

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

23 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Permission to vote on all
25 tonight's Agenda items?

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted

3 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye on all you slate
4 today, Madam Speaker.

5 CLERK: Thank you.

6 Council Member Abreu?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: I vote aye.

8 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

10 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER 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: Permission to explain my
20 vote?

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: This is not about City of
23 Yes, this is about city of pets. (LAUGHTER) As
24 someone who's only ever had a shelter or rescue
25 animal, I've experienced firsthand their

2 unconditional love and unwavering loyalty. This bill
3 will prohibit the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in
4 pet stores in New York City starting next month.
5 This is a very big step towards making this a more
6 humane city. I vote I on all.

7 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: This is about smoke shops,
9 fewer of, very quickly, 557-981, this was an
10 important effort by the Sheriff and others to
11 padlock, but it was done very quickly, kinda like a
12 plane, building it while you're flying it. And some
13 things were missed, like making sure there's a proper
14 311 complaint system. So we're... that's what one of
15 the bills does.

16 And also, if you call to report an unlicensed
17 cannabis shop, hopefully, there are a fewer of them,
18 you're supposed to leave a message for the Sheriff.
19 Now there will actually be data, and we have an
20 expanded local authority to conduct enforcement
21 actions and provide increased details on the outcomes
22 of each inspection. That will all be categorized,
23 able to be found.

24 I want to thank Nicole Cata, Josh Kingsley,
25 Stephanie Ali, Sarah Swaine, Mike Twoomey, David

2 Seitzer, Kevin Frick, and certainly Sam Goldsmith
3 from my office. Thank you very much, and I vote aye.

4 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member Brooks-Powers.

7 Council Member Cabán?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye

9 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

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

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Thank you, Majority Leader.

14 I just want to first commend Council Member
15 Brewer on the passage of her very important
16 legislation. This is a problem that's been affecting
17 the quality of life of neighborhoods across the five
18 boroughs, and I'm proud to cosponsor it and support
19 it today.

20 With respect to Intro 1018, the pet sale ban
21 bill, which is aligning us with a state law that
22 comes into effect this coming month, you know, I have
23 mixed feelings. You know, I've never in my life was,
24 for a long time, a pet person, and I think most
25 people know what I mean by that phrase. You know, you

2 ask someone how their family is, and they show you a
3 picture of their dog or their cat, even if they have
4 kids. And I always swore I would never be one of
5 those people, and then I met my husband, Don, and I
6 became the proud cat dad of three cats, and two were
7 bought from breeders, I'll concede, and one was
8 adopted. And I would, in future, tell any responsible
9 pet owner that they should get their pets through an
10 adoption agency. I think that is the ethical and
11 responsible thing to do.

12 However, there are pet shops that are not fronts
13 for puppy mills. I know that there are many that are,
14 and I hate the idea of punishing responsible pet shop
15 owners, because of a bunch of bad apples.

16 So I respect the intent of the legislation, and
17 the fact that this is happening whether we do it or
18 not, but symbolically, I can't send a message to
19 these responsible business owners that their business
20 should be shuttered if they can't support themselves
21 without pet sales. So I'll be voting no on
22 Introduction 1018-A and aye on the rest.

23 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye

3 CLERK: Thank you.

4 Council Member Feliz?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

8 CLERK: Thank you.

9 Council Member Gutiérrez?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

11 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye

21 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: (ABSENT)

23 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: (ABSENT)

25 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye on all with
5 the exception of Introduction 1018-A, I vote no.

6 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: (ABSENT)

8 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

14 CLERK: Thank you.

15 Council Member Narcisse?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: (NO MIC) Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: I vote aye.

21 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: (ABSENT)

23 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: (ABSENT)

25 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

5 CLERK: Council Member Salaam

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

7 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye.

9 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye

11 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all with the

19 exception of 1018-A, I vote no, thank you.

20 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: (ABSENT)

22 CLERK: Council Member Won?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all with the
3 exception of 1018.

4 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye

6 CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all with the
8 exception of 1018.

9 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.

11 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

12 SPEAKER ADAMS: Proud to poodle-mommy of Princess
13 Skyler, I vote aye on all.

14 (PAUSE)

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All items on today's
16 General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 45 in
17 the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0
18 abstentions, with the exception of Introduction 1018-
19 A, which was adopted by a vote of 40 in the
20 affirmative, 5 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

21 Introduction and Reading of Bills?

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

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. We will now
3 move into the Discussion of Resolutions, and I would
4 like to recognize Council Member Louis.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Madam Majority
6 Leader.

7 Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm shattered
8 barriers that were believed to be unbreakable.
9 Shirley Chisholm's story teaches us that fighting for
10 justice, equity, and representation is never easy,
11 but that bold dreams backed by relentless action can
12 create change that stands generations.

13 By passing Resolution 280, we're honoring a
14 trailblazer and affirming Shirley's contributions to
15 the city and the nation by establishing November 30th
16 as Shirley Chisholm Day in New York City.

17 I want to thank my colleagues for signing on to
18 this bill, thanks.

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council Member
20 Louis, seeing no one else signed up to speak, we will
21 now have a voice vote on today's Resolution.

22 If you wish to vote against or abstain from any
23 today's Resolutions, please notify the Legislative
24 Documents Unit by email or by approaching the dais.

2 I will now read today's Resolution into the
3 record:

4 Resolution 250 calling on the New York State
5 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,
6 legislation that would require all school buses
7 operating within the state, regardless of seating
8 capacity, to have a stop-arm on each side, and to
9 prohibit any school buses from operating if they do
10 not h Will all those in favor say aye?

11 ALL: Aye... (CROSS-TALK)

12 UNKNOWN COUNCIL MEMBER ON ZOOM: Aye

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I'll accept it.

14 Any abstentions?

15 ALL: (SILENT)

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

17 Resolution 280, designating November 30 annually
18 as Shirley Chisholm Day in the City of New York to
19 recognize her contributions as an educator, activist,
20 and elected official, who served the people of New
21 York City with passion and dignity.

22 Will all those in favor say aye?

23 ALL: Aye

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say nay?

25 ALL: (SILENT)

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

3 ALL: (SILENT)

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

5 We will now move into General Discussion, and I
6 would like to recognize Council Member Carr.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Thank you, Majority Leader.

8 I want to wish all colleagues a very happy
9 Thanksgiving, next week and enjoyable holiday with
10 all of their family and friends and loved ones.

11 I also want to note that today is the 60th
12 anniversary of the opening of the Verrazzano-Narrows
13 Bridge, which was opened as the world's largest
14 bridge at the time; although, I think some of us wish
15 today that it were built as a drawbridge, but
16 nevertheless, we can't get everything. (LAUGHTER)
17 It's connected us to the rest of the city, a long
18 hope for connection, and it stands as a testament to
19 the Italian American community who worked very hard
20 to name it for the Italian explorer, Giovanni da
21 Verrazzano, whom we all honored with a resolution
22 earlier this year, uh, on the occasion of the 500th
23 anniversary of his intrepid voyage here into New York
24 Harbor. So I just hope you will all recall that next

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2 time you drive over the Verrazzano at some point this
3 year.

4 And finally, I'd like to call colleagues'
5 attentions to two pieces of legislation that I've
6 introduced with Our Governmental Operations chair,
7 Lincoln Ressler, and the chairs of our Staten Island
8 and Bronx borough delegations, Minority Leader
9 Borelli, Council Members Stevens, and Dinowitz, that
10 seek to correct a discrepancy in the City Charter.

11 Many years ago, Staten Island was joined with
12 Brooklyn in a single judicial district, and Bronx was
13 joined with Queens. That has since been corrected a
14 little... almost 20 years ago now, that they each got
15 their own judicial districts, but the Charter was
16 never updated to reflect that for the summary inquiry
17 insufficient misconduct provisions, as well as the
18 petition objections for Charter Revision Amendments.

19 These are technical changes, and I hope
20 colleagues will sign on and support them. Thank you
21 very much.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Seeing no one else signed
23 up to speak, I will now call on Speaker Adams to
24 close today's Stated Meeting.

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SPEAKER ADAMS: What a wonderful evening,
(APPLAUSE), thank you, Madam Majority Leader, and
thank you to all of my colleagues for sustaining
throughout the day that hasn't ended, but it is going
to end now. The Stated Meeting of November 21, 2024
is hereby adjourned.

(APPLAUSE and CHEERING)

(GAVEL SOUND) (GAVELING OUT)

C E R T I F I C A T E

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



Date November 27, 2024