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OF THE

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Wednesday, June 11, 2025

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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

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Amanda Farías

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Nantasha M. Williams
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A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION - Delivered by:
Dr. Imam Musa Abdus Salaam,
Islamic Circle of North America/Al-Markaz,
located at 166-26 89th Ave, Jamaica, NY 11432

2 SERGEANT WALKER: This is a microphone check for
3 the Stated Meeting, recorded by Shaquilla Walker in
4 the Chambers. Today is June 11, 2025.

5 (PAUSE)

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet on the floor, please,
7 quiet on the floor, please. Ladies and gentlemen, at
8 this time, please place all electronic devices on
9 vibrate.

10 Madam Majority Leader?

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: [GAVEL]

12 Good afternoon and welcome to the Stated Meeting
13 of June 11, 2025. I am Majority Leader Amanda Fariás,
14 and I would like to thank you for joining us. If you
15 would like to follow along, the agenda for today's
16 meeting is posted on our website.

17 On behalf of the body, I welcome the members of
18 the public who have joined us here today. During
19 Stated Meetings, only members of the Council may
20 speak. Members of the public shall remain silent. If
21 you wish to express support of any remarks, you may
22 make the silent approval gesture.

23 I want to remind my colleagues that decorum is to
24 be respected at all times. Insulting each other is
25 not appropriate; all remarks are to be addressed to

2 the Chair, and members shall not speak unless
3 recognized by the Chair. It is essential that even if
4 we disagree, we treat each other with respect.

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 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present.

12 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté.

14 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

15 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Here.

16 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Here.

18 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Present.

20 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: (NO RESPONSE)

22 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

24 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

25 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: (NO RESPONSE)

2 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present.

4 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Here.

6 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

8 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.

10 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: (UN-MIC'D) Here.

12 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (NO RESPONSE)

14 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: (UN-MIC'D) Here.

16 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: (NO RESPONSE)

18 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presenté.

20 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.

22 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present.

24 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

2 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present.

4 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present.

6 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.

8 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here.

10 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.

12 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present.

14 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Here.

16 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)

18 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here.

20 CLERK: Council Member Morano?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Here.

22 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: (NO RESPONSE)

24 CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present.

2 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present.

4 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present.

6 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

7 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: (NO RESPONSE)

8 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: (NO RESPONSE)

10 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here.

12 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

14 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

16 CLERK: Council Member Salaam

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present.

18 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

20 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.

22 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

24 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here.

2 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present.

4 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)

6 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

8 CLERK: Council Member Won?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present.

10 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Present.

12 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

13 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Present.

14 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present.

16 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

17 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: (UN-MIC'D) Present

18 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. We will now
21 have today's Invocation, which will be delivered by
22 Imam Musa Abdus Salaam of Islamic Circle of North
23 America/Al-Markaz, which is located at 66-26 89th
24 Avenue in Queens.

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2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

3 (PAUSE)

4 IMAM MUSA: (SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE) In the
5 name of God, most merciful, most compassionate,
6 praise be to the Lord of the universe, the mercy
7 giving the merciful, ruler of the day for repayment,
8 you do we worship. And you do we call for help. Guide
9 us along the straight road, the road of those whom
10 you have favored, with whom you are not angry, nor
11 who are lost. Alif-Lam-Mim, this is the book which
12 contains no doubt, it means guidance for those who do
13 their duty, who believe in the unseen, keep a prayer
14 and spend something from whatever we have provided
15 them with; who believe in what has been sent down to
16 you, as well as what has been sent down before you.
17 While they are convinced about the hereafter, such
18 people hold on to guidance from their Lord. Those
19 will be successful. It is all the same whether you
20 warn them, those who disbelieve, or do not warn them,
21 they still will not believe God has set a seal on
22 their hearts, in their hearing, while over their
23 sight their hands are covering. They will have a
24 severe torment. Some people say, "We believe in God,"
25 in the last days. While they are not believers, they

2 would like to deceive God and those who believe,
3 while they merely outwit themselves and do not even
4 notice it. Their hearts contain malice, so God has
5 increased their share of malice. They will have a
6 painful torment before they have been lying, and
7 truly God speaks the truth. Amen

8 (PAUSE)

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Imam Musa. I
10 would now ask Council Member Nantasha Williams to
11 spread the Invocation in full upon the record.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you, Majority
13 Leader.

14 Dr. Abdus Salaam Musa is the Associate Imam at
15 ICNA Al-Markaz in my district. He is also the
16 visiting professor of African American Muslim studies
17 at the Graduate Theological Foundation. Dr. Musa is a
18 diplomat of the College of Pastoral Supervision and
19 Psychotherapy, a board-certified clinical chaplain,
20 and a board-certified pastoral counselor. He's like
21 my personal adviser as well. Chaplain Musa is
22 currently the President and Co-Founder of the
23 Southeast Queens Muslim Collective and the former
24 Director of the United Muslim Movement Against
25 Homelessness, a former program of ICNA Relief. He

1 serves as the adviser to the Association of African
2 American Imams of New York. He is the co-founder of
3 the first Muslim Women's Shelter in Queens, formerly
4 known as the Muslim Women's Help Network and
5 currently known as ICNA Relief Transitional Housing.
6 Chaplain Musa has been a passionate activist in the
7 secular and Islamic community for over 45 years, and
8 for over 25 years, Dr. Musa has been engaged in
9 working with the interfaith communities, as well as
10 working to address the social ills that affect
11 communities. Dr. Musa has trained individuals from
12 all faiths in the art of clinical pastoral education
13 for the past 11 years. He worked closely with St
14 John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway, New York,
15 Park Christian Church in New York City, and the
16 Mosque of Islamic Brotherhood in the village of
17 Harlem.

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19 Thank you so much for being here, Imam Musa. I
20 would like to make a motion for unanimous consent to
21 spread the Invocation in full upon the Record.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

23 We will now ask Council Member Mercedes Narcisse
24 for the Adoption of Minutes.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I make a motion that the
3 Minutes of the Stated Meetings of April 24, 2025 and
4 May 1, 2025 be adopted as printed.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Sorry, we are striking
6 May 1st; it is just the Minutes of the Stated Meeting
7 be adopted for May 28, 2025, as printed. But, thank
8 you, Council Member.

9 Messages and Papers from the Mayor?

10 CLERK: Preconsidered Ms 144 and 145, Mayor's Home
11 Rule Messages.

12 SPEAKER ADAMS: Governmental Operations, State &
13 Federal Legislation.

14 Majority Leader Communication From City, County,
15 and Borough Offices?

16 CLERK: None.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Petitions and
18 Communications?

19 CLERK: None.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Land Use Call-ups?

21 CLERK: M 146.

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you. I now ask that the
23 Clerk take a roll call vote on today's Land Use Call-
24 ups.

25 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: (NO RESPONSE)

3 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

5 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

6 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye.

7 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

9 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye.

11 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

13 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

15 CLERK: Thank you.

16 Council Member Brooks-Powers?

17 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: (NO RESPONSE)

18 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.

20 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

22 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

24 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

2 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

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

4 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: (NO RESPONSE)

8 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

10 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

12 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye.

14 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

16 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

18 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

20 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

22 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

24 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

2 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers, Land Use
3 Call-ups?

4 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

5 CLERK: Thank you.

6 Council Member Marmorato?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye.

8 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.

10 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.

12 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

14 CLERK: Council Member Morano?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Aye.

16 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: (NO RESPONSE)

18 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: (NO RESPONSE)

20 CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.

22 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Aye.

24 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye.

2 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

3 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Aye.

4 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

6 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

8 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

10 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

12 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

14 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye.

16 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

18 CLERK: Thank you.

19 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: Council Member Vernikov?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)

3 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

5 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

7 CLERK: Thank you.

8 (PAUSE)

9 Council Member Won?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

11 Thank you.

12 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

14 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (UN-MIC'D) Aye.

16 CLERK: Thank you.

17 Council Member Ariola?

18 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Aye.

19 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I vote aye.

21 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: (NO RESPONSE)

23 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

25 Thank you. (BACKGROUND NOISE)

2 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

3 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye.

4 (PAUSE)

5 CLERK: One last-- Council Member Moya?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

7 CLERK: Thank you, sir.

8 (PAUSE)

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Today's Land Use Call-ups
10 are adopted by a vote of 51 in the affirmative, and 0
11 in the negative.

12 We will now have Communication from Speaker
13 Adrienne Adams.

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority Leader, and
15 good afternoon, everyone.

16 I want to start by addressing what we've all been
17 forced to confront these last six months, the immense
18 harm coming from the Trump administration in
19 Washington D.C., whether it is how ICE is spreading
20 fear and undermining safety in our city and cities
21 across the nation, or the bills in the Trump-led
22 Congress that are threatening hardworking New Yorkers
23 and Americans. There's been a consistent attempt by
24 Trump to distract us, but we need to be clear about
25 what we're facing. Trump and his allies in Congress

1 are currently advancing budget cuts that will hurt
2 our families. They are proposing to take healthcare
3 away from 1.5 million New Yorkers by cutting
4 Medicaid, and are even discussing additional cuts to
5 Medicare for our older adults. Their "Big Ugly Bill"
6 would steal critical food aid off of the plates of
7 over one million New Yorkers, taking food out of the
8 mouths of over 360,000 children. This is all
9 happening as hardworking people in our city and
10 country are struggling with the cost of living. Yet,
11 Trump's reckless decisions are making basic goods
12 more expensive and slowing our economy. Trump's
13 administration doesn't care about Americans or public
14 safety; they've even harmed 9/11 survivors. Recently,
15 the same Department of Justice that attacked our
16 city, terminated \$811 million in grants for crime
17 victim services, funding for the police, and other
18 key programs that keep people across the country and
19 our own city safe. Let's be clear, our own federal
20 government is attacking the everyday people of our
21 country. Trump is taking away our food, our health,
22 and our safety. This isn't what we, or our neighbors
23 across the country, expect from our federal
24 government, and it's certainly not what any of us
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2 deserves. It's not what our elders deserve, it's not
3 what crime victims deserve, and it's not what our
4 children deserve, and certainly it's not public
5 service, because it's not serving any American or any
6 of us.

7 Monday marked the end of Eid al-Adha, also known
8 as the Feast of Sacrifice. I hope that all who
9 celebrated had a meaningful and reflective time.

10 June 12th is Loving Day, which marks the
11 anniversary of the Supreme Court decision Loving
12 versus Virginia, which ended anti-miscegenation laws
13 and allowed interracial marriage in the United
14 States.

15 June 12th is Philippines' Independence Day,
16 marking the country's independence from Spanish rule.

17 And June 14th is Flag Day, when we celebrate the
18 adoption of our national flag back in 1777.

19 June 15th is Father's Day. Happy Father's Day to
20 all in the house today. I hope you have a meaningful
21 day celebrating the fathers and father figures in
22 your own life, as well as remembering those who are
23 no longer with us.

24 June 19th is Juneteenth, which commemorates the
25 day in 1865 when people who were enslaved in

2 Galveston, Texas, finally received news of their
3 emancipation.

4 June is Black Music Appreciation Month, when we
5 honor the widespread contributions of Black
6 musicians, whether it's gospel music, jazz, soul,
7 house, or Hip-hop, Black musicians have created
8 entire cultures and industries celebrated throughout
9 the world.

10 June is also Caribbean American Heritage Month,
11 when we celebrate our Caribbean American communities
12 for their many contributions to our city and country.

13 Throughout June, we are also observing Gun
14 Violence Awareness Month to acknowledge the crisis of
15 gun violence. As a Council, we're committed to making
16 our city safer and bringing an end to gun violence.

17 And June is Pride Month, and this Council is
18 always committed to uplifting and supporting LGBTQIA+
19 New Yorkers. Happy Pride!

20 A very happy birthday to Council Member Shekar
21 Krishnan, whose birthday was on the 5th.

22 ALL: Yay! (APPLAUSE)

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Council Member Pierina Sanchez,
24 whose birthday was yesterday!

25 (APPLAUSE and CHEERING)

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SPEAKER ADAMS: And Council Member, Minority Leader Joann Ariola, who will celebrate her birthday on the 14th, Happy birthday!

(APPLAUSE)

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

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

Western Rail Yards Modifications. Several proposed Land Use actions to allow for the future development of the remaining open portion of the westside yard, which is part of the special district known as Hudson Yards in Council Member Bottcher's district. The Council is modifying the zoning special permit and the modified restrictive declaration to reflect key project changes, including that it will no longer include a casino; it will include approximately 4,000 total residential units, at least 420 units, or 25% of the total number of rental units, whichever is greater, will be newly constructed affordable units, and it will have an increased amount of publicly accessible open space, from 5.6 acres to a total of 6.6 acres within the

1 development, including at least one acre of lawn
2
3 space.

4 And 73-99 Empire Boulevard Rezoning, a private
5 application to facilitate the development of a new
6 13-story mixed-use building in Council Member
7 Hudson's district. It will feature ground floor and
8 seller commercial space, and 261 housing units, 52 of
9 which will be deeply affordable at 40% of the AMI
10 under MIH Option 3.

11 Next, 166 Kings Highway, a private application to
12 facilitate a new eight-story mixed-use development
13 with approximately 85 housing units, 21 of which will
14 be affordable under MIH Option 1, and ground floor or
15 commercial space in Council Member Zhuang's district.
16 The Council is modifying the application from an R7D
17 district to an R7A district and requiring the MIH
18 Option 1.

19 Ocean Crest Article XI, an HPD application to
20 facilitate the development of an eight-story building
21 with approximately 89 affordable home ownership co-op
22 units in Majority Whip Selvena Brooks-Powers'
23 district.

24 Next, we will vote on the following Finance
25 items:

2 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
3 Member Justin Brannan, would approve a budget
4 modification pursuant to section 107 of the City
5 Charter.

6 A pre-considered resolution, sponsored by a
7 Council Member Brannan, would establish a new 40-year
8 Article XI Tax Exemption for one lot in Council
9 Member Brannan's District.

10 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by a
11 Council Member Brannan, would establish a new 30-year
12 partial Article V Tax Exemption for one lot in
13 Council Member Carlina Rivera's district.

14 Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
15 Member Justin Brannan, amending a previously granted
16 Tax Exemption for one building in the Lower East
17 Side, in Council Member Rivera's district.

18 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
19 Member Justin Brannan, would establish a new 40-year
20 Article V Tax Exemption for one lot in Council Member
21 Salaam's district.

22 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
23 Member Brannan, would establish a 40-year Article XI
24 Tax Exemption for seven lots in Council Member
25 Narcisse's district.

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2 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
3 Member Justin Brannan, would establish a new partial
4 40-year Article XI Tax Exemption for five lots in
5 Council Member Abreu's district.

6 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
7 Member Justin Brannan, would establish a new 40-year
8 Article XI Tax Exemption for one lot in Council
9 Member Gennaro's district.

10 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
11 Member Brannan, would establish a new 40-year Article
12 XI Tax Exemption for six lots in Council Members
13 Rivera's and Council Member Abreu's districts.

14 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
15 Member Brannan, would establish a new 40-year Article
16 XI Tax Exemption for a lot in Council Member Cabán's
17 district.

18 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
19 Member Brannan, would establish a new partial 40-year
20 Article XI partial 40-year Article XI Tax Exemption,
21 as well as a partial three-and-a-half-year
22 retroactive Article V partial 40-year Article XI Tax
23 Exemption, for two lots in Council Member Rafael
24 Salamanca's district.

Next, we will vote on the following Home Rule

Resolutions:

- M 144, to discontinue certain parkland in Ferry Point Park in the borough of the Bronx.

- M 145, to extend the authorization of the use of speed cameras in school zones.

- SLR 6 will amend the vehicle and traffic law in relation to authorizing a five-mile-per-hour speed limit for open streets.

- SLR 7 would amend the general municipal law in relation to allowing for certain child beneficiaries to receive accidental death benefits for the "duration of their lifetime."

- SLR 8 "AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the verification of participation in the rescue, recovery, and clean-up operations at the site of the World Trade Center terror attacks on September 11, 2001."

- SLR 9 amends the retirement and social security law, in relation to the eligibility of EMT members to opt into the twenty-five-year retirement program.

- SLR 10 would amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to the normal retirement

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2 age for members to access the New York City Fire
3 Department Pension Fund.

4 • SLR 11 will amend the general municipal law in
5 relation to the disabilities of members of the
6 uniformed force of the sanitation department.

7 • SLR 12 will amend the New York City Charter to
8 allow the New York City Civilian Complaint Review
9 Board to access sealed records and certain
10 confidential records to complete their
11 investigations.

12 • SLR 13 will amend the retirement and social
13 security law, in relation to providing for the
14 transfer of service credit between certain retirement
15 systems.

16 • SLR 14 will amend the retirement and social
17 security law in relation to eligibility for
18 participants in the automotive 25-year/age 50 pension
19 plan with more than 30 years of credited service who
20 remain in active service after age 62 to receive a
21 service retirement benefit equivalent to the standard
22 received by Tier 6 members.

23 • SLR 15 will amend the retirement and social
24 security law in relation to providing a heart disease
25 presumption for certain probation officers.

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2 • SLR 16 will authorize the conveyance of certain
3 property by the City of New York to the Bedford-
4 Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

5 • SLR 17 will amend the retirement and social
6 security law and the administrative code to permit
7 surviving spouses of certain retirement plan members
8 to retain benefits upon remarriage.

9 • SLR 18 and 19 will amend the general municipal
10 law in relation to disabilities of deputy sheriffs.

11 • SLR 20 will amend the retirement and social
12 security law and the administrative code twenty-five-
13 year retirement programs for members of the City's
14 water supply police.

15 • SLR 21 will amend the retirement and social
16 security law to change the definition of the overtime
17 ceiling.

18 • SLR 22 will amend the retirement and social
19 security law, in relation to permitting certain
20 twenty-five-year retirement program dispatcher
21 members to file elections not to participate.

22 • SLR 23 will enable a five-year extension of the
23 existing DCAS initiative, known as the "Sail Away"
24 Program, allowing the City to sell certain limited
25 city-owned properties to an abutting property owner

1 without a public auction or competitive bidding
2 process.

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4 We thank our staff members, Santa Soriano-
5 Vasquez, Joelle Zullo, and Rick Arbelo, from our
6 Intergovernmental Affairs team, as well as the entire
7 Legislative Document team, particularly the one and
8 only Jonathan Ettricks, as he moves the Chambers,
9 Matthew Distefano, Ruthie Del Franco, and Yvette
10 Mulvena.

11 Next, we will vote on the following Resolutions:

12 Resolution 371, sponsored by Council Member
13 Hudson, calls on the New York State Legislature to
14 pass, and the Governor to sign S.6643-A/A-9115. This
15 would establish the Gate Money program, which would
16 provide up to \$2,550 over six months to individuals
17 released from state correctional facilities to help
18 cover essential needs, including food, housing costs,
19 court-related debts, and employment preparation. We
20 thank our staff members, Natalie Meltzer and Jeremy
21 Whiteman.

22 Resolution 66-A, sponsored by Council Member
23 Tiffany Cabán, strongly condemns the Trump
24 administration's ongoing efforts to dismantle federal
25 labor protections, standing in unwavering solidarity

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2 with unionization efforts across New York City's
3 workforce, and affirms the fundamental right of all
4 workers to organize, bargain collectively, and hold
5 free and fair union elections. We thank our staff
6 member, Elizabeth Arzt.

7 Resolution 520, sponsored by Majority Leader
8 Amanda Fariás, recognizes July 2nd annually as
9 Thurgood Marshall Day in the City of New York to
10 promote his contributions and legacy as a pillar of
11 the Civil Rights movement. He became the first Black
12 United States Supreme Court Justice in 1967 after
13 being nominated by President Linden B. Johnson. Thank
14 you to our staff member Wiam Diouri.

15 Resolution 853 would call on the New York State
16 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,
17 legislation to amend the vehicle and traffic law to
18 permit a motor vehicle's Vehicle Identification
19 Number (VIN) to be listed in a "Notice of Violation,"
20 instead of a license plate number, in circumstances
21 when a license plate of such vehicle is missing,
22 concealed, obscured, or distorted. Thank you to our
23 staff member, Josh Kingsley.

24 Resolution 339-B, sponsored by Council Member
25 Carlina Rivera, would call on the New York State

1 Assembly to pass, and the Governor to sign,
2 S.1226/A.6004, or the Local Input in Community
3 Healthcare or (LICH) Act. The LICH Act would require
4 advance public notice and engagement through a
5 comprehensive review process involving experts and
6 community members before a hospital submits its final
7 closure plan. Thank you to our staff members, Joshua
8 Newman and Rie Ogasawara.
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10 Next, we will vote on the following legislation:

11 Introduction 272-A, sponsored by Council Member
12 Rita Joseph, would amend the citywide bathroom
13 strategy to require an update regarding the status of
14 each active or planned capital project to install a
15 public bathroom at a site identified by Local Law 115
16 of 2022. Thank you to our staff members Jessica
17 Boulet and Mark Chen.

18 Introduction 1050-A, sponsored by Council Member
19 Carmen De La Rosa, would prohibit the Taxi and
20 Limousine Commission from requiring the vehicles it
21 licenses to have personal injury protection (also
22 known as no-fault) liability coverage in an amount
23 greater than 200 percent of the amount required by
24 state law. Thank you to our staff members, Elliot
25 Heisler and Mark Chen.

1 Introduction 206-B, sponsored by Shahana Hanif,
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3 requires the Department of Corrections to provide
4 annual training to all uniformed staff on the proper
5 use of opioid antagonists and make the training
6 available to individuals who are incarcerated. DOC
7 would also be required to stock areas where
8 individuals in custody are housed with opioid
9 antagonists and make opioid antagonist kits available
10 to individuals upon discharge from DOC custody. Thank
11 you to our staff members, Jeremy Whiteman and
12 Meltzer.

13 And, finally, Introduction 573-A, sponsored by
14 Council Member Gale Brewer, would require the
15 Department of Parks and Recreation to install at
16 least 50 outdoor drinking fountains in public parks
17 no later than June 1st, 2035. Thank you to our staff
18 members Kris Sartori and Patrick Mulvihill.

19 Thank you for your attention. Now I turn it back
20 over to our Majority Leader.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Speaker Adams.

22 We will now move into the Discussion of General
23 Orders, and I would like to first recognize Council
24 Member Ossé, followed by Council Member Brewer, then
25 Council Member Rivera.

COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Thank you, Majority Leader.

The Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps, also known as "The Vollies," is the nation's first multi-racial volunteer ambulance corps and is considered an anchor and beacon of life to the Bed-Stuy community. Since their inception in 1988, the Vollies have responded to our community's emergencies and trained generations of volunteer emergency medical services members from Bed-Stuy and nearby Brooklyn neighborhoods. Due to these efforts, Vollies have decreased ambulance response time in Bed-Stuy from an average of 30 minutes to an average of four minutes today. I'm proud to support the Home Rule to authorize the conveyance of 727 Greene Avenue, in Brooklyn, from the City to the Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps, at no cost. This will allow The Vollies to have a stable, permanent home to ensure they can remain in Bed-Stuy for years to come, even in the midst of gentrification.

I urge all my colleagues to vote 'yes' on Reconsidered SLR 16, and I also want to acknowledge that the Bed-Stuy Vollies are here with us this afternoon. Thank you

(PAUSE)

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council
3 Member.

4 Now recognizing Council Member Brewer, followed
5 by Rivera, and Hanif.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you. I'm calling
7 about water fountains. Intro 573-A, I don't think
8 that New Yorkers should have to purchase a single-use
9 bottle of water, because there's no public option
10 available. This intro increases the number of durable
11 and permanent drinking fountains at park entrances
12 citywide. They have to be within 100 feet of an
13 entrance.

14 We have great water in New York, thanks to DEP
15 and others, but it's one thing to have the resource
16 and another to have access to the resource.

17 My interest in this topic of free access to
18 drinking water started with Richard Murphy, who was
19 Commissioner of Youth Services during the Dinkins
20 administration, which I was proud to serve in. One of
21 his big, practical ideas was giving every public
22 school student a refillable water bottle. And I still
23 want to do that. The problem was, and still is, that
24 we need water fountains to fill them. People want
25 them. During the Participative Budgeting Cycle in our

1 office, West Siders voted to allocate \$375,000 for
2 new water fountains in Riverside Park. We only get
3 three for that, goodness knows they are expensive.
4 But we need this legislation to provide equity.
5 During a Park discussion at the City Council, we met
6 with some of the people who run the conservancies. It
7 turned out that in one particular park, all the water
8 fountains are either dripping with small drips or do
9 not work.
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11 We need this bill to ensure that we have the
12 ability to increase the number of permanent drinking
13 fountains at park entrances. Thank you very much.

14 And I want to thank, by the way, Council Member
15 Krishnan, and also the people who worked on it for my
16 office, Shulamit Puder, and Cynthia Hornig, as well
17 as the people from the Speaker's Office mentioned by
18 the Speaker. Thank you very much.

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Now recognizing Council
20 Member Rivera, followed by Council Member Hanif, and
21 Majority Whip Brooks-Powers.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I am pleased to support
23 two Article V Tax Exemptions, which we are voting on
24 today, one in Kips Bay and one in the Lower East
25 Side. Together, these exemptions will preserve 396

1 apartments, uh, affordable homes available for people
2 making 50% of the area median income or less through
3 the project-based Section Mark-up-to-Market program.

4 These Article V Tax Exemptions will support
5 families and seniors in stable housing and provide
6 for the property owners to make necessary upgrades
7 for accessibility and improved quality of life.

8 Why these two are particularly important to me is
9 that one is for our elderly community, and
10 particularly those with disabilities, called the
11 Renwick Gardens on East 29th Street. The other is a
12 172 project-based Section 8 building called 210
13 Stanton Street, where I spent the first approximately
14 30 years of my life.

15 These preservation opportunities are one of the
16 tools we have to address our housing shortage, and of
17 the multiple tax exemptions I have passed, knowing my
18 childhood home will be around and improved means a
19 lot.

20 I urge everyone to vote yes. Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Now recognizing Council
22 Member Hanif, followed by Majority Whip Brooks-
23 Powers, then Council Member Joseph.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you, Majority Leader.
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1 Today, we are voting on my bill, Intro 206-B, to
2 address the crisis of opioid overdoses in our city
3 jails. I'd like to thank Speaker Adams for including
4 this bill on the Agenda, Criminal Justice Chair Nurse
5 for moving it through Committee, and Council Members
6 Rivera, Ossé, Bottcher, Narcisse, and Public Advocate
7 Williams for introducing it alongside me.
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9 From 2022 to 2023, at least 10 people on Rikers
10 Island died of a suspected drug overdose. These
11 tragic deaths could have been avoided if the opioid
12 antagonist Narcan had been properly administered.
13 Nothing we do can bring these New Yorkers back, but
14 I'm glad that we are taking real steps to save lives
15 moving forward.

16 If passed, this bill will require the Department
17 of Corrections to do the following: Administer Narcan
18 training to all uniform staff, make training
19 available to incarcerated people, stock Narcan in all
20 housing units, verify that Narcan is properly stocked
21 on a weekly basis, provide annual reporting on
22 training and the administration of Narcan, and make
23 opioid overdose kits available to those being
24 discharged from jail into the community.
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2 I'd like to thank Alex Liao, Nishat Chowdhury,
3 Matt Malloy, and Mus Lamia from my team. And Jeremy
4 Whiteman, Natalie Meltzer, and Sarah Sucher, from the
5 Legislative Division, and the direct service
6 providers who have informed and supported this bill,
7 including the Legal Aid Society, New York County
8 Defender Services, Brooklyn Defenders, Bronx
9 Defenders, and the Urban Justice Center.

10 I urge my colleagues to vote yes.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing Majority
12 Whip Brooks-Powers, followed by Council Member
13 Joseph, and then Minority Leader Ariola.

14 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you.

15 Today, I call on my colleagues to support the
16 Article XI Tax Exemption for the Ocean Crest
17 development, a project that marks a milestone in the
18 pursuit of affordable homeownership in Far Rockaway.

19 Ocean Crest will be the first 100% affordable
20 homeownership project in the Rockaways in more than
21 10 years. It represents a critical pathway for
22 working families, especially families of color, to
23 not just find housing but to build equity and
24 generational stability in the cities they call home.

1 This project is a result of sustained advocacy,
2 tough negotiations, and a shared commitment to doing
3 development differently. Through that process, we
4 secured meaningful community benefits that will make
5 Ocean Crest more than just a place to live; it will
6 be a source of opportunity. Those benefits include a
7 50% local hiring commitment for residents of
8 Community Board 14, a 35% MWBE contracting
9 requirement, the use of union labor with a labor
10 monitor to ensure accountability, significant
11 stormwater and resilience infrastructure, and
12 targeted outreach to NYCHA residents to ensure they
13 can access these homeownership opportunities.
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15 These victories reflect what happens when we
16 center home ownership in the development process. I
17 want to thank our partners who helped bring this to
18 the finish line: Congressman Meeks, Senator Sanders,
19 Assembly Member Anderson, Community Board 14,
20 Community Builders, and my colleagues in government.
21 I also want to express my appreciation to Deputy
22 Mayor Carrión for his support in this process.

23 Today's vote affirms our commitment to bringing
24 permanent affordable home ownership to South East
25 Queens. It's a vote for fairness, for stability, and

2 for the long term health of our neighborhoods. Thank
3 you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing Council
5 Member Joseph.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you, Majority
7 Leader.

8 Today is a great day for New Yorkers. We are one
9 step closer to ensuring access to clean, safe,
10 accessible public bathrooms for all New Yorkers,
11 visitors, and tourists, any day, any time.

12 I'm thrilled to share that my bill, Intro 272,
13 has passed the Committee—thank you, Chair Brooks-
14 Powers— of Transportation and Infrastructure, this
15 morning.

16 Introducing, in partnership with Manhattan
17 Borough President Mark Levine, as part of my bathroom
18 bill package, this legislation requires the City to
19 report on previously identified sites for public
20 bathrooms.

21 This bill promotes transparency by mandating
22 updates on projects, details, timelines, funding,
23 maintenance plans, and specific locations. Best of
24 all, this bill goes into effect immediately.

2 Let's be clear, access to clean, safe bathrooms
3 is not a luxury; it is a basic human right. By
4 expanding access, we are sending a clear message to
5 everyday New Yorkers and visitors— we see you, we
6 hear you, and we care about your dignity and safety.

7 New Yorkers deserve better; they deserve easy
8 access to bathrooms that are clean, safe, and
9 accessible anytime, anywhere. I am proud we're making
10 this happen. Thank you to my team, the Central staff,
11 Borough President, Lavine, and every organization
12 that helped make this possible. Thank you.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing Minority
14 Leader Ariola, followed by Council Member Won,
15 Council Member Marmorato, and Council Member
16 Bottcher.

17 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Thank you, Majority
18 Leader.

19 I rise to speak about the Mayor's Home Rule
20 request M 0144. We are all duly elected members of
21 this body and residents of our districts who sent us
22 here. We are here in these hallowed halls to
23 represent their interest, to ensure the government
24 works for them, not against them, to fight for their
25 values, to ensure their needs are met, and perhaps

1 the most vital responsibility a Member has is the
2 Land Use process. A process was meant to ensure that
3 projects built in our communities are shaped by the
4 members of their communities.
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6 That is why Member difference is such a crucial
7 principle, because each and every one of us knows
8 what is best for our communities, because we are on
9 the ground every day. We are part of our communities.
10 It's not an anti-development principle; it's a pro-
11 community principle. But that principle is being
12 thrown out today for a casino, not a critical
13 infrastructure, not a life-saving medical facility,
14 not urgently needed housing, it is for a private
15 money-making venture.

16 I'm not opposed to casinos, I have one that is
17 great in my district and has been a great corporate
18 neighbor. But Ballies has not been that. From the
19 very start, they have not operated in good faith.
20 They haven't made real attempts to sit down with the
21 local Council Member to address her community's very
22 real concerns, or to even respond to her very
23 reasonable requests. Now they're asking for your
24 approval to take away park land so they can build
25 their casino on it. They're trying to justify this by

1 saying it's not a matter of member deference. If
2 taking away public land from a community and giving
3 it to a private corporation is not a member deference
4 Issue, what is it?

5 Let's remember, this was not going to happen
6 because many of you saw it for what it was, even
7 though some of our colleagues, who don't represent
8 the district, were working hard to push it through.

9 The votes to pass this Home Rule simply weren't
10 there. Now, at the 11th hour, the Mayor has taken an
11 interest in this project and has decided to issue his
12 Home Rule himself, which, coincidentally, makes this
13 much easier to pass. This is the same mayor who is
14 proposing, right now, to take away the Council's
15 powers on Land Use with his Charter Revision
16 Commission.

17 So, before you cast your vote, ask yourself why?
18 Why the sudden interest in our "very principled, not
19 that ethically compromised, straight shooter of a
20 Mayor", to paraphrase "The Bard", something is rotten
21 in the state of New York.

22 I urge you all to reject this unwarranted
23 interference and to hold this body's long-standing
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1 principle of Member deference. And I urge you to vote
2 against this tainted rule. Thank you for the time.
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4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing Council
5 Member Won, followed by Council Member Marmorato,
6 then Council Member Bottcher.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Seventy-five years ago, being
8 on the wrong side of the Demilitarized Zone in Korea
9 meant that you could be part of the North Korean line
10 or the South Korean line, meaning that you could have
11 been separated from your loved ones, uh, and it could
12 mean that you lived in hunger and under communist
13 rule, and you were separated from your loved ones
14 forever— like my grandparents were separated from
15 their siblings.

16 So this is why today we are voting on our
17 Resolution 896, which will recognize June 25th as the
18 75th Anniversary of the Korean War and recognize this
19 day annually as Korean War Remembrance Day in New
20 York City.

21 The Korean War is a devastating memory that still
22 affects many American veterans, Korean natives, and
23 immigrants. Two and a half million people lost their
24 lives, and many had their livelihoods taken away.
25 Negotiations ended the war in 1954, but tensions

1 continued to exist between the two Koreas. So this
2 Remembrance Day is honoring those who served and
3 sacrificed their lives for the well-being of our
4 country, and the innocent lives that were tragically
5 lost in this conflict. If it weren't for U.S.
6 intervention, I probably wouldn't be sitting here
7 with you today.

9 We continue to hold hope that this Resolution
10 will ease further tensions and establish a lasting
11 peace. As a Korean immigrant, I know firsthand the
12 significance of never forgetting, so that we can
13 continue to put in the work for the future of our
14 lives, as well as that of our children.

15 I give and I give my deepest condolences to
16 everyone who has lost a loved one to this fight. I
17 thank everyone who has served in the Korean War, and
18 I thank all veterans for risking their lives for the
19 sake of our nation's protection.

20 I would like to thank my colleagues for
21 supporting this resolution, as well as Senior
22 Legislative Policy Analyst Regina Paul, for assisting
23 and writing this resolution, and Committee on
24 Veterans' Chair, Bob Holden, for his support. Thank
25 you so much.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing Council
3 Member Marmorato, followed by Council Member
4 Bottcher.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Colleagues, as we
6 prepare to vote today, I want to speak to you as not
7 just the Council Member of District 13, but as a mom,
8 constituent, and representative of the people of
9 District 13.

10 This isn't just a bad proposal; it's been a
11 disgraceful process. The people of District 13 have
12 been ignored from the very beginning. Instead of
13 working with me, the person chosen to represent this
14 community, the sponsors of this deal actively worked
15 around me. And let's call it what it is, outside
16 interference. And that's absolutely unacceptable.

17 I was not elected to serve the Mayor, lobbyists,
18 unions, or developers. I was elected to serve my
19 constituents, and they've made it clear: they do not
20 want this casino in our district.

21 This proposal brings no investment, no
22 infrastructure, and no respect for the people who
23 actually live in the district. It does everything
24 from outside interests and nothing for my
25 neighborhood. Let's be honest, this was never about

2 jobs or fairness, it was about political favors and
3 special interest power plays.

4 We were elected to represent our communities, not
5 to sell them out. And I urge you to stand with me,
6 stand with my district, help me represent my
7 constituents, stand with the people who have made
8 their voices very clear, and vote no against M 0144.
9 Thank you.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
11 Member Bottcher.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Today, we are voting on
13 a Land Use action that will help transform the
14 Western Rail Yards, currently open rail tracks, into
15 the vibrant 24/7 neighborhood that Hudson Yards was
16 always meant to be— full of life, energy, and
17 opportunity, day and night.

18 This action will bring up to 4,000 new homes to
19 the site, one of the most significant expansions of
20 Manhattan's housing stock in a generation. In a city
21 where the housing crisis is displacing residents in
22 every neighborhood, of every borough, this kind of
23 housing production is exactly what we need. We cannot
24 fight displacement and bring down rents if we are not
25 building significantly more housing.

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2 Twenty-five percent of the rental units will be
3 permanently affordable, with a minimum of 625
4 permanently affordable units, nearly doubling the 324
5 affordable units included in the original 2009 plan.
6 But this project is about more than just housing. The
7 Western Rail Yards will feature 6.6 acres of green
8 space, along with a public school, daycare
9 facilities, and other community amenities— tens of
10 thousands of jobs, including commitments to local
11 hiring.

12 The plan no longer includes a casino, but it
13 remains a once-in-a-generation opportunity to deliver
14 the housing, school seats, green space, and
15 opportunity that New Yorkers urgently need.

16 There are still important details to be worked
17 out as part of this plan, but today's vote is a
18 historic one, and I want to thank the Council's
19 Planning and Land Use Division, led by Perris
20 Straughter and his team, Carl Wilson, and my staff,
21 as well as everyone who made this possible.

22 I'm proud to be a member of this body today, and
23 look forward to working hand in hand with the
24 community to ensure that this plan lives up to its
25 promise. Thank you.

1 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Seeing no one else signed
2 up to speak, I'm going to take a moment.

3 Today, the Council is taking decisive action to
4 address a long-standing injustice, one that has
5 denied the children of fallen Detective Miosotis
6 Familia, the support they deserve.

7 In 2017, Detective Familia was assassinated in
8 the line of duty. In the aftermath of that tragedy,
9 her eldest daughter, Genesis, who was only 20 years
10 old at the time, stepped up to raise her younger
11 siblings. She became their guardian, their provider,
12 and their protector, but because of outdated pension
13 laws. Genesis has been denied access to her mother's
14 benefits, not because she didn't take on the
15 responsibility, but because the outdated law refused
16 to recognize her role and position.

17 This Home Rule message is the City Council's
18 formal and powerful message. It affirms that
19 caregiving matters, that sacrifice matters, and that
20 our laws must evolve to meet the realities of our
21 families and the first responders are facing.

22 Over the past year, my office has worked to move
23 this forward, securing the necessary fiscal analysis,
24 drafting viable bill language, and building the
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2 coalition to get it done. This is not just symbolic,
3 but it is essential. It's how we make change, and it
4 starts here. It started with Genesis.

5 Thank you to Speaker Adams for supporting me in
6 this Home Rule development and today's passage. Thank
7 you also to all my colleagues for your votes.

8 Genesis, thank you for your trust in this
9 process. We are proud of this moment. And I thank
10 you all for supporting this Home Rule.

11 I'll now turn it over to Speaker Adams.

12 (APPLAUSE)

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Genesis, I was going to say
14 something else, but my colleague just really put the
15 exclamation point on any comments that I may have for
16 you. You know how we feel about you, you know how we
17 feel about your perseverance, your strength, and your
18 courage through this process.

19 I personally want to thank you for those who will
20 come after you, who will receive the benefits they
21 deserve because of what you did and your mother's
22 sacrifice. You are honoring her today, and she is
23 proud of you today. And for that, we say thank you to
24 you.

25 (APPLAUSE)

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I'm now going to
3 recognize Deputy Speaker Ayala.

4 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Thank you, and I just want
5 to say before I say anything else, Genesis, your mama
6 would be really proud of you.

7 I just wanted to speak very briefly on Reso 0144.
8 I want to clarify that we're not voting on a casino
9 today, we're voting on allowing the Bronx an
10 opportunity to submit an application. I think that is
11 from a lens of equity. It's only fair that they have
12 that opportunity, and we're not at the point yet
13 where we are approving anything other than allowing
14 an application to pass through.

15 And then this would have— I don't want to
16 underestimate the impact that this would have on the
17 Bronx if an application were to be made at some
18 point. There is an opportunity for economic
19 opportunities that this borough desperately needs.

20 But we're not there. We're not there at all. This
21 is just giving them an opportunity to apply. I just
22 wanted to clarify that.

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Report of Special
24 Committees?

25 CLERK: None.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Reports of Standing
3 Committees?

4 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Criminal
5 Justice, Intro 206-B, opioid antagonist?

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

8 CLERK: Report of the committee on Finance, M-136
9 and Reso 938, budget modification?

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

11 CLERK: Preconsidered LU 303 and Reso 939 through
12 Preconsidered LU 312 and Resos 948 and 949, Tax
13 Exemptions?

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

15 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Governmental
16 Operations, State & Federal Legislation, Ms 144 and
17 145, Mayor's Home Rule Messages?

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

19 CLERK: Preconsidered SLR 6 through Preconsidered
20 SLR 23, Council Home Rule Messages?

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

22 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use, LUs
23 287 and 28, Grace Houses.

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2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with Modifications and
3 Referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to
4 Section 197 of the New York City Charter.

5 CLERK: Preconsidered LU 317 and Reso 950, Ocean
6 Crest Article XI.

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

8 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Parks and
9 Recreation, Intro 573-A, outdoor drinking fountains.

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

12 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Transportation
13 and Infrastructure, Intro 272-A, public bathrooms.

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

16 CLERK: Intro 1050-A TLC required insurance
17 coverage.

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

20 CLERK: On the General Orders Calendar, LU 275 and
21 Reso 951, and LU 276 and Reso 952, 73-99 Empire
22 Boulevard Rezoning.

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

24 CLERK: LU 277 and Reso 953 and LU 278 and Reso
25 954, 166 Kings Highway Rezoning?

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders

3 CLERK: LU 283 and Reso 955 through LU 286 and
4 Reso 958, Western Rail Yards.

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

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

9 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

11 CLERK: Thank you.

12 Council Member Avilés?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

14 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

15 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye.

16 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

18 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye.

20 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

22 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye on all, but I abstain
24 on M 144.

25 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

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2 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye on all. I
3 would like to congratulate my colleagues who are
4 passing legislation today. Thank you.

5 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye on all with the
7 exception of SLR 15, 18, and 19, for which I vote no,
8 and M 144 and SLR 20, on which I abstain, thank you.

9 CLERK: Thank you.

10 Council Member Carr?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: No on M 144, M 145, SLR 6,
12 and SLR 12, and aye on all the rest.

13 CLERK: Thank you.

14 Council Member De La Rosa?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all.

16 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Congratulations,
18 Genesis, aye on all.

19 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: (UN-MIC'D) I vote aye on
21 all except for (INAUDIBLE) SLR 6, SLR 12, and M 145,
22 and Intro 47-B.

23 CLERK: Thank you.

24 (PAUSE)

25 Council Member Feliz?

1 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Permission to explain my
2
3 vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: I proudly vote aye on all,
6 especially on the Home Rule related to benefits for
7 family members of police officers.

8 Eight years ago, Police Officer Familia gave her
9 life serving and protecting the people of the Bronx.
10 We will never forget the sacrifice she made for the
11 community that loved her. We must honor our fallen
12 heroes and sheroes, including Detective Familia. But
13 it is also important that we do the right thing for
14 her family. We always say that if you serve the City,
15 the City will have your back. We always say that, and
16 we must keep that promise. We can't break that
17 promise, so today we are taking action. We are taking
18 steps to change our laws to ensure that families who
19 lose loved ones serving the City are not thrown into
20 financial distress as a result of that. Thank you to
21 everyone for making this possible, thank you for
22 making this a reality, including Speaker Adrienne
23 Adams for making this a priority, and Majority Leader
24 Amanda Fariás.

1 Also, congratulations to the Familia family,
2 including her daughter Genesis, who has joined us
3 today. We look forward to passing this today and
4 taking this to Albany. And of course, finally putting
5 an end to this issue, which has gone unresolved for
6 far too long.

7 Additionally, public safety is a top priority for
8 the people of the Bronx. What we saw eight years ago
9 is just one example of the many dangers that police
10 officers face on a daily basis while serving our
11 communities. On the issue of safety, as we know,
12 police officers cannot do magic. Public safety is a
13 shared responsibility. Police officers cannot do
14 magic, but they do everything they possibly can on
15 that issue. And for that, I am thankful, and so are
16 communities like mine.

17 I vote aye on all.

18 And briefly, also on the Bally's Casino, I also
19 vote aye on that. But, of course, this isn't the end
20 of the process. I hope we can continue working to
21 make sure that the final product works for everyone,
22 including and especially everyone in the Bronx, which
23 is literally the most disadvantaged community in the
24 entire city.
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2 Thank you so much (TIMER), aye on all. Perfect
3 timing, too.

4 CLERK: Thank you.

5 Council Member Gennaro?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote aye on all, with
7 the exception of SLR 12, on which I vote no.

8 CLERK: Thank you.

9 Council Member Gutiérrez?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

11 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: I vote no on M 144, and aye
13 on the rest.

14 CLERK: Thank you.

15 Council Member Hanks?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye on all, with the
17 exception of M 145, SLR 6, and SLR 12.

18 CLERK: Thank you.

19 (PAUSE)

20 Council Member Holden?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all, with the
22 exception of M 144, M 145, SLR 6, and SLR 12, for
23 which I vote no.

24 CLERK: Thank you.

25 Council Member Hudson?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all, and
3 congratulations to Genesis and your family.

4 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye on all except for M
8 144, for which I vote no.

9 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all, except for M 144,
11 for which I am a no.

12 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all, and
14 congratulations, Genesis.

15 CLERK: Thank you.

16 Council Member Marmorato?

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

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Okay, I just want to
21 clarify something. Voting in favor of this sets the
22 precedent of rewarding lobbyists and special interest
23 groups when they bypass local representation and
24 communities. And that being said, it absolutely will
25 pave the way for a casino to be built. I vote aye on

2 all, with the exception of M 0144, M 0145, SLR 6, and
3 SLR 12; I vote no.

4 CLERK: Thank you.

5 Council Member Marte?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: I abstain from M 144, and
7 aye on the rest.

8 CLERK: Thank you.

9 Council Member Mealy?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Yes, I vote no on M 0144,
11 and aye on all the rest. And congratulations,
12 Majority Whip, your project is awesome.

13 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Permission to explain my
15 vote?

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: I vote aye on all. And
18 while I am voting aye on M 144, because I believe
19 that the application process should move forward, I
20 urge that in the ongoing process, conversations be
21 had directly with the Council Member representing
22 that area, since clearly any project impacts will
23 affect that community. And those concerns and impacts
24 need to be heard and addressed. Thank you.

25 CLERK: Council Member Morano?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Aye on all with the
3 exception of M 0144, M 0145, SLR 6, and 12, for which
4 I vote no. Thank you, Genesis, for being here.

5 CLERK: Thank you.
6 Council Member Moya?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye with the
8 exception of M 144 and Intro 1050, for which I
9 abstain.

10 CLERK: Thank you.
11 Council Member Narcisse?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I'm voting aye on all,
13 and the same comment for M 0144, that we need to
14 create the opportunity for the discussion to continue
15 with the Council Member who represents that specific
16 area. Thank you

17 CLERK: Thank you.
18 Council Member Nurse?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye on all, and I
20 abstain from M 144.

21 CLERK: Thank you.
22 Council Member Ossé?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye on all with the
24 exception of M 144, for which I abstain.

25 CLERK: Thank you. Thank you.

2 Council Member Paladino?

3 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: I vote aye on all with
4 the exception of M 0144, M 0145, SLR 6, and SLR 12,
5 in which I vote no, thank you.

6 CLERK: Thank you.

7 Council Member Powers?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Congratulations to Genesis
9 and the family. I vote aye.

10 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

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

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Thank you.

15 I just want to take a moment to recognize the
16 staff who worked on the State Legislative
17 Resolutions, Santa Soriano-Vasquez and Rick Arbelo.
18 The Home Rule process is a bear, and it takes a ton
19 of work and a ton of coordination. And the Speaker's
20 team does a great job. And I just want to thank them
21 for all the effort they've put in.

22 I vote aye on all with the exception of M 144,
23 for which I vote no. On M 145, I am particularly
24 pleased to support the reauthorization of speed
25 cameras. Since speed cameras were implemented in

2 2014, we have seen speeding decrease by 94%— 94% for
3 locations with cameras. This saves lives, and this
4 five-year reauthorization will continue to save lives
5 across every single one of our communities. Speed
6 cameras are equitably distributed. I wish we were
7 expanding them. But a reauthorization is a good
8 thing.

9 And I just want to lastly recognize Genesis. How
10 you have organized, year after year, to make this
11 happen has been inspiring. And you would not take no
12 for an answer. And this is happening today because of
13 your commitment. And I am really proud to be
14 supporting. Thank you.

15 CLERK: Thank you.

16 Council Member Riley?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye on all. I just want to
18 say congratulations to Genesis and thank all of my
19 colleagues who are giving the Bronx a chance. Thank
20 you.

21 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye on all. And
23 thank you all for your advocacy. And to all of my
24 colleagues, congratulations.

25 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Aye on all. And, thank
3 you, Genesis, for sharing your mom with us.

4 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye on all. And
6 I want to congratulate you, Genesis. I also want to
7 acknowledge the hard work from the Majority Leader,
8 ensuring that we're getting this Home Rule over the
9 finish line. Congratulations to both of you, thank
10 you.

11 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

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

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you, Majority
16 Leader.

17 Today, we are voting on a Home Rule that honors
18 the legacy and life of a true hero. Detective
19 Miosotis Familia made the ultimate sacrifice in 2017,
20 just one block away from where I was living at the
21 time, losing her life to protect our Bronx community.
22 In the years since, her daughter, Genesis Villella—
23 hello, I am glad you are in Chambers today— still
24 just a young woman herself, cared for her siblings
25 while fighting for the pension support that her

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2 mother earned through that sacrifice. Thank you,
3 Speaker Adams, Majority Leader Fariás, Council Member
4 Restler, Senator Rivera, Assemblymember Dinowitz, and
5 everyone who came together to support Genesis in her
6 fight. This Home Rule message is long overdue and
7 moves us closer to justice, not just for Genesis and
8 her siblings, but for all survivors of fallen
9 officers moving forward. This reform will allow child
10 beneficiaries to receive accidental death benefits
11 for the duration of their lives. It's common sense,
12 compassionate change that ensures no family in the
13 future has to fight so hard for what should have
14 always been theirs. Detective Familia's legacy lives
15 on, and today we honor her with action. With that, I
16 vote aye on all, with the exception of M 144, on
17 which I abstain.

18 Thank you, Majority Leader.

19 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.

20 Council Member Schulman?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: First, I want to give
22 congratulations to Genesis, and I echo the remarks of
23 my colleagues around you. This is a big victory for
24 you, and we're really appreciative of what you and
25 your mom have done.

2 I also want to give a shoutout to the Bedford-
3 Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corp, with whom I
4 worked when I was in the leadership of the New York
5 City Emergency Medical Service in 1989 and worked
6 with the founder, Rocky Robinson. With that, I vote
7 aye on all.

8 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all, except no on
14 M 145, SLR 6, and SLR 12. And congratulations,
15 Genesis.

16 CLERK: Thank you.

17 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, and my
19 apologies. I want to abstain from M 145 and just echo
20 the sentiments of Council Member Menin. I hope that
21 the council member's whose district M 144 is
22 happening in will get the full support that she
23 deserves. Thank you.

24 CLERK: Thank you. Council Member Williams?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye on all.

2 CLERK: Council Member Won?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all.

4 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye on all, except M 144,
6 SLR 6, and SLR 12.

7 CLERK: Thank you.

8 Council Member Ariola?

9 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I am a no on M 0144, M
10 0145, SLR 6, and SLR 12, and I am aye on all the
11 rest. Thank you

12 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I vote aye on all, thank
14 you.

15 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye on all.

17 (PAUSE)

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All items on today's
19 General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 51 in
20 the affirmative, zero in the negative, and zero
21 abstentions, with the exception of M 144, which was
22 adopted by a vote of 32 in the affirmative, 12 in the
23 negative, and seven abstentions; and M 145, which was
24 adopted by a vote 41 in the affirmative, nine in the
25 negative, and one abstention; and Introduction 1050-

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2 A, which was adopted by a vote of 50 in the
3 affirmative, zero in the negative, and one
4 abstention; SLR 6, which was adopted by a vote of 41
5 in the affirmative, 10 in the negative, and zero
6 abstentions; SLR 12, which was adopted by a vote 40
7 in the affirmative, 11 in the negative, and zero
8 abstentions; SLR 15, 18, and 19, which were adopted
9 by a vote of 50 in the affirmative, one in the
10 negative, and zero abstentions; SLR 20, which was
11 adopted by a vote 50 in the affirmative, zero in the
12 negative, and one abstention.

13 Introduction & Reading of Bills?

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

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you so much,
17 Speaker.

18 We will now move into the Discussion of
19 Resolutions, and I would like to remind my colleagues
20 that there is a one-minute clock.

21 I will begin by recognizing Council Member Cabán,
22 followed by Council Member Hudson, then Council
23 Member Rivera.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you, thank you to all
25 of my colleagues and Madam Speaker.

1 Today, I'm proud to vote on Resolution 66-A. New
2 York is a union town. This resolution is a
3 declaration by the City Council that we stand in
4 solidarity with workers organizing across New York
5 City. We unequivocally condemn union-busting
6 corporations as well as the Trump administration's
7 attacks on the fundamental rights of organized labor.
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9 In a speech he gave in 1966, Martin Luther King
10 Jr. quoted then-United Auto Workers leader Walter
11 Reuther on the nature of power. "Power," he said, "is
12 the ability to make the largest corporation in the
13 world, General Motors, say yes when they wanted to
14 say no."

15 If we ever hope to have the power to defeat the
16 Trump administration and all the attacks on democracy
17 and freedom, we need a labor movement that has the
18 power to make giant corporations like Amazon and
19 Starbucks say yes when they want to say no. And for
20 that, we need cities like New York to show that we
21 have the backs of our unions, our organizers, and our
22 workers. That's why I'm voting yes, and I hope that
23 you will too.

24 I want to thank the workers and organizers who
25 continue to push forward in the face of (TIMER)

1 enormous pressure, especially our friends at the
2 Teamsters, Amazon Labor Union, Starbucks Workers
3 United, and my co-workers and colleagues in the
4 Council staff, so thank you.
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6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council
7 Member.

8 Now recognizing Council Member Hudson, followed
9 by Council Member Rivera.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you so much,
11 Majority Leader.

12 Formerly incarcerated individuals are among the
13 most vulnerable in our state due to over policing and
14 a lack of resources. Many come from already
15 marginalized backgrounds, only to then endure brutal
16 prison conditions and years of isolation from
17 society. Then they're released with little to no
18 support. In New York, 40% of formerly incarcerated
19 individuals experience joblessness. If we believe in
20 rehabilitation and reintegration, we must address
21 this gap in resources. Resolution 371-A urges the
22 State Legislature to pass the Re-Entry Assistance
23 Bill, which would provide \$425 per month for up to
24 six months to people returning from the state
25 prisons.

2 Research consistently shows that direct cash
3 payments are one of the most effective ways to ease
4 re-entry and reduce recidivism, while also being
5 cost-effective.

6 I'm proud to stand alongside Council Member Nurse
7 as we pass this resolution, and I urge my colleagues
8 to vote 'yes' on Resolution 371. Thank you.

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

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you.

12 Today, we will vote on Resolution 339, which
13 calls on Governor Hochul to sign the Local Input in
14 Community Healthcare Act, a bill sponsored by State
15 Senator Gustavo Rivera and Assemblymember Jo Anne
16 Simon, which passed both the Senate and Assembly with
17 strong bipartisan support.

18 This bill would improve public notice and
19 community involvement when hospitals propose to close
20 entirely or shut down key units like childbirth,
21 emergency rooms, mental services, and addiction
22 treatment. It would strengthen the state government's
23 oversight of proposed hospitals and hospital
24 closures.

1 And just to put the numbers in front of
2
3 everyone, from 1997 to 2024, 53 short-term acute care
4 hospitals out of over 200 in New York State closed,
5 including 20 in New York City alone, causing the
6 state approximately 8,000 hospital beds or 16% of all
7 hospital beds. It happened in my district with Mount
8 Sinai Beth Israel, disproportionately affecting
9 Bellevue. And it can happen in yours.

10 We need this legislation because hospital
11 closures aren't just bureaucratic decisions; they can
12 mean life or death for communities. And this state
13 bill (TIMER) can make that change. Please vote aye.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Seeing no one else signed
15 up to speak, we will now have a voice vote on today's
16 Resolutions. If you wish to vote against or abstain
17 from any of today's Resolutions, please notify the
18 Legislative Documents Unit by email or by approaching
19 the dais.

20 I will now read today's Resolutions into the
21 Record:

22 Resolution 66-A condemns the Trump
23 administration's ongoing efforts to dismantle federal
24 labor protections, standing in unwavering solidarity
25 with unionization efforts across New York City's

2 workforce, and affirming the fundamental right of all
3 workers to organize, bargain collectively, and hold
4 free and fair union elections.

5 Will all those in favor say aye?

6 ALL: Aye

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

8 ALL: (SILENT)

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

10 ALL: (SILENT)

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

12 Resolution 339-B calls on the New York State
13 Assembly to pass, and the Governor to sign,
14 S.1226/A.6004, the Local Input in Community
15 Healthcare (LICH) Act.

16 Will all those in favor say aye?

17 ALL: Aye

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

19 ALL: (SILENT)

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

21 ALL: (SILENT)

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

23 Resolution 371-A calls on the New York State
24 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign

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2 S4078/A193, in relation to providing money upon
3 release for certain incarcerated individuals.

4 Will all those in favor say aye?

5 ALL: Aye

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

7 ALL: (SILENT)

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

9 ALL: (SILENT)

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

11 Resolution 520 recognizes July 2nd annually as
12 Thurgood Marshall Day in the City of New York to
13 promote his contributions and legacy as a pillar of
14 the Civil Rights movement.

15 Will all those in favor say aye?

16 ALL: Aye

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

18 ALL: (SILENT)

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

20 ALL: (SILENT)

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

22 Resolution 853 calls on the New York State
23 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,
24 legislation to amend the vehicle and traffic law to
25 permit a motor vehicle's Vehicle Identification

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2 Number (VIN) to be listed in a "Notice of Violation,"
3 instead of license plate number, in circumstances
4 when a license plate of such vehicle is missing,
5 concealed, obscured, or distorted.

6 Will all those in favor say aye?

7 ALL: Aye

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

9 ALL: (SILENT)

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

11 ALL: (SILENT)

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

13 Resolution 896 recognizing June 25, 2025 as the
14 75th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War
15 and commemorating June 25 annually as Korean War
16 Remembrance Day in the City of New York to honor
17 those who served and to express hope for a lasting
18 peace.

19 Will all those in favor say aye?

20 ALL: Aye

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

22 ALL: (SILENT)

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

24 ALL: (SILENT)

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

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2 We will now move into General Discussion, and I
3 would like to first recognize Council Member Brewer,
4 followed by Council Member Nurse, then Council Member
5 Sanchez.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much.

7 I just want to thank the interns who are here
8 today: Max Borton (phonetic), who is a rising senior
9 at American University; Alexander Hayes, who's a
10 rising junior at Middlebury College, and Eric
11 (UNINTELLIGIBLE), who's a rising sophomore at
12 Middlebury College and a former elected official from
13 Westchester County. And I just want to say how much I
14 appreciate their work and all interns. Thank you very
15 much.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you.

17 Now recognizing Council Member Nurse, followed by
18 Council Member Sanchez, and then Council Member
19 Banks.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you, Majority Leader.

21 Over the last few months, we have seen a
22 terrifying assault on our constitutional rights
23 hitting our immigrant communities the hardest. There
24 are already too many horror stories. In April, three
25 children, all of whom were citizens, and one who had

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2 cancer, were abruptly deported to Honduras. Other
3 children are being left behind in US custody as their
4 parents are being deported. ICE is snatching people
5 in the hallways, courtrooms, and lobbies of federal
6 office buildings as they check in with immigration
7 authorities, which is following the law.

8 In March, Ábrego García was deported to El
9 Salvador's infamous mega prison, despite a 2019 court
10 order barring his deportation due to a legitimized
11 risk of persecution.

12 Trump's racist, xenophobic immigration
13 enforcement has one defining feature and that is
14 skipping due process. When our country ignores due
15 process, it threatens us all. The Constitution is
16 clear that no person shall be deprived of life,
17 liberty, or property without due process of law. It
18 doesn't qualify these rights based on where you were
19 born, your immigration status, the color of your
20 skin, what language you speak, or your political
21 beliefs. This right is non-negotiable and one of the
22 only things keeping our country from sliding into a
23 dangerous space. It is the only thing protecting any
24 of us from being arbitrarily thrown in prison or
25 deported.

1 So when we fight our for our immigrant
2 communities, we are fighting for ourselves. That's
3 why today I'm introducing a resolution today to
4 condemn the Trump administration for disappearing
5 immigrants to prisons in foreign countries. These
6 actions present an existential threat to our
7 neighbors and loved ones, and I encourage all of my
8 colleagues to sign on. Thank you, Majority Leader.

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing Council
10 Member Sanchez, followed by Council Member Banks,
11 then Council Member Hudson.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you, Majority
13 Leader.

14 I just want to say I'm going to sign onto that
15 resolution, Council Member Nurse.

16 First of all, our city has had a building code
17 for many years. I'm introducing Introduction 1321,
18 which would establish a more comprehensive code that
19 would apply to existing buildings. The Department of
20 Buildings arrived at this code through a consensus
21 process with industry representatives, and I look
22 forward to hearing public stakeholders' perspectives.
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24 I want to take this moment to speak plainly about
25 the horrific immigration policies and practices that

1 we are seeing under the Trump administration.
2 Immigrants are being arrested at courthouses, ripped
3 from their schools, targeted at graduations— places
4 that were once considered sacred, off limits even.
5 Workers are being detained just for trying to feed
6 their families. These are not isolated incidents.
7 This is a deliberate strategy of fear meant to
8 criminalize people simply for existing.
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10 Let's be clear, these policies are not just about
11 immigration; they are a part of this full scale
12 assault on working-class communities across this
13 country, people of color, the very backbone of this
14 country.

15 The Trump administration is not only rounding up
16 immigrants, it's working to gut Social Security,
17 Medicare, education, and housing supports— everything
18 our families rely on to survive and succeed.

19 As a daughter of immigrants, I know the fear,
20 heartbreak, and trauma that ICE brings to our
21 community. And I am using my time today to say that
22 we will not back down. New York City deserves to
23 thrive, and we do so because of our diversity,
24 because of our resilience, and because we fight back.
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2 We must call this what it is: a violation of
3 civil liberties, human rights, and of basic decency.
4 I stand with all Americans working to organize,
5 resist, and protect our neighbors every single day.
6 Thank you

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Now recognizing Council
8 Member Banks, followed by Council Member Hanif, then
9 Council Member Mealy.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Thank you, Madam Majority.

11 Today, I am proud to introduce Resolution 927,
12 calling on the New York State Legislature to pass,
13 and the Governor to sign legislation that will
14 allocate a portion of state revenues from sports
15 betting to support youth sports programs, upgrade
16 community sports infrastructure, and expand access to
17 recreational athletics for young people across the
18 state.

19 This resolution was inspired by conversations
20 with supporters and, most importantly, with young
21 people themselves during a press conference for
22 Intro 643, the Hoop It Up Act, introduced by my
23 colleague, co-prime sponsor Council Member Riley.
24 Through that dialogue, it became even clearer how
25 critical it is to invest in youth development, not

2 just through education, but through recreation,
3 teamwork, and creating safe spaces for physical
4 activity.

5 With this resolution, we're pushing for long-
6 term, sustainable investment in our youth, ensuring
7 that they have access to sports, recreational spaces,
8 and the kinds of opportunities that promote health,
9 discipline, and community. This is about more than
10 just athletics. This is about access and giving our
11 young people more positive options.

12 I ask that you all support this legislation, and
13 I would like to thank Council Members Riley and Lewis
14 for co-priming this resolution. Thank you.

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Now recognizing Council
16 Member Hanif, followed by Council Member Mealy, then
17 Minority Leader Ariola.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you.

19 Today, I'm introducing Introduction 1303, which
20 would launch a public education campaign on fertility
21 care. I'm proud to be joined by 19 members of the
22 Women's Caucus in introducing this bill. This is what
23 it looks like when women lead.

24 Amidst the GOP's attacks on family-building care
25 like IVF, it's critical that New Yorkers know what

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2 services are available to them. Thanks to our
3 partners in Albany, many services are available for
4 free or low cost to families covered by private
5 insurance or Medicaid. However, they are often
6 underutilized due to a lack of awareness or wrongful
7 assumptions about services being cost-prohibitive.
8 That's why I worked with groups like Planned
9 Parenthood, the Center for Reproductive Rights, and
10 the American Society for Reproductive Medicine on
11 this legislation.

12 I'm also proud to be introducing Introduction
13 304 to improve bicycle safety alongside
14 Transportation Chair Brooks-Powers, and Council
15 Members Brewer and Restler. I love the City Bike
16 System, it's a vital part of our transportation
17 network but we need to ensure users ride safely,
18 especially first-time riders and those using E-bikes.
19 This bill would require city bike users to review the
20 rules of the road before their first ride and would
21 mandate that traffic safety information be clearly
22 displayed both on the app and at docking stations.

23 I want to thank the Good Neighbors of Park Slope
24 in my district for their partnership in shaping this
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2 legislation. I urge my colleagues to sign on and help
3 us make our streets safer for everyone. Thank you

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Now recognizing Council
5 Member Mealy, followed by Minority Leader Ariola,
6 then Council Member Menin.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Minority
9 Leader Ariola.

10 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Thank you, Majority
11 Leader.

12 Today, I'm introducing a Local Law to amend the
13 administrative code of the city of New York, in
14 relation to after action reports following emergency
15 declarations.

16 When our city and state issue a state of
17 emergency, our city must be held accountable and be
18 required to produce an after action report detailing
19 the emergency response and suggestions to better
20 respond in future emergencies of the same nature.

21 We went through the unimaginable with the COVID-
22 19 pandemic, and we have never seen any details about
23 how decisions were made and why they were made. We
24 have no detailed agency reports as to what
25 discussions were had regarding city workers who did

2 not want to take a brand new vaccine, and what the
3 protocol was for reasonable accommodation requests
4 that were being granted and denied.

5 New Yorkers deserve answers, and the City and
6 the Mayor need to be more transparent about actions
7 they take that are affecting lives. That is why I'm
8 urging you all to sign on to Intro 1300. Thank you
9 for the time.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing Council
11 Member Menin, followed by Council Member Stevens, and
12 Council Member Dinowitz.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Thank you.

14 Today, I'm introducing two bills to reform the
15 City's broken procurement practices that have lacked
16 vital checks and balances. An example of this broken
17 process is the Administration's recent \$432 million
18 emergency no-bid contract with DocGo for asylum
19 seekers that resulted in chronic food waste,
20 unlicensed security guards, and ultimately an
21 investigation by the state Attorneys General.

22 My first bill, Introduction 1309, co-sponsored
23 with Council Member Won, requires that emergency
24 contracts be limited to 30 days unless renewed by the
25 comptroller and corporation counsel. In addition,

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2 contracts would have to be sent within 15 days of
3 execution to the comptroller for review.

4 Emergencies, by their very definition, are
5 supposed to be short in duration. Our emergency
6 procurement process should reflect that and not allow
7 what was done during COVID, where, under Mayor de
8 Blasio, over \$7 billion was spent on no-bid
9 contracts, where no-bid contracts were extended over
10 a hundred times— or during this administration, what
11 happened with the asylum seeker crisis, and that is
12 honestly why over \$4 billion a year was spent per
13 year on the asylum seeker crisis, because of these
14 no-bid contracts.

15 My second bill, Introduction 1310, addresses a
16 loophole that allows some property owners to use
17 opaque subcontractors and make additional profits for
18 themselves. For example, David Leviton, (phonetic) a
19 landlord whose buildings are contracted by the City,
20 with not-for-profits to provide facilities for
21 homeless shelters, has previously required not-for-
22 profits to also subcontract with his own maintenance
23 and extermination companies. That is basically
24 generating additional revenue for himself at the hand
25 of taxpayers without any oversight by the City.

2 I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting
3 these two bills, which will finally provide proper
4 oversight and put an end to the prolonged emergency
5 no-bid contracting process. (TIMER) Thank you

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing Council
7 Member Stevens, followed by Council Member Dinowitz,
8 then Council Member Morano.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Good afternoon, today I'm
10 introducing Resolution 935, calling upon the City of
11 New York to recognize institutional and systemic
12 racism and generations of harm embedded in today's
13 child protective services (CPS). This legislation is
14 a demand for acknowledging and accountability, as it
15 is time for us to have uncomfortable conversations,
16 as the truth is necessary when it comes to bringing
17 change to address institutional and systematic
18 racism.

19 We cannot continue to ignore the undeniable data
20 that Black and Latino children make up nearly 90% of
21 those ACS cases, despite no evidence that those
22 families face greater challenges than others. The
23 system, rooted in a long and painful history of anti-
24 Blackness and state sanctions and family separation,
25 has inflicted generations of harm under the guise of

1 protection. It is time we name this harm, recognize
2 the trauma, and commit ourselves to fundamental
3 transformation and a system change that often
4 punishes poverty and criminalizes care.
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6 I urge my colleagues to sign on today as we
7 dismantle a system that no longer serves our families
8 and communities as a whole. It is our responsibility
9 as electives to reimagine what *true* safety, healing,
10 and equality look like for our city. Thank you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing Council
12 Member Dinowitz, then Council Member Morano.

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

15 I just want to take one more moment to
16 congratulate you, Genesis. I think your whole story
17 just exemplifies what it means to be a New Yorker. I
18 mean, your mom stepped up to become a cop to keep her
19 community safe and take care of all of you. And when
20 she was killed, when she was taken from us, you
21 stepped up and took care of your family, and we could
22 see the results. I know that your two younger
23 siblings are now in jobs, taking care of other
24 people. And you not only stepped up to be their mom,
25 but you also fought for the rights you deserved, and

2 for so many families after you, who may unfortunately
3 need to exercise them. You fought and you stepped up.
4 And Majority Leader Fariás stepped up to work hard
5 to make sure that this happened, that you got what
6 you deserved. I just think it's so telling of what it
7 means to be a good New Yorker. And that's your story.
8 I just think, especially now in our country, as we
9 have leaders who are choosing to divide us, choosing
10 to instill fear and uncertainty in government and
11 each other, that when we look at your story of your
12 mom, you, and siblings— and this Council— it really
13 is a story of stepping up, coming together, and using
14 government to help people. And that's what we should
15 look to. We should look to you. We should look to
16 this Council when we see what government is, what
17 government can do, and what good families could do
18 for this city.

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

20 Recognizing Council Member Morano.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Thank you, Majority
22 Leader.

23 This is my first time speaking on the floor other
24 than an enthusiastic “here” or “aye”, so I'll try to
25 say something slightly more meaningful.

2 First, an early Happy Flag Day to everyone. I'll
3 proudly be flying not only the American flag, but
4 also the flags of New York City and New York State.
5 And it's a good day to remember that no matter our
6 party, our ideology, or our borough, we're all New
7 Yorkers, all trying to make this city better. And
8 it's a real privilege to work alongside all of you in
9 that shared mission.

10 I want to quickly sound the alarm about something
11 happening at the Mayor's Charter Revision Commission;
12 apparently, they're considering major changes to how
13 we vote, including a top-two election system. That
14 may sound technical or even reasonable, but it's a
15 disaster in practice. If you look at California,
16 there have been multiple elections where the general
17 election featured two Democrats and no Republican, or
18 two Republicans and no Democrats. And in cases where
19 sometimes it's two Republicans fighting to represent
20 a Democratic district or two Democrats fighting to
21 represent a Republican district-- in one case, 60% of
22 voters in a district didn't have a candidate from
23 their party to vote for in the final round. That's
24 not a democracy, it's a coin toss at a rigged casino.
25 We already have a better model right here in New

2 York, which, in my view, is the way we currently run
3 special elections: one round, nonpartisan. It's fair,
4 it's simple, and every voter gets a real say.

5 There are still two public hearings left, one on
6 Staten Island and one in Manhattan, and I urge all of
7 my colleagues to consider testifying or submitting
8 written comments. Because if we sleepwalk into the
9 top two, the only ones who will be truly represented
10 are political consultants who may benefit from this
11 sort of system. Thank you, and again, happy
12 preemptive Flag Day.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, seeing no one
14 else signed up to speak, I will now call on Speaker
15 Adrienne Adams to close today's Stated Meeting.

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much. The Stated
17 Meeting of June 11, 2025, is hereby adjourned.

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