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of the

STATED MEETING

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Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Start: 2:56 P.M.

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Adrienne E. Adams, *Speaker*

Joann Ariola

Alexa Avilés

Diana I. Ayala

Chris Banks

Erik D. Bottcher

Justin L. Brannan

Gale A. Brewer

Selvena N. Brooks-Powers

Tiffany Cabán

David M. Carr

Carmen N. De La Rosa

Eric Dinowitz

Amanda Farías

Simcha Felder

Oswald Feliz

James F. Gennaro

Jennifer Gutiérrez

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## COUNCIL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

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

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## A P P E A R A N C E S

## INVOCATION DELIVERED BY:

Pastor Michael Waldron, Senior Pastor,  
First Corinthian Baptist Church  
Located at 1912 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd,  
New York, N.Y. 10026

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2 SERGEANT LEVY: Testing, testing, this is  
3 a sound check for the New York City Council Stated  
4 Meeting, recorded on November 12, 2025; we're located  
5 in the Chambers, and recording is being done by  
6 Sergeant Ben Levy.

7 (PAUSE)

8 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentleman,  
9 at this time, please place all electronic devices,  
10 all electronic devices to vibrate.

11 Madam Majority Leader?

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: [GAVEL] Good  
13 afternoon, and welcome to the Stated Meeting of  
14 November 12, 2025. I am Majority Leader Amanda  
15 Fariás, and I would like to thank you for joining us.  
16 If you would like to follow along, the agenda for  
17 today's meeting is posted on our website.

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

24 I want to remind my colleagues that  
25 decorum is to be respected at all times. Insulting

2 each other is not appropriate, all remarks are to be  
3 addressed to the Chair, and members shall not speak  
4 unless recognized by the Chair. It is essential that  
5 even if we disagree, we treat each other with  
6 respect.

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

9 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

10 ALL: [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Roll call?

12 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Here.

14 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté.

16 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

17 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: (ABSENT)

18 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Here.

20 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: (NO RESPONSE)

22 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: (NO RESPONSE)

24 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

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CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?  
MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Present.  
CLERK: Council Member Cabán?  
COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: (ABSENT)  
CLERK: Council Member Carr?  
COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO RESPONSE)  
CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?  
COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.  
CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?  
COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.  
CLERK: Council Member Felder?  
COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Here.  
CLERK: Council Member Feliz?  
COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here.  
CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?  
COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.  
CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?  
COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: (ABSENT)  
CLERK: Council Member Hanif?  
COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.  
CLERK: Council Member Hanks?  
COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (ABSENT)  
CLERK: Council Member Holden?  
COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

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CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.

CLERK: Council Member Lee?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: (NO RESPONSE)

CLERK: Council Member Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here, sorry.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.

CLERK: Lee?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Okay.

CLERK: Council Member Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Marte?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Menin?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here.

CLERK: Council Member Morano?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Here!

CLERK: Council Member Moya?

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here. Here.

CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

Thank you.

Council Member Narcisse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Here.

CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Here.

CLERK: Council Member Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: (NO RESPONSE)

CLERK: Council Member Restler?

COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here.

CLERK: Council Member Riley?

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?



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COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Here.

CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHE: Here.

CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Ung?

COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)

CLERK: Council Member Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Won?

COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (NO RESPONSE)

CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Here.

CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Won?

COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present.

CLERK: Council Member Farías?

COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Present.

CLERK: Speaker Adams?

SPEAKER ADAMS: Present.

CLERK: We have a quorum.

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. We will now have today's Invocation, which will be delivered by Pastor Michael Walrond, Senior Pastor of First Corinthian Baptist Church, located at 1912 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard in Manhattan.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

PASTOR WALROND: Let's bow our heads in a word of prayer. God, we stand in gratitude today. For this day, a day, O God, in which you remind us of the sufficiency of your grace and the ever presence of your mercy. God, we stand at a time where the wounded soul of our country and even this city groans for ethical leadership, O God; let this body be such. Remind this body, O God, that we are in the season where we have to put people over politics and community over chaos. Remind this body, O God, that we are in a moment when we cannot overlook those who are marginalized and even ostracized in this city. But now is the time when we must take seriously the words of your prophet, where we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you.

2 God, in this season, continue to raise up  
3 leaders in the midst of political and social  
4 upheaval. Raise leaders, O God, who are able to  
5 communicate and speak truth to power, but also those  
6 who are in power to remember the moral conscience and  
7 compass of our country and even this city.

8 God, guide this body, that they may be  
9 lights in the midst of darkness, that they will  
10 continue to bring joy, where there may be despair and  
11 sadness, through their policies and their  
12 legislation. And most of all, O God, bring peace when  
13 there is unnecessary pressure from D.C.

14 God, we thank you, and we honor you on  
15 this amazing day. It is in your name we pray. Amen.

16 ALL: Amen.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Thank you. I  
18 would now ask that Council Member Yusef Salaam spread  
19 the Invocation on the Record.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Thank you.

21 Thank you, Pastor Mike—as we like to call  
22 you—Pastor Michael Waldron, Junior, for those  
23 powerful words, those powerful heartfelt words.

24 Pastor Mike runs a powerfully dynamic  
25 revival every single Sunday in the village of Harlem.

2 And if you haven't had the opportunity to experience  
3 it, I encourage everyone to actually come to FCBC.  
4 And if you can't get there, then definitely check it  
5 out online.

6 Your message reminds us that service is  
7 not simply an obligation; it's a calling. As public  
8 servants, we are entrusted with the duty to better  
9 the lives of the people who call our city home.

10 Today, as we begin our work, let us carry  
11 forward the spirit of hope Pastor Waldron spoke of.  
12 Let us remember those who are struggling, those who  
13 have been unheard, those who suffer in silence. Our  
14 compassion, our willingness to listen, and our  
15 commitment to act can make a real difference in their  
16 lives.

17 We are here to make decisions that shape  
18 the future of our communities. That responsibility  
19 demands not only our intellect, but also our  
20 diligence, our empathy, and our open hearts.

21 So, as we move into today's Stated  
22 Meeting, may we be guided by a shared purpose to  
23 serve with integrity, to uplift those in need, and to  
24 keep striving to make our city the very best it can  
25 be.

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2 Thank you, Madam Majority Leader, and I  
3 would like to thank, again, Pastor Michael Waldron  
4 for being here today. I make a motion for unanimous  
5 consent to spread the Invocation in full upon the  
6 Record.

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. We  
8 will now ask Council Member Sandy Nurse for the  
9 Adoption of Minutes.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I make a motion  
11 that the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of October  
12 29th, 2025, be adopted as printed.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Messages and  
14 Papers from the Mayor?

15 CLERK: Ms 191 through 194, veto of  
16 Introduction Numbers 982-A, 984-A, 1248-B, and 1372.

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Referred to Committee as  
18 indicated on the Agenda.

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

21 CLERK: Ms 195 and 196, Reports from the  
22 Public Advocate and Comptroller.

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, Ordered,  
24 Printed, and Filed.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Petitions and  
3 Communications?

4 CLERK: None.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Land Use Call-  
6 ups?

7 CLERK: None.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Thank you. We  
9 will now have Communication from Speaker Adrienne  
10 Adams.

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much, Madam  
12 Majority Leader, and good afternoon, everyone.

13 I want to start by acknowledging the loss  
14 of firefighter Patrick Brady, who died last Sunday in  
15 the line of duty. Firefighter Brady served our city  
16 as a member of New York's Bravest for 11 years. New  
17 Yorkers will remember Firefighter Brady for his  
18 bravery and dedication to our city. My heart is with  
19 his family, colleagues, and loved ones as they  
20 navigate their immense loss.

21 I also want to acknowledge the death of  
22 Salih Abdur Rahman, a 23-year veteran paramedic and  
23 former Marine who devoted his life to serving others.  
24 EMS workers and paramedics are essential to the  
25 safety of New Yorkers, and my heart is with his loved

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2 ones and the FDNY family during this very difficult  
3 time.

4 November is Puerto Rican History Heritage  
5 Month. Wepa! I want to honor the many contributions  
6 and accomplishments of our Puerto Rican communities,  
7 who helped shape our city into what it is today.

8 November is also Native American Heritage  
9 Month, when we uplift the history and cultures of  
10 indigenous peoples. I want to recognize that we are  
11 currently on the homeland of the Lenape. As a city  
12 and country, we must commit to meeting the needs of  
13 our indigenous communities and confronting the  
14 disparities they continue to face.

15 I want to acknowledge that November is  
16 National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. This  
17 disease affects more than six million Americans. It's  
18 critical that we recognize them in all families and  
19 caregivers who support their well-being.

20 Yesterday was Veterans Day, and I thank  
21 all of our veterans for their widespread  
22 contributions to our country. My father, my father-  
23 in-law, and my husband all served in the United  
24 States Air Force. So this is a personally important  
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1 day for my family and for the many families of  
2 veterans.  
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4 November 19th is World Day of Remembrance  
5 for Road Traffic Victims, when we remember the  
6 victims of traffic violence. We lose too many  
7 residents to preventable traffic crashes each year,  
8 which underscores the importance of the work ahead to  
9 make our city's streets safer for pedestrians,  
10 cyclists, drivers, and all road users.

11 On November 20th, our nation will observe  
12 Trans Day of Remembrance, which honors those who we  
13 have lost to anti-trans violence. It also marks the  
14 end of Trans Awareness Week, which we highlight the  
15 visibility, experiences, and ongoing challenges  
16 facing trans communities. As a city, we remain  
17 focused on supporting and uplifting all LGBTQIA+ New  
18 Yorkers.

19 Finally, a very happy birthday to Council  
20 Members Kevin Riley and Keith Powers, who share a  
21 birthday on the 16th.

22 ALL: (APPLAUSE)

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Look at them, look at  
24 them. It's just ridiculous. (LAUGHS)

25 ALL: (LAUGHTER)



2 SPEAKER ADAMS: And Council Member Eric  
3 Dinowitz, who will celebrate on the 21st!

4 ALL: (APPLAUSE)

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

7 First, we will vote on the following Land  
8 Use items:

9 One-LIC Neighborhood Plan in Council  
10 Member Julie Won's district is the fifth neighborhood  
11 rezoning to be approved by the Council over the last  
12 two years and the largest in over two decades. It  
13 will rezone approximately 54 blocks in Long Island  
14 City, Queens, to facilitate the creation of 15,000  
15 new homes, including 4,350 affordable homes through  
16 the mapping of MIH, and the development of publicly  
17 owned sites. The plan will also deliver 3.8 million  
18 square feet of commercial, community facility, and  
19 light industrial space. Through the Council's direct  
20 negotiating role in the Land Use process, the One-LIC  
21 Neighborhood Plan will be accompanied by historic  
22 community investments for the Long Island City  
23 Neighborhood, including major funding to create new  
24 public schools, support local public housing  
25 developments, open spaces, and waterfront esplanade

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2 access, transportation improvements, and new and  
3 renovated parks.

4 I want to thank Council Member Won for  
5 her leadership, and the members of the public who  
6 participated in the many months of planning workshops  
7 and meetings to make their voices heard, our Planning  
8 and Land Use team, and the Department of City  
9 Planning for their collective work on this historic  
10 plan.

11 78-01 Queens Boulevard Rezoning will  
12 facilitate the development of a new 13-story mixed-  
13 use development with approximately 314 homes, 79 of  
14 which will be permanently affordable under MIH Option  
15 One, and ground-floor commercial and community  
16 facility space in Council Member Shekar Krishnan's  
17 district. The Council will be modifying this  
18 application to remove neighboring active industrial  
19 businesses from the rezoning area.

20 AAMUP Followup, a Text Amendment to the  
21 Atlantic Avenue Mixed-Use Plan, passed by the Council  
22 this past May, to modify the Non-Residential Zoning  
23 Incentive to limit a portion of the incentive area to  
24 light industrial, arts, and selected community  
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1 facility uses for seven blocks within the AAMUP  
2 Rezoning in Council Member Crystal Hudson's district.

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4 Lastly, two applications in Council  
5 Member Justin Brannan's district, 58 Nixon Court  
6 Rezoning, will facilitate the development of a new  
7 eight-story, mixed-use building with 19 homes,  
8 between four and six of which will be permanently  
9 affordable under MIH, and ground-floor retail space.

10 64 Ovington Avenue Rezoning will  
11 facilitate the development of a new eight-story  
12 residential building with 40 homes, 10 of which will  
13 be permanently affordable under MIH Option One.

14 We will also be voting on the following  
15 Finance Items:

16 Introduction 740-A, sponsored by Council  
17 Member David Carr, would establish a real property  
18 tax exemption for Cold War veterans who are honorably  
19 discharged or released. Fifteen percent of the  
20 assessed value of the residential property would be  
21 exempt, up to \$48,000. Cold War veterans who were  
22 disabled due to their service would be eligible for  
23 an additional exception of up to \$160,000.

24 Introduction 1410, sponsored by Council  
25 Member Justin Brannan, would authorize an increase in

2 annual expenditures for seven business improvement  
3 districts.

4 Introduction 1427, sponsored by Council  
5 Member Brannan, would establish the Coney Island  
6 Business Improvement District.

7 Introduction 1428, sponsored by Council  
8 Member Brannan, would authorize additional services  
9 for the Lincoln Square BID and authorize a change in  
10 the method of assessment upon which the district  
11 charge is based.

12 Preconsidered Resolution, by Council  
13 Member Brannan, would establish a new partial 40-year  
14 Article XI Tax Exemption for a 20-story building in  
15 Council Member Keith Powers' district.

16 Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by  
17 Council Member Brannan, would establish a new partial  
18 40-year Article XI Tax Exemption for two buildings  
19 consisting of 83 units in Council Member Rafael  
20 Salamanca's district.

21 Today, we will also vote on the following  
22 Resolutions:

23 You ready?

24 ALL: (LAUGHTER)

25 SPEAKER ADAMS: You're ready.

1                   Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by me  
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3 and Majority Leader Fariás, declaring January 15th as  
4 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Day in the  
5 City of New York in recognition of the sorority's  
6 enduring service, scholarship, and positive impact on  
7 families and communities across the world.

8                   Preconsidered Resolution, also sponsored  
9 by me, declaring the first Monday of November as  
10 Black Solidarity Day in the City of New York. Dr.  
11 Carlos Russell, a leading activist, created the first  
12 Black Solidarity Day on November 3rd, 1969, in  
13 support of Black businesses. We thank our staff  
14 member, Regina Paul.

15                   Introduction 1250-A, sponsored by Council  
16 Member David Carr, would require every Community  
17 Board, borough board, or advisory body to publish its  
18 bylaws on its own or on other city-owned websites.  
19 They would also be required to update published  
20 bylaws no later than two weeks after making changes  
21 to them. We thank our staff member Johari Menelik  
22 Frasier.

23                   Introduction 1308-A, sponsored by Council  
24 Member Julie Menin, would reform many of the City's  
25 business licensing laws, merging the electronics

1 store and electronics or home appliance service  
2 dealer licenses. It would also remove licensing  
3 requirements for individual locksmiths and  
4 manufacturers of locks. We thank our staff member,  
5 Sarah Swaine.  
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7 Introduction 1193-A, sponsored by Council  
8 Member Yusef Salaam, would require home improvement  
9 contractors to disclose to owners which, if any,  
10 permits are required to perform their work. It would  
11 also require the Department of Consumer and Worker  
12 Protection and the Department of Buildings to conduct  
13 outreach and education campaigns to raise awareness  
14 of these new requirements and a list of contractors  
15 who have performed work without the required permits.  
16 We thank our staff member Luciano Hamel.

17 Introduction 1123-B, sponsored by Council  
18 Member Crystal Hudson, would establish rules for a  
19 containerization program authorizing the Department  
20 of Sanitation to impose an annual fee for costs  
21 related to the installation and maintenance of on-  
22 street containers for trash, recycling, and organic  
23 waste. The fee would be capped at \$55 per unit and  
24 only be imposed on buildings with 10 or more units  
25 that have received an on-street container from DSNY.

1           The fee would be waived for Mitchell-Lama buildings,  
2 buildings owned by Housing Development Fund  
3 Corporations, 100% affordable buildings, and  
4 buildings where at least half of the units are rent-  
5 regulated. We thank our staff member, Morganne  
6 Barrett.  
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8           Introduction 140-A, sponsored by Deputy  
9 Speaker Diana Ayala, would require the Commissioner  
10 of the Department of Social Services, in  
11 collaboration with the Commission of the Department  
12 of Parks and Recreation or any other relevant city  
13 agency, to conduct a study to analyze Hart Island's  
14 capacity for future public burials. The agencies  
15 would be required to develop recommendations, share  
16 them with the Mayor and the Council, post them  
17 online, and implement any changes to procedures. We  
18 thank our staff members, Aminta Kilawan and Elliott  
19 Heisler.

20           And Introduction 79-A, sponsored by  
21 Council Member Lincoln Restler, would require the  
22 Department of Transportation to install pedestrian  
23 lighting fixtures on at least 300 commercial  
24 corridors per year. We thank our staff members,  
25 Theodore Miller and Mark Chen.

1                   Thank you for your attention, colleagues.  
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3 Now I turn it back over to our Majority Leader.

4                   MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you,  
5 Speaker Adams.

6                   We will now move into Discussion of  
7 General Orders, and I would like to first recognize  
8 Council Member Carr, followed by Council Member  
9 Brewer, then Council Member Salaam.

10                  COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Thank you, Majority  
11 Leader.

12                  I just wanted to speak a little bit about  
13 the two pieces of legislation we're voting on today  
14 that are prime-sponsored in my name. I'll start with  
15 introduction 1250-A, which is, I think, a basic  
16 transparency bill. Community boards, borough boards,  
17 and other advisory boards have to post their bylaws  
18 online and any subsequent changes. I think it's a  
19 basic expectation that members of the public and new  
20 members of these institutions should have the same  
21 level of knowledge about the rules that govern those  
22 bodies as those who have been there for a long time.  
23 We have many Community Board members who have served  
24 for decades, and I think this puts everyone on an  
25 even level playing field. And I thank Chair Restler



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2 and the Speaker for their support of this particular  
3 legislation, as well as Jayasri Ganapathy, and our  
4 new Committee Counsel, for their support of this  
5 legislation and for helping us through to the finish  
6 line.

7 I also want to talk about Intro 740-A,  
8 which is going to finally close a major loophole in  
9 the veterans' benefits that we afford New Yorkers.  
10 Cold War veterans have been left out of our property  
11 tax exemption system for far too long. We're the only  
12 locality in the state that has yet to opt in, and  
13 that changes today. We always say thank you to our  
14 vets on Veterans' Day. And this is a really  
15 meaningful way to say thank you to those who are  
16 willing to give up their lives in the service of our  
17 country. And I want to thank our chairs, Justin  
18 Brannan, for his support, our chair, Bob Holden of  
19 the Veterans Committee, long-time champion of this  
20 legislation, and my predecessor in Staten Island in  
21 holding this bill, Joe Borelli, for his work in  
22 introducing it in 2018, and the entire Common Sense  
23 Caucus, for whom this has long been an issue of  
24 importance, and our colleagues on BNT (phonetic), and  
25 of course, the Speaker for making it a priority in

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2 this year's budget negotiations. It is so critical  
3 and important. And I want to thank the Finance  
4 Division team, Richard Lee, Amaan Mahadevan, Nick  
5 Cannell, Brian Sarfo, Dilara Dimnaku, and Andrew  
6 Wilbur, for their work, as well as my Chief of  
7 Staff, Giuseppe Deserio, and Justin Bolusi. And of  
8 course, Johari Frasier from the Gov Ops Committee on  
9 Intro 1250-A. (TIMER) I urge all my colleagues to  
10 vote yes. Thank you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Perfect timing.

12 Now recognizing Council Member Brewer,  
13 followed by Council Member Salaam, and then Council  
14 Member Hudson.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you. I just  
16 want to mention Lincoln Square, a special district  
17 (INAUDIBLE) won for many years by a woman, Monica  
18 Blum, who's done a great job. ABC moved down to  
19 Hudson Square. Now I'm stuck trying to deal with  
20 their 2.4 acres and trying to get affordable housing.  
21 That ABC was the background for the BID in terms of  
22 getting commercial rent that would then go to the  
23 BID. So they have come up with, I think, a fair way  
24 of working with a new way of getting assessments,  
25 residential and commercial. I just want to thank them

2 for the creativity because they produce amazing  
3 beauty in the area, obviously, sanitation and safety.  
4 So thank you to Monica Blum and her staff, and thank  
5 you for considering this bill today.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing  
7 Council Member Salaam, followed by Council Member  
8 Hudson, then Council Member Krishnan.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Thank you, Madam  
10 Speaker, and thank you, Majority Leader.

11 Colleagues, today I urge you to support  
12 Intro 1193-A. This bill protects New York homeowners  
13 from being misled or harmed by contractors who  
14 perform work without proper permits. It ensures that  
15 before any work begins, contractors must clearly  
16 disclose which permits are required, who is  
17 responsible for obtaining them, and how residents can  
18 verify that information through City databases. And  
19 beyond enforcement, it requires our agencies to  
20 conduct public education and outreach, providing  
21 multilingual materials and accessible tools, so that  
22 New Yorkers can make informed decisions before they  
23 sign any contract.

24 This legislation is also about  
25 durability, sustainability, and long-term

1           affordability. When work is done by licensed  
2 professionals and inspected properly, it lasts  
3 longer, it meets environmental standards, and it  
4 lowers maintenance costs in the long run. Safer,  
5 sustainable homes mean stronger neighborhoods. And  
6 that's what this bill delivers. These common-sense,  
7 pro-safety, and pro-accountability measures have  
8 earned the supermajority support in the Council. So I  
9 want to thank all the council members who've signed  
10 on to support this bill. And I also want to recognize  
11 my Director of Budget and Legislative Affairs—he  
12 wears two hats—Mufazzal Hossain, whose dedication  
13 and expertise brought this bill to life. Together, we  
14 are ensuring that New Yorkers' homes are not only  
15 safe today, but built to last for tomorrow. I urge my  
16 colleagues to vote yes on Intro 1193-A. Thank you.

17                           MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing  
18 Council Member Hudson, followed by Council Member  
19 Krishnan, then Council Member Won.

20                           COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you so much,  
21 Majority Leader.

22                           For far too long, New Yorkers have had to  
23 see and smell mountains of trash bags that fill our  
24 streets and sidewalks on trash day, and to put up  
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1 with the rats that come with them. Intro 1123, also  
2 known as the Removing Animals from the Trash or Rat  
3 Act, takes a critical step in modernizing our city's  
4 outdated waste management system, which will result  
5 in cleaner streets throughout the city. This bill  
6 allows the Department of Sanitation to place  
7 stationery on-street containers for residential waste  
8 across the five boroughs. It expands on the  
9 successful pilots in Manhattan Community District 9  
10 and Brooklyn Community District 2 and brings the  
11 program citywide with an option for medium-sized  
12 buildings to use on-street containers or wheelie bins  
13 and a requirement for large buildings to containerize  
14 their waste using the on-street bins. I'm especially  
15 proud that through negotiations on this bill, we  
16 secured carve-outs for low and middle-income  
17 homeowners and strong worker protections, including  
18 training for building superintendents and porters.  
19 Containerization is a proven strategy to reduce  
20 rodent populations and improve public health. And by  
21 combining this sort of containerization with the  
22 City's composting program, we're creating cleaner  
23 neighborhoods that are far less hospitable to rats.  
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2 And lastly, I'd like to thank Sanitation  
3 Commissioner, Javier Lohan, and his Chief of Staff,  
4 Rebecca Kriegman, as well as former Sanitation  
5 Commissioner and current Police Commissioner, Jessica  
6 Tisch, and her Chief of, Staff Ryan Marola, for their  
7 leadership and vision, the District 35 RAT Task Force  
8 for their advocacy, and Morgan Barrett and CJ Murray  
9 from Central staff, as well as Andrew Wright and  
10 Elika Ruintan from my team for the diligent work  
11 throughout this process. And also a big thanks to the  
12 Sanitation Committee Chair, Shaun Abreu. Together,  
13 we're saying goodbye to the era of piles of trash on  
14 the sidewalk, and hello to the cleaner, more modern  
15 city New Yorkers deserve. I urge my colleagues to  
16 vote yes on Intro 11/23. Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing  
18 Council Member Krishnan, followed by Council Member  
19 Won, then Council Member Menin, and Council Member  
20 Restler.

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

23 Doing nothing in a housing crisis is not  
24 an option. Jackson Heights and Elmhurst, and across  
25 Queens, we have seen rents rising to historic highs

1 while wages for working families have remained  
2 stagnant, forcing too many long time residents to the  
3 brink of displacement.  
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5 When we build housing, we have to do so  
6 in a way that meets the needs of our community. The  
7 deal we are voting on today demonstrates that  
8 development can be done differently, anchored in  
9 affordability, community partnership, and  
10 accountability.

11 I'm so proud that we are passing the  
12 historic 7801 Queens Boulevard Rezoning project. It  
13 shows how development in New York City can serve the  
14 public good, and I wanted to share just a few key  
15 highlights of the project and why I'm so proud of it.

16 The project we are providing for Elmhurst  
17 today will guarantee affordable housing with 314  
18 total apartments, approximately 79 permanently  
19 affordable and affordable to Elmhurst at 55% of the  
20 AMI. On top of that, it matters the community spaces  
21 we bring in when we bring in housing too, and here we  
22 have a historic win of a 15,000 square foot community  
23 space that includes the first ever community swimming  
24 pool for our district. It will offer, through  
25 Commonpoint, free and low-cost swim lessons,

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lifeguard training, locker rooms, classrooms, and multipurpose community rooms. We're grateful to Commonpoint for managing this facility because they also have their social services and workforce development hub right down the street.

As the chair of the Parks Committee, open space is also incredibly important to me. With this project, we have 5,000 square feet of publicly accessible open space, the first of its kind on Queens Boulevard, and it's also going to be done with union labor for the building, with 32 BJ involved.

From day one, I've made clear that any rezoning in our district must deliver real affordability and protect our working class immigrant families with community spaces that strengthen our community. That's why I'm proud we are approving a project today in Elmhurst that transforms what is a bank parking lot right now into desperately needed affordable housing, a community pool, and much needed space.

Thank you to Apex, Commonpoint, Council, Land Use, (TIMER), and my staff, Chanel Martinez and Greg Clark, for seeing this project to the finish



1 line. And thank you, Speaker Adams, for your  
2 leadership in helping us get to this point.

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

4 Recognizing Council Member Won, followed by Council  
5 Member Menin, then Council Member Restler.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Thank you so much,  
7 Majority Leader Fariás, and thank you, Speaker Adams.

8 Today, I am voting yes on the One Long  
9 Island City Neighborhood Plan. And I encourage all of  
10 my colleagues to also vote yes, because this project  
11 brings us one step closer to a connected and  
12 integrated Long Island City.

13 Over the last three decades, the City has  
14 allowed for developers to dictate what is built in  
15 our neighborhood, bringing fiscal barriers and a  
16 critical issues that have separated my neighborhood  
17 into Hunters Point, Court Square, and Queensbridge  
18 Houses. But over the past two years, thousands of my  
19 neighbors have come together to envision a different  
20 future. We've lived through four failed projects, but  
21 through this fifth one and through our advocacy,  
22 persistent community engagement, and disciplined  
23 negotiations, we have secured a historic investment  
24 of nearly \$2 billion to Long Island City to fund a  
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1 connected waterfront, the restoration of  
2 Queensbridge, Baby Park, and expanded public space  
3 underneath the Queensboro Bridge as well as the  
4 ramps, over 1,300 new school seats, sewage and  
5 plumbing infrastructure, significant NYCHA  
6 investments of over \$200 million for Queensbrige  
7 Houses and so much more—all of that is long overdue.

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9 Finally, through this project, we will  
10 become One Long Island City to integrate current and  
11 future residents in all corners of this neighborhood.

12 We started this process two years ago,  
13 conducting extensive public engagement that included  
14 21 large public events, two surveys, 1,400 mailers,  
15 presentations to community boards, multiple hearings,  
16 as well as thousands of public comments and  
17 testimonies. We also canvassed 8,000 doors at  
18 Queensbridge Houses over the course of several  
19 months, including voices from all residents. Now we  
20 are happy to announce that this project will bring a  
21 total of 14,700 units of new housing as well as 4,350  
22 units of affordable housing, making it the largest  
23 neighborhood rezoning in city history, as well as  
24 affordable housing expansion in the last two decades  
25 of New York City. (TIMER)

1                   So I implore you to please vote yes. And  
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3 we are really excited to see this project through,  
4 and we know that this is not the end, but we will  
5 continue the work to make sure that these commitments  
6 will continue to be held accountable through our  
7 Community Oversight Committee, which will track these  
8 implementations. Thank you so much.

9                   MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing  
10 Council Member Menin, followed by Council Member  
11 Restler.

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

14                   I'm thrilled that my bill, Intro 1308, is  
15 being voted on today. This omnibus legislation  
16 represents a comprehensive effort to modernize the  
17 City's small business licensing framework to meet the  
18 needs of our 21st century economy. It removes many  
19 outdated laws, and it updates others to address  
20 longstanding consumer concerns, ensuring that our  
21 regulatory system works better for both small  
22 businesses and the public at large.

23                   This bill eliminates fees for duplicate  
24 licenses and removes surety bond requirements for  
25 certain license types. It consolidates electronic

2 service dealer licenses, among several other  
3 important reforms.

4 These updates will reduce unnecessary red  
5 tape, streamline compliance, and allow small  
6 businesses to operate more efficiently without  
7 burdensome fees or duplicative processes. At the same  
8 time, the bill strengthens consumer protections by  
9 improving the ability of the Department of Consumer  
10 and Worker Protection to receive and address  
11 complaints across many, many licensing categories.

12 Intro 1308 simplifies small business  
13 requirements, it enhances accountability, and it  
14 ensures fair, effective oversight that benefits  
15 consumers, small businesses, and the agency alike.

16 I want to thank Speaker Adrienne Adams  
17 for her great leadership in advancing this  
18 legislation and always protecting the needs of small  
19 businesses, as well as bill drafters Nick Widzowski  
20 and Sarah Swaine for their tremendous work. And I  
21 want to thank my team, Jonathan Szott, Brandon  
22 Jordan, Mercedes Anderson, and Jacob Lobel, for their  
23 efforts. Thank you.

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing  
25 Council Member Restler.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Thank you so  
3 much, Madam Majority Leader.

4 I firstly just want to take a moment to  
5 congratulate Council Members Won and Williams on  
6 these two rezonings, the two largest rezonings that  
7 the City has passed in decades, which will add nearly  
8 30,000 units of housing to Queens. These are  
9 remarkable accomplishments, and they were not easy.  
10 And I just think you both deserve an enormous amount  
11 of credit for getting them over the finish line.

12 I am really grateful that we have the  
13 opportunity to vote today on Intro 79, which will add  
14 more lighting to sidewalks across New York City. I  
15 think we would all agree that it's scary to walk down  
16 a dark street, and yet too many of the streets,  
17 commercial corridors in our communities, are dark.  
18 And we'd push the Department of Transportation to  
19 brighten them up, and nothing happens, or they'll  
20 study it, which takes a year, and then maybe two  
21 years after that, they might add some lighting. But  
22 frankly, it's inadequate. This legislation requires  
23 DOT to get its act together and install new lighting  
24 on mixed-use corridors for 300 blocks every single  
25 year. This will require the DOT to seriously get to

2 work to make our community safer. Adding lighting is  
3 an evidence based approach to improving safety in our  
4 community. It's worked in NYCHA developments across  
5 the city of New York. It can work on our commercial  
6 corridors. It's time that we light up our  
7 neighborhoods, light up our sidewalks. DOT is very  
8 careful and rigorous about the regulations for  
9 lighting up the streets, but most New Yorkers aren't  
10 driving; we're walking, and we need safe sidewalks.  
11 It's good for our neighborhood businesses. It's great  
12 to take a stroll in the evening. It's great for our  
13 safety most of all. And I'm really grateful to  
14 Speaker Adams for helping to support this  
15 legislation. And I really want to thank the Committee  
16 Council Transportation Infrastructure Committee for  
17 their support as well. And my staff, Molly Haley and  
18 Nieve Mooney, for their great help. Thank you so  
19 much.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. Seeing  
21 no one else signed up to speak, Report of Special  
22 Committees?

23 CLERK: None.

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Reports of  
25 Standing Committees?

2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
3 Consumer and Worker Protection, Introductions 1193  
4 and 1308-A-- 1193-A and 1308-A, Home Improvement  
5 Contractors and Business Licensing Requirements.

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

8 CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
9 Finance, Introduction 74-A, property tax exemption.

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

12 CLERK: Introductions 1410 and 1428,  
13 Business Improvement Districts?

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

15 CLERK: Preconsidered LU 431 and  
16 Resolution 137, and Preconsidered 432 and Resolution  
17 1138, tax exemptions?

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

19 CLERK: Report of the Committee on General  
20 Welfare, Introduction 1408-A, Hart Island.

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

23 CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
24 Governmental Operations, State and Federal  
25 Legislation, Introduction 1250-A, board bylaws.

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

4 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land  
5 Use, LU 405 and Resolution 1139 through LU 408 and  
6 Resolution 1142, 58 Nixon Court and 464 Ovington  
7 Avenue Rezoning.

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

9 CLERK: LUs 409 through 425, various  
10 applications.

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

15 CLERK: LU 428 and Resolution 1143,  
16 Special Atlantic Avenue Mixed-Use Plan.

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

18 CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
19 Sanitation and Solid Waste Management, Introduction  
20 1123-B, on-street refuse containers.

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

23 CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
24 Transportation and Infrastructure, Introduction 79-A,  
25 pedestrian lighting fixtures.



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

4 CLERK: On the General Orders Calendar, LU  
5 373 and Resolution 1144 through LU 392 and Resolution  
6 1150, Long Island City Neighborhood Plan?

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

8 CLERK: LU 398 and Resolution 1151 and LU  
9 399 and Resolution 1152, 7801 Queens Boulevard  
10 Rezoning.

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

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

15 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you. Just  
17 shoutout to Elsie Soto, and I vote aye on all.

18 CLERK: Thank you.

19 Council Member Feliz?

20 (BACKGROUND NOISE)

21 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (NO RESPONSE)

22 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Thank you.

25 Council Member Abreu?

2 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission to  
3 explain my vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
5 granted.

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

8 Today, we are taking a big step forward  
9 and transforming trash collection in New York. Intro  
10 1123 will bring on-street containerization to large  
11 residential buildings citywide. It is a rare  
12 opportunity to truly change for the better what New  
13 York looks like and feels like on the ground. Soon  
14 enough, gone will be the days of smelly trash bags  
15 piled up on the street, instead replaced by clean and  
16 enclosed empire bins. In the West Harlem Pilot  
17 Program, we have already seen cleaner streets and  
18 reduced rat sightings. With this vote, we are drawing  
19 a hard line between the old New York of black trash  
20 bags and the modern city we expect to be. This will  
21 be a monumental win for sanitation, public health,  
22 and sightliness for decades to come.

23 Thank you to Council Member Hudson for  
24 her sponsorship of this bill, the Speaker's Office,  
25 to the Sanitation Committee for their work on it, and

2 to the Department of Sanitation for helping lead the  
3 way on this effort initiated by Commissioner Tisch,  
4 who's in the balcony right now to celebrate this work  
5 and continue passionately by Commissioner Lojan.

6 I proudly vote aye. Thank you.

7 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

8 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

9 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

10 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: (ABSENT)

11 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye on all, except  
13 Introduction 1123-A, I abstain.

14 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye on all, and  
16 congratulations to Council Member Won and Council  
17 Member Williams on their great accomplishments.

18 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

20 CLERK: Thank you.

21 Council Member Brewer?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye on all,  
23 except 1123-B; I'm abstaining. I want to say why: I  
24 totally agree that we need to have containers on the  
25 street. It worked well in West Harlem, but they

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2 didn't pay anything. My concern is that if you are  
3 paying whatever it is—\$55—to place the container,  
4 fine, but to have that money continue for that unit  
5 for the rest of the life of that unit, I don't think  
6 it's fair. I think, for instance, thanks to Council  
7 Member Salaam, when I got my container, I paid for it  
8 as a homeowner, and then I got a check from the City  
9 to pay me for the container. So, I paid nothing for  
10 my container. So, then why should co-ops and condos  
11 have to pay? They, too, are homeowners. So, I think  
12 the concept is great. I know environmentalists think  
13 it's great. But why should that individual  
14 homeowner—co-op and condos—pay for the rest of  
15 their natural life? That's the problem. Trash is  
16 supposed to be paid for by the public and not by the  
17 individual homeowner. So I abstain on (BACKGROUND  
18 NOISE) 1123-B, and yes on everything else.

19 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

20 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: (NO  
21 RESPONSE)

22 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: (ABSENT)

24 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

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CLERK: We're going to hold a moment.

(PAUSE)

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Carr?

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I will be voting no on Introduction 1123-B, and respectfully abstaining on LUs 398 and 399 with accompanying Resolutions, and aye on all the rest.

CLERK: Thank you. One moment.

Council Member De La Rosa?

COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all, except for 1123-B.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Felder?

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: (NO RESPONSE)

CLERK: Okay, we'll come back.

Council Member Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Gutiérrez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

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COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Hanks?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Holden?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Permission to explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Briefly. For the same reasons that Council Member Brewer mentioned about the container, I don't agree with the \$50 charge, which is, again, that people are paying their taxes. They deserve to have-- and they're doing us a favor by subscribing to this. So I just think it's a charge that I think is excessive. So I'm against 1123-B. And also LU 398, 399, and accompanying Resolutions. The large, over 300-unit, on the edge of my district, it's across the street from my district, the homeowners in that area have been against it for some time, and it is just going to put a strain on the neighborhood. So, I am a no on LU 398, 399, and accompanying Resolutions. Aye, on the rest. Thank you.

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CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Hudson?

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Joseph?

COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Lee?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all, except I  
abstain on 1123.

CLERK: Council Member Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all, except  
1123.

CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye all,  
with the exception of 1123-B, I am a no.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Marte?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye on all, and no  
on 1123-B. I concur with my colleague, Gale Brewer.

CLERK: Council Member Menin?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

3 CLERK: Council Member Morano?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Permission to  
5 explain my vote?

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Permission  
7 granted.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: As we meet here  
9 the day after Veterans Day, it could not be more  
10 fitting that this council is poised to pass a long  
11 overdue measure to honor a generation of men and  
12 women who stood guard during one of the most perilous  
13 periods in modern history, the Cold War. For nearly  
14 half a century, American service members served in  
15 silence and vigilance. They didn't come home to  
16 parades or fanfare. They simply did their duty,  
17 deterring aggression, defending freedom, and  
18 preserving peace in a world that often stood on the  
19 brink. And many of these veterans live right in my  
20 district on Staten Island, and many live on fixed  
21 incomes. And this bill that we're poised to pass will  
22 help them stay in their homes with dignity. And it  
23 sends a clear message that New York City remembers  
24 their service.

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2 I want to thank all of my colleagues who  
3 are about to vote for this. And this legislation has  
4 a proud lineage, as Council Member Carr indicated, it  
5 was first introduced by my predecessor, Council  
6 Member Joe Borelli, a steadfast champion for Staten  
7 Island's veterans. And when Joe left the City  
8 Council, David picked up the torch and carried it  
9 forward with persistence and heart. And our Veterans  
10 Committee Chair, Bob Holden, fought hard to make sure  
11 this bill reached the finish line. And I'm so glad  
12 it's passing before his time with us ends. I'm  
13 honored that one of the first bills I sponsored as a  
14 council member builds upon their leadership and that  
15 together we're about to make it law. I think it  
16 provides real property tax relief for Cold War  
17 veterans and their surviving spouses. And because of  
18 that, I enthusiastically vote aye on this and all of  
19 the other legislation except for Intro 1123-B and LU  
20 398 and 399 and accompanying resolutions 1151 and  
21 1152, on which I vote no.

22 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

24 CLERK: Thank you.

25 Council Member Brooks-Powers?

MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Narcisse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Permission to explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you, Madam Majority Leader.

While we have to reimagine how we deal with the garbage in New York City, we had to come up with something, even though I'm not fully in agreement with 1123-B. But we cannot have our street not being addressed with all the garbage showing all over. So I hope it's a message for all New Yorkers to make sure that New York City is a clean city.

Whenever I travel, I always envy how the other cities function. So that's why I'm always taking nice pictures. So today is a time for us to say no to garbage all over our street. And on that occasion, I want to say thank you on that one.

On that occasion of Veterans Day, I want to say happy Veterans Day to all those who served. Freedom is not free. I have learned that from an

2 early age. I have to say thank you to all my  
3 ancestors who fought in the battle, which was the  
4 Bataille de Vertières, which gave us the freedom, all  
5 the Black folks who were enslaved throughout the  
6 world, so my ancestors fought so hard. So I have to  
7 say thank you to all of them, as well as we celebrate  
8 Veterans Day, for all those who came to the United  
9 States of America to fight. So I want to say thank  
10 you to all of them, and for that I want to say aye to  
11 all and raise the Haitian flag to say, happy Veterans  
12 Day, to all my ancestors that really fought hard for  
13 us to have freedom, all Black people throughout the  
14 world. So thank you.

15 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye. And I  
17 just wanted to thank everybody who has worked on this  
18 containerization bill, including Brooklyn Borough  
19 President, Antonio Reynoso, who about eight years ago  
20 could not stop talking about this type of project. So  
21 congratulations.

22 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye on all.

24 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

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2 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Aye on all,  
3 except for 1123-B. Our co-op and condo owners are  
4 suffering terribly. And once Local Law 97 has been in  
5 place, their maintenance bills have gone up as much  
6 as \$300 a month. They do not need an additional fee  
7 to pick up their garbage. Thank you very much.

8 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I vote aye.

10 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Council Member  
12 Bottcher and I are talking about Haitian history.  
13 Council Member Narcisse inspired us.

14 Permission to explain my vote?

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Permission  
16 granted.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Thank you very  
18 much, Majority Leader.

19 I want to congratulate Council Member  
20 Carr on a piece of legislation he passed through our  
21 committee to ensure that every community board and  
22 other civic groups are required to post their--  
23 government affiliated civic groups are required to  
24 post their bylaws on their website. It's a really  
25 important piece of legislation that I think will help

2 us all have a better understanding of how community  
3 boards and other local institutions are supposed to  
4 be run.

5 And I just want to express my strong  
6 support for the RAT Act that Council Member Hudson  
7 has sponsored. You know, this legislation will help  
8 ensure that our streets are dramatically cleaner. And  
9 the City is taking on the overwhelming cost of  
10 installing this entirely new program for gathering  
11 trash. The expectation that co-op and condo owners  
12 are contributing a modest sum each year to help cover  
13 this expensive new program feels like a reasonable  
14 trade-off to ensure cleaner streets with fewer rats  
15 and better neighborhoods. And I am really proud to  
16 support this legislation. I think that the model  
17 we've seen in West Harlem has been highly successful.  
18 I am excited that it is coming to Community Board 2  
19 in Brooklyn next year. And I am excited to see it  
20 expand across the city as a result of this  
21 transformational legislation.

22 So, aye on all, thank you very much.

23 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

25 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

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COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Permission to explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: I vote aye on all, but I want to say in terms of 1123-B, it's important that we do containerization. And I know from my district how very important that is. But I also want to make sure—I have a lot of co-op and condo owners, particularly folks who are older adults—I want to make sure when the rules are promulgated by the Department of Sanitation that co-ops and condos are not unduly burdened. I will work with them to make sure that doesn't happen. So with that, I vote aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Ung?

COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all,  
3 except no on 1123-B. Thank you.

4 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

6 CLERK: Council Member Won?

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

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
10 granted.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: I vote aye on all.

12 And I want to thank so many of the people who have  
13 been part of this team effort to get this project  
14 across the finish line. So of course, thank you to  
15 Speaker Adrienne Adams, who has supported OneLIC  
16 since the beginning, First Deputy Mayor Randy Mastra,  
17 and former First Deputy Mayor Maria Torres Springer,  
18 the Council Land Use team, Perris Straughter, James  
19 Cottone, William Vidal (INAUDIBLE), as well as the  
20 City Hall and DCP Team, Deputy Mayor Adolfo Carrión,  
21 Nate Bliss, Lizette Chaparro, Matthew Pietrus,  
22 Mitchell Baker, Hye-Kyung Yang, and so many more  
23 staff members, to organize labor, carpenters,  
24 (INAUDIBLE) Labors Local 78 and 79, DC-9, cement and  
25 concrete workers, our dedicated Community Boards 1

2 and 2, especially the chairs, Anatole Ashraf and Evie  
3 Hantzopoulos, our overlapping elected officials,  
4 Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez, Borough President  
5 Donovan Richards, State Senator Kristen Gonzalez,  
6 Assemblymember Claire Valdez, and Mayor Elect Zohran  
7 Mamdani, as well as our current Assemblymember Zohran  
8 Mamdani, and last but not least, thank you to my  
9 incredible staff, who dedicated countless hours on  
10 this project, my Chief of Staff, Nick Gulotta, Laura  
11 Singh, my Land Use Director, Ellie Lauderback, our  
12 Land Use Consultant, Farah Salam, our Coms director  
13 for this project, and previous staff members: Isaac  
14 Blasenstein, Lily Zabios (phonetic), Greg Catoria  
15 (phonetic), and all of the interns, volunteers, staff  
16 members, and community members who volunteered  
17 hundreds of hours for this project. Thank you so  
18 much.

19 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye on all, except  
21 I want to abstain on Intro 1123-B.

22 CLERK: Thank you.

23 Council Member Felder?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Aye on all, and no  
25 on Intro 1123-B, and I abstain on Intro 1410.



CLERK: Thank you

Council Member Ariola?

MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Before voting, I just want to extend my condolences to the Brady family. Firefighter Pat Brady is a constituent of mine in the Rockaways. He is from a long line of firefighters, and we mourn him as a neighbor, as someone who represents the 32nd Council District, and I mourn with the community, his family, and the Fire Department, as Chair of Fire and Emergency Management. We pray for all of our first responders.

Therefore, I vote aye on all, with the exception of Intro 1123-B, for which I vote no. Thank you.

CLERK: Council Member Farías?

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.

CLERK: Speaker Adams?

SPEAKER ADAMS: Congratulating Council Member Julie Won for yet another model-setting example of how this city council does land use. Queens is doing it again, congratulating, once again, my colleague in Southeast Queens, Council Member Nantasha Williams, for a phenomenal job on the

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2 Jamaica Neighborhood Plan. Phenomenal work. This work  
3 would not have been accomplished without the input of  
4 our community, which we as a council firmly believe  
5 in. I also want to congratulate and thank  
6 Commissioner Jessie Tisch for being here today, and  
7 for your hard work in your former role as our  
8 Sanitation Commissioner. Thank you for always being  
9 committed to the cleanliness of New York City. We  
10 appreciate you as well as our Sanitation Chair—all  
11 the work that you have done, Council Member Abreu,  
12 and Council Member Crystal Hudson for bringing this  
13 legislation. I vote aye on all.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All items on  
15 today's General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote  
16 of 45 in the affirmative; 0 in the negative, and 0  
17 abstentions, with the exception of:

18 Introduction 1123-B, which was adopted by  
19 a vote of 30 in the affirmative, 11 in the negative,  
20 and 4 abstentions

21 LUs 398 and 399 and their accompanying  
22 Resolutions, which were adopted by a vote of 42 in  
23 the affirmative, 2 in the negative, and 1 abstention

24 Introduction 1410, which was adopted by a  
25 vote of 44 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and

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2 0 abstentions (sic)--and 1 abstention. Sorry about  
3 that, correcting the record.

4 Introduction & Reading of Bills?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been  
6 referred to the Committees as indicated on today's  
7 Agenda.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. We  
9 will now move into Discussion of Resolutions, and  
10 since no one signed up, I will move on to having a  
11 voice vote on today's Resolutions. If you wish to  
12 vote against or abstain from any of today's  
13 Resolutions, please notify the Legislative Documents  
14 Unit by email or by approaching the dais.

15 I will now read today's Resolutions into  
16 the Record:

17 Resolution 1133 declares the first Monday  
18 of November as Black Solidarity Day in the City of  
19 New York.

20 Will all those in favor say aye?

21 ALL: Aye

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say  
23 nay?

24 ALL: (SILENT)

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

2 ALL: (SILENT)

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: The ayes have it.  
4 Resolution 1134 declaring January 15 as  
5 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Day in the  
6 City of New York in recognition of the sorority's  
7 enduring service, scholarship, and positive impact on  
8 families and communities.

9 Will all those in favor say aye?

10 ALL: Aye

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: All opposed say  
12 nay?

13 ALL: (SILENT)

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Any abstentions?

15 ALL: (SILENT)

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: The ayes have it.

17 (CHEERING)

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Yes, cheers.

19 Thank you, sorors.

20 We will now move into General Discussion,  
21 and I would like first to recognize Council Member  
22 Brewer, followed by Council Member Riley, then  
23 Council Member Morano.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: So I want to talk  
25 about two bills that are on the calendar for today,

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2 for the future. One establishes clear procedures for  
3 determining the habitability of apartments rented  
4 through CityFHEPS; it streamlines the inspection and  
5 re-inspection process by distinguishing between major  
6 and minor repairs, allowing landlords to correct  
7 issues quickly on site.

8           And another one, 1458, requires Social  
9 Services to respond to FHEPS applications within 15  
10 days, providing timely updates on approvals, denials,  
11 and information that's missing. Currently, DSS does  
12 not have a standard timeline for application  
13 processing. I wanted to thank everybody from Women in  
14 Need who made these bills possible.

15           I also just want to mention another one,  
16 which is Intro 1460, with Public Advocate Jumaane  
17 Williams, access to an encrypted police radio. I get  
18 so many complaints, as I'm sure others do, from local  
19 media who cannot find information about events that  
20 are taking place in the neighborhood, because there's  
21 no way to give their readers or their listeners  
22 information, because they do not have access to that  
23 police radio, as they have in the past. Thank you  
24 very much.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing  
3 Council Member Riley, followed by Council Member  
4 Morano, then Council Member Dinowitz.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority  
6 Leader.

7 Today, I'm proud to introduce this  
8 legislation, joined by my colleague, Council Member  
9 Farah Louis, to invest directly in our city's young  
10 visionaries ready to lead, innovate, and build  
11 something of their own. Intro 1473, the Youth  
12 Entrepreneurship and Business Development Program, or  
13 MYBE Initiative, creates a clear pathway for young  
14 New Yorkers, ages 18 to 30, to gain hands-on  
15 training, mentorship, and paid experience that  
16 connects them to real business ownership  
17 opportunities, including city contracting.

18 This program strengthens collaboration  
19 between the Department of Small Business Services,  
20 DYCD, CUNY, and others, aligning our education,  
21 workforce, and business systems so that our young  
22 people aren't just entertaining (sic) the work--  
23 excuse me, entering the workforce, they're prepared  
24 to lead it.

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2 MYBE expands job readiness while opening  
3 doors for young entrepreneurs to turn skills into  
4 sustainable careers and community investments. It  
5 aligns with our city's MWBE goals and helps break  
6 barriers that have historically kept young people,  
7 especially in communities of color, from access to  
8 business development and ownership.

9 I will also recognize the young leaders  
10 who helped me shape this bill: Aaliyah Duah  
11 (phonetic), Joshua Donay (phonetic), Yanaya Campbell  
12 (phonetic), K'Shar Saravia (phonetic), and Arnold W.  
13 Louis, Jr. (phonetic). They are the reason this work  
14 matters—entrepreneurs who saw a need and advocate  
15 not only for themselves but for the next generation;  
16 they mentor and inspire.

17 Investing in our young people will  
18 strengthen our economy and our communities. I just  
19 urge my colleagues to sign on to Intro 1473. Thank  
20 you, Majority Leader.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing  
22 Council Member Morano.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Thank you, Madam  
24 Majority Leader.

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2 Today, I am introducing a resolution that  
3 I believe speaks to one of the most personal and  
4 profound experiences any of us can have, the desire  
5 to start a family.

6 Every day, I hear from New Yorkers who  
7 dream of becoming parents but are facing enormous  
8 financial barriers when it comes to fertility care.  
9 For many of them, in vitro fertilization, or IVF,  
10 represents their best or only chance at having a  
11 child. Yet a single IVF cycle can cost as much as  
12 \$20,000, and most families require multiple cycles  
13 before they're successful. Even when insurance helps,  
14 the out-of-pocket costs can be overwhelming. So the  
15 resolution that I've introduced calls on New York  
16 State to create a refundable tax credit to help  
17 offset those expenses. It's a simple, compassionate  
18 idea, one that would offer direct financial relief to  
19 families who are doing everything they can to bring  
20 new life into the world. It's not about politics.  
21 It's about fairness, dignity, and hope. Parenthood  
22 shouldn't be a privilege reserved for the wealthy. It  
23 should be a possibility for any New Yorker, whether  
24 they're a young couple, an LGBTQ family, a cancer  
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2 survivor, or a single individual pursuing the dream  
3 of parenthood.

4 So by adopting this resolution, I'm  
5 hoping the Council will send a very powerful message  
6 to Albany and to every New Yorker struggling with  
7 infertility that we see you, we hear you, and we  
8 stand with you. And it's about giving more families a  
9 chance to grow, to love, and to contribute to the  
10 next generation of our city's story. That's why I'm  
11 hoping all of my colleagues will consider signing on  
12 to this resolution. Thank you.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I love that. Sign  
14 me on.

15 Now recognizing Council Member Dinowitz.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Thank you, Madam  
17 Majority Leader.

18 I think all of us in New York City are  
19 looking for a fair shot at living affordably in our  
20 city, especially hard working New Yorkers for whom we  
21 make legislation and programs. We have Housing  
22 Connect here in New York City, but sometimes we know  
23 Housing Connect isn't as efficient or streamlined as  
24 we need it to be to make sure New Yorkers are getting  
25 a fair shot.

1                   So today I'm proud to introduce two bills  
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3 that take important steps towards making New York  
4 City's housing lottery system fairer, more efficient,  
5 transparent, and accessible for the New Yorkers who  
6 rely on it most.

7                   The first is Introduction 1463. It  
8 requires HBD to build a centralized webpage within  
9 Housing Connect that allows approved community-based  
10 organizations to assist residents directly through  
11 the Housing Portal. With the residents' consent,  
12 these trusted nonprofits, which we fund in the New  
13 York City Council, will be able to help applicants  
14 complete forms, check their progress, upload missing  
15 documents, and receive alerts about available units  
16 that meet their criteria.

17                   The second is Introduction 1464, which  
18 requires HPD with HRA to create a secure mechanism  
19 within the Housing Connect Portal that allows public  
20 assistance recipients, at their request, to transmit  
21 their eligibility documents directly from HRA to  
22 their housing application. This will reduce redundant  
23 paperwork, prevent delays, and help families using  
24 public benefits move more quickly and efficiently  
25 through the affordable housing process. The goal is

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2       to create a better, fairer, and more efficient  
3       Housing Connect system.

4           Together, these bills modernize how our  
5       city coordinates housing access, strengthening the  
6       connection between city agencies, community partners,  
7       and residents. They strengthen equity, improve  
8       efficiency, and ensure that navigating the housing  
9       lottery is an obstacle, but a pathway to stability  
10      and a fairer New York.

11          I encourage all of my colleagues to sign  
12      on as co-sponsors to both pieces of legislation.

13      (TIMER) Thank you, Madam Majority Leader.

14          MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. Seeing  
15      no one else signed up to speak, I'll now call on  
16      Speaker Adrienne Adams to close today's meeting.

17          SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority  
18      Leader.

19          Before we leave the chambers, we want to  
20      wish a happy belated birthday to Council Member Lynn  
21      Schulman, whose birthday was on the 4th. Happy  
22      birthday, Council Member Schulman.

23          ALL: (APPLAUSE)

24          Thank you, colleagues. The Stated Meeting  
25      of November 12th, 2025, is hereby adjourned. [GAVEL]

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



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