

CITY COUNCIL
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June 25, 2014
Start: 11:55 p.m.
Recess: 01:20 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E:

MELISSA MARK-VIVERITO
Speaker

LETITIA JAMES
Public Advocate

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- ALAN N. MAISEL
- ANDREW COHEN
- ANDY L. KING
- ANNABEL PALMA
- ANTONIO REYNOSO
- BEN KALLOS
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- COREY D. JOHNSON
- COSTA G. CONSTANTINIDES
- DANIEL DROMM
- DANIEL R. GARODNICK
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A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

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[gavel]

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: The recessed meeting of June 11th, 2014 held on June 25th, 2014 is now called to order. Roll Call.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Still here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen?

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides.

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy.

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley. Cumbo.

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch.

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: [speaking foreign language]

[laughter]

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.
COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm. Espinal.
Eugene.
COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.
COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick. Gentile.
COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I'm here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson.
COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: [speaking
foreign language]
COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield.
COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Johnson.
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Present.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos.
COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: King.
COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.
COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.
COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman.
3 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Present.
4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander, Levin.
5 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.
6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine.
7 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.
8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel
9 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.
10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo.
11 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.
12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.
13 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present.
14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca.
15 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: [speaking
16 foreign language]
17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.
18 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: [speaking
19 foreign language]
20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller.
21 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Present.
22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.
23 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.
24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso. Richards.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez. Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: [speaking
foreign language]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres.

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger.

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams. Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio. Van Bramer.

Mark, Speaker Mark-Viverito.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
chambers please. Supplemental messages and, and
papers from the Mayor.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: M-75 City Debt and
3 Reserves.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Supplemental
5 Communication... [crosstalk]

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Wait, perceived
7 order printed and filed.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Supplemental
9 Communication from City County Borough Offices.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered M-76
11 Expense Mod.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Finance.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered M-77
14 Appropriation of New Revenues.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Finance.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered M-78
17 Banking Commission Recommendations.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Finance.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Supplemental
20 Petitions on Communications.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Supplemental
23 Land-Use Call-ups.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.
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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Supplemental
3 Communication from the Speaker Melissa Mark-
4 Viverito.

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you Madam
6 Public Advocate. I'm... Good morning to everyone.

7 [background comments]

8 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: So I, obviously
9 we had, wanted this meeting to happen sooner so we
10 will try to get through as quickly as possible and..
11 I appreciate everyone's patience. It really was an
12 important date, our first budget here in the city
13 council adopting the fiscal year 15. Some of our
14 colleagues have been very patient. I know Council
15 Member Cornegy had his daughter here celebrating
16 her 10 years and her birthday. Obviously we'd have
17 preferred him to be home with her. And Council
18 Member Julissa Ferreras had told me earlier that
19 while she was here her son took his first step so..

20 [collective 'aww-ing']

21 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: It is the
22 moments that we lose in our, in this work but I, I
23 appreciate everyone's patience and it really is
24 that we're all teaching each other here our first
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2 steps in this new Council. So we're voting on the
3 fiscal year 2015 budget.

4 UNKNOWN FEMALE: May we have quiet in
5 the chambers please.

6 [background comments]

7 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: ...2015 budget,
8 this budget is balanced. And because of the
9 council's tireless advocacy it does a lot of good
10 for New Yorkers. It is responsible, progressive,
11 and collaborative. The budget we're voting on today
12 doesn't just reflect the priorities of 51 members,
13 it reflects the needs of 8.4 million people in all
14 five boroughs. By working together we created a
15 process in which every member was heard and every
16 member had input. Every community in New York City
17 had a seat at the table. And every community stands
18 to benefit. This was a budget process that New
19 Yorkers can be proud of. It was a process that was
20 substantive, thorough, and sparked real debate
21 about real issues that affect New Yorkers. This
22 budget reflects New York's values. We're a city
23 that takes care of our own, seeks to lift people
24 up, and strive to give more opportunities. This
25 budget addresses public safety, employment

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2 opportunities, education, health, and
3 infrastructure in real and meaningful ways. The
4 Council's work was exhausting and the results you
5 know. NYPD will very soon have 200 more police
6 officers on the beat. These officers will help
7 those decreasing levels all over the city and will
8 give NYPD more of the tools they need to succeed.
9 NYPD will have 200 more civilian staff to make sure
10 uniformed officers are available to do the police
11 work they were hired to do. This budget will also
12 give thousands of children access to free lunch
13 through an important pilot program. This pilot
14 program will help keep our school children fed
15 allowing them to focus on learning and not where
16 their next meal will come from. Both of these
17 initiatives are wins for New Yorkers and we are
18 proud to have championed them. In addition every
19 neighborhood will benefit from this budget. With
20 over 66.5 million for vital services and programs.
21 Additionally our budget provides over 80 million
22 dollars in supportive programs highlighted in the
23 council's budget response such as our gun violence
24 initiative which will help neighborhoods across the
25 city. Our budget also includes 15 million dollars

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2 for 14 new council initiatives, 36 million dollars
3 in enhancements, and 51 million dollars to maintain
4 existing council program. These include keeping
5 NYCHA community and senior centers open across the
6 city,...

7 [applause, cheering]

8 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: ...funding an
9 additional one, 11,700 summer jobs for our youth,...

10 [applause, cheering]

11 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: ...funding low
12 income childcare vouchers, expanding the city
13 council's anti-gun-violence initiatives, providing
14 funding for the city council merit based
15 scholarship program for CUNY students, investing in
16 New York City's parks by increasing funding for
17 Parks maintenance. The council has also set aside
18 15 million dollars for 14 new innovative
19 initiatives which reflect the council's diversity.
20 Some of these include supporting English classes
21 and legal services to New York City's immigrants to
22 support and strengthen their participation in the
23 democratic process. Funding asthma screening
24 education, community health workers, care
25 coordination, and pest control for children with

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2 asthma. The council's also proud to sponsor
3 initiatives in areas such as, such as anti-gun
4 violence, children services, criminal justice
5 services, cultural affairs, CUNY, domestic violence
6 prevention, education, health services and
7 prevention, homeless services, housing, immigrant
8 services, legal services, libraries, and mental
9 health services, parks and recreation, public
10 safety, senior services, small business services,
11 and workforce development. And the tax commission's
12 veteran services and youth community and
13 development. And we'll be rolling out many new
14 initiatives thanks to the council as well. One of
15 these initiatives is to provide LGBT senior
16 services in every borough. The critical shortage...

17 [applause, cheering]

18 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: The critical
19 shortage of, of culturally competent and welcoming
20 services for LGBT elders, especially those elders
21 living in poverty outside of Manhattan calls out
22 for a solution as part of New York City's
23 commitment to reduce inequality. LGBT seniors in
24 every community needs services tailored to them
25 located in areas that are accessible to them.

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2 Another initiative expands the capacity of
3 community based providers to meet mental health
4 needs for court involved and foster system youth
5 and families. This includes implementing an
6 effective risk assessment tool to determine as
7 early as possible in the arrest process whether or
8 not juveniles are in need of mental health services
9 as well as engaging families of court involved
10 youth through family counselling, respite services,
11 and other evidence based practices, and connecting
12 community based providers to other non-governmental
13 organizations that have familiarity with the
14 courts; ACS, DOC, and other relevant city and state
15 agencies. Through this new initiative we can help
16 young New Yorkers who are at, at risk get the help
17 they need before it's too late, a goal we should
18 always strive for in our juvenile justice system.
19 Also through capital funding we're able to launch
20 programs to renovate unsafe bathrooms in public
21 schools. And additionally the council and the de
22 Blasio administration are collectively committing
23 nearly 50 million dollars towards NYCHA security
24 measures including putting security cameras in
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2 public housing complexes in order to make New
3 Yorker, New York safe for all of our residents.

4 [applause, cheering]

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I'm very proud
6 of the results we'll be delivering with this budget
7 but I'm also very proud of the reformed process we
8 used this year to make this process more inclusive
9 and equitable than ever before. For your first time
10 ever this year discretionary funds have been
11 distributed through a formula that gives an equal
12 baseline to every district with additional funding
13 for districts that have high levels of need based
14 on poverty level. Every New Yorker should benefit
15 from this process and our reformed discretionary
16 process has ensured that no district is losing out
17 because of politics. So I want to thank all of my
18 colleagues so much for their collaboration. And I
19 also want to thank the tremendous work of the
20 finance and central staff for this budget. And I
21 will name each and every one of them; Latonya
22 McKinney [sp?]...

23 [applause, cheering]

24 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Take a bow
25 Latonya. Yay!

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[applause, cheering]

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: It's been a
real, real, real pleasure Latonya, Jeff Rhodas
[sp?], Romano [sp?],...

[applause, cheering]

UNKNOWN MALE: Boo!

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: ...Ramon Martinez
[sp?],...

[applause, cheering]

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: ...Tanisha Edwards
[sp?], Rebecca Chasan [sp?], Raymond Rejeski [sp?],
Carl Simone [sp?], Nathan Tothe [sp?],...

[applause, cheering]

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: ...Regina Pereda
Ryan [sp?], Paul Stern [sp?], Isha Right [sp?],
Chima Albachair [sp?], John Russle [sp?], Allia Ali
[sp?], Emra Ediv [sp?], Ellen En [sp?], Chris
Eshlamen [sp?], Gia Fang [sp?], Creole [phonetic]
Crillen Francisco [sp?]...

[applause, cheering]

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: ...Sara Gastolom
[sp?], Kenny Grace [sp?], Kate Sealy Kirk [sp?],
Madina Midsumaden [sp?], Christina Parodi [sp?],

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2 Jimmy Reyes [sp?], Diena Simpura [sp?], Nora Yaha
3 [sp?], Nicole Anderson, and Maria Payan [sp?]...

4 [applause, cheering]

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: For me
6 personally this being our first budget it's an
7 incredible accomplishment which could not have been
8 achieved without the support of every one of you.
9 So thank you very much to the finance staff.

10 [applause, cheering]

11 SPEAKER MARK-VIVEERITO: It's been
12 really great working alongside you and this new
13 administration. And I think that again we have
14 something to be extremely proud of. And I know that
15 I am. Fits and starts, little bumps along the way,
16 things that have to be fixed along the way, but as
17 a whole we are really touching the lives and making
18 an impact on thousands of millions of New Yorkers.
19 And that means a lot.

20 [applause, cheering]

21 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: So if, if
22 Finance Chair Julissa Ferreras says, has, says a
23 few words and then we're going to go through the
24 process. And I know it's late, people can say what
25 they want on the floor, we would hope maybe we

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2 limit that so we can get out of here sooner but
3 people, people speak if they feel they need to. But
4 I'm not... our great chair of Finance Julissa
5 Ferreras.

6 [applause, cheering]

7 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Thank you
8 Madam Speaker. Speaker Mark-Viverito I want to
9 thank you for your leadership throughout this
10 process and because of your leadership that we are
11 able to adopt this progressive, transparent, and
12 equitable budget tonight. I also want to thank you
13 for supporting my desire to serve this council as
14 its finance chair and allowing me the opportunity
15 to serve the people of this wonderful city in this
16 roll. It is my goal not to only make my
17 constituents proud but also make my fellow council
18 members and speaker proud. So thank you again for
19 this opportunity. Now if I could take a moment of
20 personal privilege. I'd like to mention my father
21 Julio Ferreras, a man who 40 years ago came to this
22 country as a calculus professor from the Dominican
23 Republic only to realize that he would have to go
24 back to college in the United States and start his
25 academic career again. He took a job pumping gas in

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2 the Bronx when I was three months old in order to
3 support me and my mother. I now wonder if when he
4 was looking at his three month old baby girl if he
5 would have ever thought that she would one day
6 become the Chair of the New York City's Finance
7 Committee and stand proudly today after
8 negotiating a 75 billion dollar budget.

9 [applause, cheering]

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: I want to
11 thank my parents for all they have done for me
12 throughout my life and I want to dedicate this
13 budget to the hardworking New Yorkers embodied in
14 this city, by the immigrant who will now have
15 access to legal defense that will keep his family
16 in tact throughout the New York immigrant family,
17 through the New York Immigrant Family Unity
18 Project, the mothers who will feel the relief of
19 knowing their children are cared for through
20 priority five vouchers, for our youth who will, who
21 through the summer youth employment program will be
22 given an opportunity to earn money while learning
23 valuable job skills, for our students who will be
24 able to get help paying for their education through
25 the council's merit based scholarship, for our

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2 seniors who won't have to worry about their senior
3 centers closing and where they will get a hot meal.
4 The speaker did an excellent job at summarizing
5 many of our programs and initiatives that were
6 funded in this year's budget. However I would like
7 to highlight the other changes in the budget that
8 reflect the new focus of transparency, equal
9 participation that I have champion in negotiations
10 with administration. I'm happy to say that we are
11 able to restructure several units of appropriation
12 finally.

13 [cheering]

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Units of
15 appropriation for UPK and Early Intervention in
16 next year's DOE budget. In addition the
17 administration has agreed to seven terms and
18 conditions in, to include them into this budget.
19 And this is a big deal. We have never come close to
20 getting this many terms and conditions included in
21 the budget ever. I know that the speaker said a
22 round of thank yous to the Finance Committee
23 earlier but we can never say too many thank yous,
24 especially to the people who are so deserving of
25 it. First I will address the council members, all

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2 51 of us work collaboratively, collaboratively with
3 each other and the administration to accomplish
4 tremendous feats in this budget. What we all have
5 in common is our shared goals to serve the
6 residents of this city and offer them quality
7 services, greater opportunity, and increase access
8 to information. I also want to thank the speaker's
9 staff, Ramone Martinez [sp?], Jeff Rhodas [sp?] for
10 helping me through this budget process. Although
11 Jeff is no longer in the finance division as he has
12 moved onto greener pastures to the speaker's office
13 he has been instrumental in this budget's process
14 and I thank you. And I would also like to thank our
15 talented and hardworking finance staff under the
16 leadership of our new acting director Latonya
17 McKinney [sp?]. Latonya has been the finance, at
18 the finance division for many years. This is her
19 first budget as the leader of the division and I
20 thank her for her excellent work she has gone
21 throughout, she has done throughout this budget
22 process. I want to thank the entire staff of the
23 finance division. Everyone has played an important
24 role so I want to thank everyone individually for
25 their hard work. And if you can just stand because

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I want everyone to see your faces. Often times we read your names but now you get to be recognized twice and I want you to stand. My Chief Finance Council Tanisha Edwards who drafted most of the budget legislation that we will be voting on today..

[applause, cheering]

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: The new Assistant Finance Council Rebecca Chasen, Deputy Director and Chief Economist and the coolest guy ever Ray Majesky..

[applause, cheering]

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Director, Deputy Director Paul Schamone, Deputy Director Nathan Tothe, Deputy Director Regina Pereda Ryan, Unit Heads Paul Stern, Isha Right, Chima Albachair, and John Russle..

[applause, cheering]

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: ..Finance Analyst Alia [phonetic] Allia Ali, Emra Ediv, Ellen En, Chris Eshlamen, Gia Fang, Crillen Francisco.. I have to be Dominican to pronounce that name, Sara Gastolom, Kenny Grace, Kate Sealy Kirk, Madina Midsumaden, Christina Parodi, Jimmy Reyes, Diena Simpura and her baby..

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[cheering]

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: ...Nora Yaha,
and her, and the support staff Nicole Anderson and
Maria Payan.

[applause, cheering]

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: I want to
thank you all for helping us make this process a
smooth one and one with lots of information. I also
want to thank my amazing staff George Vanhool
[sp?], Alex Ryas [sp?], Megan Mantallo [sp?],
Trystan Ellis [sp?], Ivana Costataricos [sp?], Joe
Desantos [sp?], and Keana Reeves [sp?]. They have
all done a great job supporting me throughout this
journey. Thank you all. Not Keanu Reeves, Keana
Reeves. Haven't you seen our budget we can't afford
Keanu Reeves.

[laughter]

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Thank you
Madam Speaker. Thank you all and I'm really really
proud of what we're doing tonight. Gracias.

[applause]

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: And that
concludes communication from the speaker, or
supplemental communication from the speaker.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Supplemental
3 discussion of general orders if you feel so
4 inclined. Seeing none. Supplemental report of
5 Special Committees.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Supplemental
8 reports of Standing Committees.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the
10 Committee on Finance; pre-considered intro 389,
11 Build it Back Program.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Coupled on
13 general orders with a, with a message of necessity.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reso 62-A; Tax
15 Exemptions for Harry Silver Housing.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Amended and
17 coupled on general order.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered M-76
19 and Reso 301, transfer of city funds between
20 agencies.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Coupled on
22 general order.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered M-77
24 and reso 302, appropriation of new revenues.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Coupled on
3 general orders.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered M-78,
5 banking commission recommendation.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Coupled on
7 general orders.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered reso
9 293 through pre-considered reso 296, interest rate,
10 late payment of taxes, water and sewer rents.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Coupled on
12 general orders.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered reso
14 297, discount for early payment of taxes.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Coupled on
16 general orders.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered resos
18 298 and 299, class shares.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Coupled on
20 general orders.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered reso
22 300, organization funding.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Coupled on
24 general orders.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: M-22 and reso 303
3 through M-28 and reso 309 preliminary budget.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Coupled to be
5 filed.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: M-51 and resos 310 and
7 311, expense revenue contract budget.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Coupled on
9 general orders.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: M-52 and Resos 312 and
11 313, capital budget.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Coupled on
13 general orders.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: M-53 and reso 314,
15 community development program.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Coupled on
17 general orders.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: m-59 AND RESO 315,
19 five year educational facilities capital plan.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Coupled on
21 general orders.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered M-79
23 and reso 316, setting the tax rate.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Coupled on
25 general orders.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered LU-95
3 and reso 317 through LUs 97 and reso 319, tax
4 exemptions.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Coupled on
6 general orders.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the
8 Committee on Land Use, LU-62 through LU-71 on page
9 11.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Adopted and laid
11 over.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU-72, UDAP [sp?]
13 Brooklyn.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Filed,
15 withdrawn, and laid over.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU-75 through LU-94 on
17 page 13, various applications.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Adopted and laid
19 over.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the
21 Committee on Parks and Recreation, pre-considered
22 intro 388, naming of 63 thorough affairs and public
23 places.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Adopted and laid
25 over. And at this time I ask for roll call on all

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2 items on the coupled general order calendar. We're
3 only voting on the budget items today, tonight,
4 this morning, whatever. Land Use and street..
5 [laughter], land use and street name bill will be
6 voted on tomorrow, today, later on, a couple of
7 hours... [laughter]. ...go home.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Permission to
10 explain my vote.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: No I'm just
13 kidding. Aye on all.

14 [laughter, cheers, applause]

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

16 Order. Thank you Council Member for setting the
17 tone. You got the memo. Next.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: This is real.
20 Permission to explain my vote?

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I got the memo,
23 one minute, thank you. First I'm disclosing on the
24 record of the council proceedings that New York
25 junior tennis league is funded in the budget we're

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2 adopting and my child is associated with this
3 entity. I just want to say I'm pleased with the
4 speaker's leadership and the work that we've all
5 done and that this is a budget that utilizes a
6 formula for more equitable allocations of our
7 districts which had not happened before today. It
8 reestablishes a scholarship at CUNY. It maintains
9 NYCHA community and senior centers. And it
10 increases youth jobs. And hopefully next year we
11 can cut some of the contracts and put even more
12 money into youth jobs and workforce development.
13 Finally in another matter of finance I urge the
14 city Comptroller to move forward and sign the
15 settlement regarding the Central Park Fie..

16 [applause]

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: It's taking too
18 long for that to happen. And I want to remind all
19 of my colleagues that we're still waiting for the
20 300 Nigerian girls to return home. Thank you.

21 UNKNOWN FEMALE: I think it's the first
22 time a Barron votes aye on a budget...

23 [laughter]

24 UNKNOWN FEMALE: Just saying... Just
25 saying.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: How do you vote
3 Council Member Barron?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.
5 [cheers, applause]

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Permission to
8 explain my vote.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: I am disclosing
11 on the record of the council proceeding that the
12 Bronx Housing Network it's fund in the budget we're
13 adopting and I am potential associated with this
14 entity C, CEO that Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club is
15 funded in the budget we're adopting. And my church
16 is associated with this entity. And last that
17 various public schools are funded in the budget
18 we're adopting and my child... work at these schools
19 as a substitute teacher. And I gladly vote aye.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: And, and no
22 comments.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Permission to
3 explain my vote?

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Did you get the
5 memo?

6 [laughter]

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I got the memo but
9 I'm taking my time.

10 [laughter]

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: First of all this
12 is, has been such an amazing exciting budget. And I
13 wanted to thank our Speaker Melissa...

14 [cheering]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: ...for your
16 leadership. And you kept to your... and this is a
17 budget that all of us could be very proud of. And
18 this is my fifth budget and I am the happiest on
19 this one. And as the chair of aging for the first
20 time we're not talking about just putting money
21 back. We're talking about close to 21 million
22 dollars of new funding for seniors across the city.
23 This is a proud moment because we're all going to
24 become seniors so we're doing the right thing. And
25 I wanted to really thank all my colleagues from the

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2 Manhattan delegation to BNT [sp?], to my co-chair
3 in the delegation Corey Johnson for really working
4 well together. I mean even though we took a long
5 time, but we work well and the discussion has been
6 so civil. There was no yelling or screaming but we
7 got things done. I wanted to thank all the finance
8 staff for your hard work and your support on this
9 amazing budget. But I do want to give a couple of
10 shout out. First of all our Amazing Finance Analyst
11 on the Aging Committee Dahina Sepora [sp?]...

12 [cheering, applause]

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: And you may tell
14 me you always have the answer before we even have
15 the question. And Jeff you could drink all the
16 coffee you want just to thank you for answering all
17 our question and making us feel less anxious and
18 nervous. And Latonya congratulation on your first
19 budget as a budget director. You made it.

20 [applause, cheering]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: You made it, you
22 make us feel so good because the process was smooth
23 and thank you for really encouraging us and
24 supporting us and being there for us and not taking
25 back whatever. But finally I...

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Three seconds.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: ...I finally, I
wanted to thank my Chief of Staff Yumay Hedesay
[phonetic]...

[applause, cheering]

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: This is her third
budget and she has done an amazing job. So
congratulation Yumay. And I proudly vote aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen.

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: I can think of no
better way to express my gratitude to our speaker,
to our finance chair, and our finance staff by
voting aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides.

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Madam
Public Advocate may I be excused to explain my
vote.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: I am
disclosing on the record of the towns... proceedings

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2 that PS85Q is funded in the budget in we're
3 adopting and my child is a student at that school.
4 With congratulations to our speaker Melissa Mark-
5 Viverito and all of my colleagues in acknowledging
6 this is the budget that we can be proud and it
7 helps all New Yorkers. I proudly vote aye.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: May I be
11 excused to explain my vote?

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I'm disclosing
14 on the record of the city council proceedings that
15 Balance Dance Academy is funded in the budget we
16 are adopting and my child is a participant in that
17 entity and all she wants to do is dance.

18 [laughter]

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: And I vote aye.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: I vote aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote aye. And
25 for the record I must disclose that my son Owen is

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2 a student at Forest Hills High School which is
3 funded in the budget and my two siblings are
4 teachers and Teacher's Choice and DOE is funded in
5 the budget. I want to thank the speaker for a fair,
6 transparent, equitable budget that we can all be
7 proud of. And I vote aye again.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Thank you.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Permission to
12 explain my vote? And yes I did receive the memo
13 three times.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: I just want to
16 thank our speaker for this incredible budget that
17 is going to mean so very much particularly for so
18 many of the smaller institutions throughout New
19 York City. I also am very pleased about the fact
20 that our 57 NYCHA community centers and senior
21 centers are going to remain open but even more so
22 that our cornerstone, the ones that are affiliated
23 will stay open seven days a week until 11:00 p.m.
24 at night. And that's going to create an incredible
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2 opportunity for so many young people in our NYCHA
3 developments...

4 [applause]

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: ...to have a safe
6 summer in partnership with the many arts
7 organizations that we funded. And I also want to
8 echo the sentiments that Council Member Barron
9 brought up, the issue regarding the Central Park
10 Five can never be rectified through financial means
11 but it's the very least that this city can do to
12 allow young people to have closure and their
13 families to have closure to something that has been
14 very horrific in their lives. And so I stand with
15 my colleagues in urging the controller to support
16 these young men in something that they so richly
17 deserve. And I vote aye on all. And I just want to
18 say it's been an incredible opportunity as a new
19 member to work with each and every one of you both
20 in staff and as the council. This is a dynamic and
21 incredible body. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: May I explain
25 my votes?

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: I'm disclosing on the record of the council proceedings that... was funded in the budget for its after-school program which we are adopting and my child is a student at the school but does not attend its after-school program. I'd also like to say that this year's budget reflects New York City's commitments to the hardworking families of New York. The budget provides essential funding to enhance our children's education, help keeps our streets safe and clean, promotes small businesses, and provides services for our youth and seniors and much more. It was my pleasure working with my colleagues advocating for the needs of New York, New Yorkers in passing this budget. I commend our speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and Council Member Julissa Ferreras as well as all my colleagues on New York City Council who worked diligently to obtain services for all New Yorkers and mucho gracias.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: How do you vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Permission to
3 explain my vote?

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Let, let me
6 see. I don't think I got the memo.

7 [laughter]

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Ditto to, ditto
9 to everything that has been said, that will be
10 said, that's thought of, and about to be said. And
11 I vote aye on all.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: You got the
13 memo. Thank you.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I did get the
16 memo, I'm going to abide by it. I vote aye. I want
17 to thank the speaker and all my colleagues and
18 staff for this great budget. Thank you.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: That's why
20 you're the best. Thank you.

21 [applause, laughter]

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Espinal.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Permission to
24 explain my vote? Just want to say I'm really proud
25 to cast my first vote as city councilman. And I

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2 want to thank all my colleagues. And I want to
3 thank the speaker for her leadership. And I vote
4 aye.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Let me,
8 permission to explain my vote?

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I just want to
11 commend and thank the speaker for her leadership
12 and all the stuff from finance division and
13 producing this budget which is fair and equitable.
14 And I want to thank also the speaker for our,
15 sending commitment to our young people because this
16 budget which I wish would allow to all young people
17 to have the opportunity to receive the services and
18 also the guidance... that they need to become
19 positive and productive citizen. To all of you, to
20 the speaker, to the finance division members, and
21 Julissa Ferreras congratulations, [speaking foreign
22 language], bravo, well done.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: How do you vote?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: I vote aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Madam Public
Advocate a disclosure if I, if I may.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: I want to
disclose on the record that the STPCV Tenants
Association Foundation is funded in the budget that
we're adopting this morning and I'm a member of the
affiliated tenants associations as a residents of
that community. Planned Parenthood at New York City
is also funded in the budget and my wife is the
Associate General Counsel of Planned Parenthood
Federation of America. And with that I vote aye.
Thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Madam Public
Advocate a disclosion on the record. I'm disclosing
on the record of the council proceedings that... IS-
259 is funded in the budget we're adopting and my
sister is associated with that entity as a parent

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2 coordinator. Madam Speaker I think you know what I
3 mean when I say how it's been under different
4 leadership in the past. You clearly wanted to make
5 a break with that past and your, with your style of
6 inclusive leadership, you and Chair Ferreras have
7 made the entire process so much more pleasurable
8 even Ramone can agree with that so..

9 [cheering, laughter]

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: ...this, this
11 past year so.. With, with that I want to thank our
12 speaker and our finance chair and proudly proudly
13 vote yes on this budget.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Permission to
16 explain my vote?

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you Madam
19 Public Advocate and yes I got the memo five times,
20 the most. I truly want to thank our Speaker Melissa
21 Mark-Viverito, our council Chairwoman of Finance
22 Council Member Ferreras and all of my colleagues.
23 This has truly been an incredible journey for me as
24 a new member of the council coming from Albany.
25 It's truly been a great chapter and I'm excited to

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2 be a part of this dynamic budget that's inclusive,
3 that's provides equity in the system that focuses
4 on universal pre-k, early education, after-school,
5 universal free lunch for middle school, summer
6 youth, merit based scholarships, focusing on public
7 safety, programs for DV victims, juvenile justice,
8 and anti-gun violence. And I'm especially proud
9 that we're going to see 200 additional uniformed
10 officers patrolling our communities. As the Chair
11 of Public Safety it means a lot. And I'm really
12 excited to be a part of this process. I want to
13 thank this body for focusing on what I call the
14 three Ps; working together to develop a plan with a
15 purpose based on a principle, to work together as a
16 collective team to serve the very best interest of
17 all New Yorkers, inclusive, making sure there's
18 equity in the system. I want to recognize my team
19 Ellen Ang [sp?], Regina Ryan [sp?], and Isha Right
20 [sp?] for helping me...

21 [cheering]

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: ...as a new chair.
23 Thank you so much. And again I want to thank
24 everybody for this incredible journey. [speaking

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2 foreign language] Thank you so much and I proudly
3 vote in the affirmative. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank you.

7 May I explain my vote.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank you

10 Madam Public Advocate. I appreciate that. First I
11 want to disclose that I'm a tax payer in the city
12 of New York and my funds are intertwined with the
13 75 billion dollar budget but not...

14 [laughter]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: ...a very
16 large portion of those funds. Also wanted to take
17 the opportunity to really just reiterate and
18 personally thank the speaker for her leadership. I
19 have to tell you that I've served on my fourth year
20 on budget negotiating team. The last three years
21 were pretty boring and uneventful. This year we
22 actually got things done. It was transparent. It
23 was inclusive. It was quite a process and thank you
24 speaker for your leadership. I will say that
25 Julissa Ferreras has been an unbelievable finance

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2 Chair. I'm sorry that you missed your kid's first
3 steps but you'll be there for all the other great
4 stuff I'm sure. That's why we're council members,
5 not state legislators so we get to sleep at home
6 some nights. So thank you for the work that you
7 did. And I just got to say the, the finance staff,
8 the hardest working people in New York City,
9 they're all awesome. I can't name them all but I
10 got to tell you, could not pick a better acting
11 director than Latonya McKinney. I certainly hope
12 you get rid of...

13 [applause, cheering]

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: ...get rid of
15 the acting title very soon. She deserves to be a
16 full director.

17 [cheering, applause]

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: She's
19 fantastic. Jeff Rhodas even though he yells at me
20 and Ramone thank you for yelling at me less this
21 year.

22 [laughter]

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: It's a
24 little bit, it's a little bit disturbing but, but
25 we're dealing with the nicer Ramone somehow...

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: ...and we appreciate it. And just on a personal level I want to thank my staff for their incredible hard work. Jane [sp?], Tamar [sp?], and Jalonie [sp?] all of whom put in unbelievable hours over the last couple of weeks. Thank you very much and congratulations to all and I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Johnson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Permission to explain my vote.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Madam Public Advocate I am proud to vote today not just because this is my first budget but because I think it's a budget that on the whole will begin to address inequities in our city and expand services for those New Yorkers who need it most. There's a lot in this budget that I'm excited about beginning with the over 28 million dollars in health prevention and promotion services base lined by this new administration, our new Mayor Bill de Blasio which set us upon the right path in solving inequities and creating a healthier New York, fully

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2 funding a 30 percent rent cap for people living
3 with HIV and AIDS, a new initiative to provide
4 community based services and provide training to
5 combat Hepatitis B and C which predominately affect
6 communities of color, 300 thousand dollars to
7 expand infant mortality reduction programs, the
8 creation of a new center for health equity
9 dedicated to bringing much needed focus to
10 communities who are disproportionately affected by
11 diabetes, obesity, and premature morbidity
12 [phonetic], morbidities. I'd like to congratulate
13 our speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito on her first
14 budget. There were times during this process when
15 we came to you with questions and concerns and you
16 listened to us. And I appreciate that. I want to
17 thank the Chair of the Finance Committee Julissa
18 Ferreras over 100 hours of testimony that she sat
19 through. She did an incredible job. A thank you to
20 Tanisha Edwards. I want to thank my incredible
21 Finance Analyst Crillen Francisco.

22 [cheering]

23 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Crillen you
24 have been patient and an incredible advisor
25 throughout the process. I want to thank the rest of

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2 the finance staff Latonya McKinney, Jeff Rhoda,
3 Paul, Nathen, the central staff Ramone Martinez,
4 Joe Toronto, Elizabeth who is not here, Amelia
5 Adams. I want to thank all my colleagues,
6 particularly the members of the Manhattan
7 delegation who put their faith in me and my co-
8 chair Margaret without whose insight and patience I
9 would have been lost. Thank you Margaret Chin for
10 all of your help and to your Chief of Staff Yumay.
11 And lastly I want to thank my incredible incredible
12 legislative and budget director Luis Cholden Brown
13 [sp?], amazing, unbelievable, I am lucky to have
14 staff... [crosstalk]

15 [applause, cheering]

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
17 How do you vote?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: ...as intelligent
19 and passionate as you. Thank you Madam Public
20 Advocate I proudly proudly vote aye.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: King.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: May I explain my
24 vote Madam Public Advocate.

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KING: I'm disclosing for the record of city council proceedings that the 1199 healthcare industry grant corporations funding in this budget we're adopting and my wife... King and is executive vice president of this entity. Also I'd like to thank three entities. I'd like to thank Jesus. I'd like to thank everybody in 250 who worked. And I'd like to thank everybody in City Hall in passing this budget. And I vote aye. Thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

[cheering]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Madam Public Advocate may I explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes, Sir.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Can I use five minutes?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: No.

[laughter]

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I'm just kidding.

[laughter]

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I want to thank the Speaker and the central staff, the finance staff,

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2 and my budget director Yulane [sp?], and my Chief
3 of Staff Jhonothan Jahone [sp?]. And I want to say
4 I am very proud of this institution, proud to have
5 worked with my colleagues to allocate funds where
6 they are needed the most and proud to pass this
7 historic 75 billion dollar part budget. Although in
8 the process that was conducted in an open and
9 transparent manner and all under the leadership of
10 our great speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Vote...

12 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I, I vote yes.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: May I explain
16 my vote?

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: This is my
19 16th budget...

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
21 chambers please.

22 [cheering, applause]

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: And how sweet
24 it is.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I want to thank our Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito for doing a fine job in recognizing all the people of the city of New York. Thank you and thank you to the finance Chair. Latonya you did a great job. And to all the finance committee thank you, thank you, thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: How do you vote? How do you vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: And also to Julissa Ferreras.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: How do you vote Council Member?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I vote aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos.

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Yeah I'm back here, I know it's hard to see.

[laughter]

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: For the record I am a member of the Asphalt Green Triathlon Team with received expense funding. I did the five borough bike tour with Bike New York and my mother who is my most ardent supporter and a constituent in my district is disabled with Parkinson's and she

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2 received essential social services for member items
3 from CBOs in the district including Lenox Hall
4 Neighborhood House Carter Burden Center for the
5 Aging, Dole Road [sp?], and the New York Common
6 Pantry. I want to thank the Speaker, my fellow
7 members for rules reform, for a member item process
8 that was transparent, base lined, and was based on
9 equity and justice instead of politics. I am so
10 proud of our bold progressive budget that we can
11 all be proud to vote for that puts our New York
12 City residents first with merit based scholarships
13 for CUNY, free school lunches for middle schools,
14 civilianization of our police force so that we can
15 get more cops on the street and investing in our
16 infrastructure. I also want to thank some staff; my
17 Chief of Staff Jesse Touseen [sp?], my budget
18 Director Ushant Haritae [sp?], my outgoing
19 scheduler Anthony Ski Talia [sp?] thank you for
20 filling in, and filling that gap that we needed,
21 and our finance analyst John Russle [sp?]. Thank
22 you.

23 [cheering, applause]

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: And I vote aye.

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: May I explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: I just want to disclose on the record these proceedings that the young Israel of Hillcrest is funded in the budget that we are adopting and I am associated with that entity and that I am a dues paying member of the congregation. Also want to take this opportunity to thank the speaker and the council finance chair and finance staff and all the members for putting together a budget that I think we can all be proud of, that realizes our progressive values, and honors the commitments that so many of us made when we ran to make the city a more fairer and equitable place for all. With that I vote aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Request permission to explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: My memo said all
3 the other members were yielding me the time they
4 weren't using so... [crosstalk]

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: No they were
6 not.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Eh, well
8 alright... too bad.

9 [laughter]

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I'd like to
11 disclose for the record that my children are
12 students at PS107 and MS51 that they participate in
13 programs at the Brooklyn Children's Theatre, 78th
14 precinct youth sports, the Prospect Park Baseball
15 Association, all of which are funded in the budget.
16 That I'm ex-officio board member with the Prospect
17 Park Alliance, and that my wife works at Planned
18 Parenthood of New York City which is funded in the
19 budget. I'm really proud of this body tonight for
20 what we're doing here. This is a budget that's
21 progressive, responsible, and transparent through a
22 process that was full of integrity and fairness and
23 serious engagement with the real needs and
24 priorities of New Yorkers. And that's why they
25 elect us. And I'm really proud of what we're doing

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2 as a result. So big, big thank you to the speaker
3 and to Julissa and Jeff and Latonya and the finance
4 and central staff and all the other members of the
5 body. It's a good night at the New York City
6 Council. Thank you all very very much and I proudly
7 vote aye.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

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

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you Madam
14 Public Advocate. I will keep this quick. I just
15 want to express my deep gratitude to Speaker
16 Melissa Mark-Viverito, Finance Chair Julissa
17 Ferreras, Jeff Rhodas, Ramone Martinez, the entire
18 finance staff who are really my heroes and they are
19 the ones that make this budget process happen with
20 the amazing leadership of Latonya McKinney. I want
21 to give a special shout out to Nathan Tothe, Nora
22 Yaya, Dohini Sempora, Paul Simone, James Reyes, Gia
23 Fang, Tanisha Edwards, Kenny Grace, Regina Pereda
24 Ryan, and the Speaker's staff Joe Toronto,
25 Elizabeth Delion Bargova [sp?], Amelia Adams, my

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2 staff Matta Jolla [sp?], Rommy Metal [sp?], all of
3 my colleagues, and I want to give a special shout
4 out to my colleague in Brooklyn Antonio Reynoso for
5 working with me on the early childhood literacy
6 initiative. And with that I proudly vote aye on
7 all. Oh, and Helen Rosenthal.

8 [laughter]

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Madam Public
13 Advocate permission to explain my vote?

14 PUBLIC ADVOTE: Yes, Sir.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: I'd like to
16 disclose for the record that Columbia Secondary
17 School for Math, Science, and Engineering is funded
18 in the budget we're adopting as is the Friends
19 Group for that school and my child is a perspective
20 student at that school. Daniel if you're still
21 watching this on live stream please go to sleep
22 now. I want to thank our speaker and our finance
23 chair for standing up for neighborhood parks in
24 this budget and standing up for tenants and housing
25 court. These are huge victories that the City of

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2 New York thanks you for. And I want to acknowledge
3 the most amazing finance staffer we had Chima, is
4 Chima still here? Raise your hand.

5 [applause]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: And I have to
7 also acknowledge the two rock stars member of my
8 own team who've worked tirelessly in recent months
9 on the budget; my Chief of Staff Aiya Kief [sp?]
10 and my Budget Leg. Director Amy Flattery [sp?].
11 Thank you.

12 [cheering, applause]

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: How do you vote?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye, thank you.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Aye on all.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

19 [laughter, applause]

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: May I be excused
22 to explain my vote/

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: I'm disclosing
25 on the record that PS29 and IS27 are funded in the

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2 budget and my children attend those schools, that
3 IS51 and Wagner High School were funded in the
4 budget and my children are perspective students at
5 that school. And Richmond University Medical Center
6 is funded in the budget and my brother is
7 associated with that entity. I will be voting yes
8 on the budget but I still believe there is room in
9 the budget for additional police officers and we
10 will continue that fight. And I urge my colleagues
11 to continue that fight. With that I will vote yes
12 on the budget and no on Reso 298, 299, and M-79.
13 Thank you.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Madam Speaker may
17 I explain my vote?

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Hi, I want to
20 thank our Madam Speaker for all that she have done
21 for a transparent and open budget this year. And I
22 want to thank all my colleagues. I want to thank
23 the Brooklyn delegation, my co-leader Carlos
24 Machaco [phonetic] that we did a budget that was
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2 good and cohesive. And I want to thank everyone in
3 this... [crosstalk]

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: May we have
5 quiet in the chambers? Quiet in the chambers
6 please...

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I get five more
8 minutes.

9 [laughter]

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: And I want to ask
11 all of my colleagues to vote today and I know you
12 will because it's a great budget on resolution 62.
13 This resolution provides a sorely needed tax
14 exemption for the Harry Silver Housing in my
15 district. This cooperative is one of the few
16 affordable home, home ownership opportunities for
17 working families in Crown Heights. This will keep
18 288 affordable housing for 50 years. And that is
19 really monumental for this city. And I want to
20 thank Tanisha Edwards. I want to thank Latonya our
21 Director. I want to thank Julissa Ferreras for
22 putting this through her committee. I want to thank
23 everyone for just doing the right thing this year.
24 I am so thrilled also to have sponsored this
25 resolution. I definitely also want to thank our

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2 Speaker Mark-Viverito for allowing this vote to
3 happen. And I urge all my colleagues to vote aye on
4 this resolution and on this excellent budget 2015.
5 Thank you. And I vote aye on all.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca.

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

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes, Sir.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: So proud to be
12 a New Yorker tonight. As the first Mexican American
13 elected in the city, as the first openly gay
14 legislator from Brooklyn I am proud to vote yes on
15 this progressive budget. You know this budget sends
16 a strong message in support of our immigrant LGBT
17 and senior citizen communities. I am especially
18 excited to report that every immigrant facing
19 deportation proceedings in our city will have
20 access to a quality legal representation regardly
21 [phonetic], regardless of their ability to pay. The
22 first municipality in the country to do this. And
23 for the thank yous I congratulate our great Speaker
24 Melissa Mark-Viverito and the Finance Chair Julissa
25 Ferreras for ensuring that this process remain

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2 transparent and accessible. I also want to thank
3 the Speaker's staff and the council finance staff
4 Latonya thank you so much, for dedicating
5 themselves for the long hours in preparation for
6 this budget. And to my co-chair Council Member
7 Mealy and the delegation. I want to thank all the
8 members of the Brooklyn delegation. We did Brooklyn
9 proud. Thank you to the many advocates and
10 coalitions who never faltered who reminded us every
11 day that the decisions we make on this floor have
12 real implications to New Yorkers across the city.
13 And Finally to my own staff Lee, Vlad, Marry,
14 Jessie [sp?], Jorje [sp?], Kenneth, to the alumni
15 Anna, Maria, and Ivan thank you for making sure
16 that this budget was a reflection of our district's
17 progressive values and priorities. The peoples'
18 voice was made clear through their extensive work
19 on our district's historic participatory budgeting
20 process. To all those watching at home remember
21 [speaking foreign language]. I vote aye. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Madam Public

25 Advocate permission to explain my vote?

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: First I am disclosing on the record of this proceeding that God's Love We Deliver is funded in this budget that we are adopting today and that my dad Antonio Mendez is associated with that entity. I also want to take the opportunity to thank our intern director Chioma Ahakam [sp?] of the black-latino-Asian Cacaos.

[cheering, applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Stand up Chioma. You came at a critical moment when our other wonderful director was leaving and you were able to fill a void and get us through this budget process. Thank you for all of your hard work. I also want to take the time to thank the staff that makes up Team Mendez; Vaness Diaz Lopez [sp?], Shia Rodrigiez [sp?], Alevadio [phonetic], Rosemary Diez [sp?], John Blasco [sp?], and Dario Quinsec [sp?]. Thank you for everything that you do every day. And my interns Jasmine Torres [sp?], Layla Elliot [sp?], and Yuliza Hemenez [sp?] who just graduated from High School and is going off to college. I want to thank my speaker, my colleagues, every, my co-chair

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2 Andy King, and all the members of the LGBT Cacaos
3 and the republican delegation because no one's
4 thanked them yet. So I'm going to thank them. And
5 thank you Madam Public Advocate.

6 [background comment]

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: How do you vote?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Yes. Oh and I
9 vote yes...

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: ...on all.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Permission to
14 explain my vote?

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you Madam
17 Public Advocate. I, I'd like to start, begin by
18 thanking our fantastic chair, the finance
19 committee, Julissa Ferreras, and her, her staff led
20 by Latonya for the great work that they have done
21 and for dragging me into the city for the last five
22 weeks. And it has been a fantastic and fruitful
23 learning experience. I thank you for that. Most of
24 all I'd like to thank our Speaker Melissa Mark-
25 Viverito for this very progressive and thoughtful

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2 budget that serves all New Yorkers in a way that
3 which had been articulated by all the members
4 earlier so I'm not going to repeat that. But I
5 would also like to thank my staff for the work they
6 have done, the late nights they had put in and put,
7 put in forth this budget. I'd like to thank the
8 great Joe Goldbloom [sp?], Candace Prince [sp?],...

9 [applause]

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: ...interns Jay,
11 Jen, and someone I'm missing. And most of all the
12 great Allie...

13 [cheering, applause]

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I vote aye on
15 all.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Permission to
19 explain to my vote?

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I just want to
22 give a shout out to Josey Ryan [sp?], Talmedia
23 Adams [sp?], and Ramone Martinez. I want to
24 apologize and thank them at the same time.

25 [laughter]

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Thank you to
3 the speaker, to my staff member Lacie Talber [sp?]
4 in her first budget, and Caselie Kirk [sp?] from
5 the Sanitation Committee for the work that she's
6 doing.

7 [applause, cheering]

8 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: And I vote aye.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards.

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

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Alrighty.

15 First I will do a disclosure on the record. I'm
16 disclosing on the record of the council that
17 Challenge Prep is funded in the capital budget
18 we're adopting and my spouse is associated with
19 that entity. Secondly I, I have another disclosure.
20 I play at Brookville Park once a week where I dunk
21 on Council Member Cornegy...

22 [laughter]

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: But in all
24 seriousness I want to thank... And Margaret Chin
25 joins me in that as well...

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COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: I want to thank the speaker for her leadership certainly and for giving me the opportunity to be on BNT something that I never thought would ever happen in my lifetime. But it was an honor to, to serve with you guys and to really work for the better, betterment of New York. Also would like to thank Council Member Julissa Ferreras, our Finance Chair Latonya McKinnley [phonetic], McKinney, McKinley at Kate Saley [sp?]. Did I get it wrong? Did I mess it up?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: McKinney, oh okay got it. Alright, got it.

[laughter]

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: And Kate Saley who was up like two in the morning calling me like we need answers. So thank you. And to my wonderful staff Jarel Burney [sp?] and he is not on the market, he, we got, we were the first office to get our capital budget in so.. and this is because of this man Janel Edwards.. Edwards thank you guys for all your hard work. Thank you. I vote.. [crosstalk]

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: How do you vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: ...aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Okay.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: First I would like to say Happy Birthday to Rosa Murphy, my Communication Director. And second I would like to disclose that my daughter is a student at, in two of the group that I, that the, that the council is funding tonight in my district. They are Catholic Charity and the Washington Height Tenants Association. I vote aye, thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Permission to explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: First I want to say sorry to my staff who wrote a great speech for me tonight but I got the memo.

[laughter]

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: So I just want to say big ups to the speaker, the finance chair, and

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2 the finance department chair and staff who
3 coincidentally are, are led by three phenomenal
4 women. And I want to say ditto to all of the
5 comments of my colleagues. And with that I want to
6 vote no on Reso two, 298, 299, and M-79 and I vote
7 aye on...

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: ...all the rest.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye on all.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Just kidding.

14 Permission to explain my vote?

15 [laughter]

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

17 [laughter]

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: JK.

19 [laughter]

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I just want
21 to echo the theme of what everyone's saying. It's,
22 I'm so proud to be part of this process with a
23 transparent, fair, and equitable budget as somebody
24 who used to negotiate from the other side. And I
25 especially want to give a shout out to Julissa on

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2 this one. You do, you do the council proud. And you
3 really just did an amazing job. You're an amazing
4 leader. Thank you for that. And Melissa you know,
5 you know how I feel. Just fantastic budget, really
6 appreciate all your hard work and your steadfast-
7 ness. ...I just want to say that I'm looking forward
8 to the tutorial on property taxes next week. And,
9 and this, and to Latonya and Tanisha this is a
10 little bit of a technical budget term but I just
11 want to say you rock. I vote aye on all.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Permission to
15 explain my vote and..

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: ...convey my
18 undying love to our Madam Public Advocate, okay.

19 [laughter]

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes. [laughter]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I love you Madam
22 Public Advocate so thank you for... But I feel... You
23 know I normally refrain from speaking at stated
24 meetings but I want to say that this budget
25 represents the most comprehensive investment in

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2 lives of public housing residents that we've seen
3 in more than a decade.

4 [cheering, applause]

5 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: And as a, and as
6 a public housing resident only a few years ago I
7 say it's about time. You know we have funding for
8 social services, for enhanced security, for
9 physical repairs in this budget. I think the
10 mayor's exactly right when he says that a budget is
11 an expression of values and this budget is living
12 proof that we have a mayor, we have a speaker, and
13 we have a city council that cares about public
14 housing residents and the central role it plays in
15 preserving affordability in this city. And I want
16 to give a shout out to my Chief of Staff as the
17 youngest member I can have the temperament at times
18 of an unruly child and she manages me quite well.
19 So thank you.

20 [laughter, applause]

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: How do you vote?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Century

23 McDonald, I forgot to mention her name. And I vote
24 aye on all. Thank you.

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger.

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Permission to
briefly explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Just want to
express, you know commend the speaker, her staff,
and Chair Ferreras on adopting their first budget.
It's a lot off work and I commend them. Just want
to briefly send a message to the communities of
Coney Island, Seagate, Brighton Beach, the
Rockaways, Sunset Park, other areas that were hard
hit by Superstorm Sandy that still see community
centers and parks and playgrounds and NYCHA
destroyed that I have not forgotten about them, and
this city will not forget about them. And I, we
will be there for them to help them rebuild and
fully recover. And with that I vote aye. Thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Madam Public
Advocate I am disclosing on the record of the
council proceedings that Saint Francis College is
funded in the budget we are adopting today and my
spouse is associated with that entity. I am voting

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2 no on M-79 and accompanying resos 298 and 299 and
3 aye on all others. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Madam Advocate
7 explain my vote please?

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Yes, Sir.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: I'd like to
10 disclose on the record that the Cusack [sp?] and
11 New, New York Junior Tennis League are funded by
12 and are adopted in our budget and my father and
13 brother are associated with that entity and also
14 that the ...Athletic League is funded in the budget
15 and that my six year old son is one hell of a
16 second, second baseman on that league so I had to
17 disclose that. I'd like to thank each Council
18 Member who stood with me when we fought for all of
19 our initiatives and I wanted to thank the speaker
20 and Julissa Ferreras for reestablishing the merit
21 based scholarships that were formerly known as the
22 Peter F. Vallone Scholarship. That is an honor to
23 everyone here in the city and to the CUNY students
24 with a huge win for our seniors in this budget. And
25 it is an honor to be a, a first term Councilman and

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2 have all of the support of the other council
3 members and the staff who guided us. Thank you very
4 much and for my staff love you guys, thank you.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: How do you vote?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on all
7 except for M-79 and accompanying resos 298 and 299.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Permission to
11 disclose?

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Thank you. I'd
14 like to disclose that my son is a camp counselor at
15 the Samuel Field Y which is funded in this budget.
16 My daughter attends PS188 which is one of the many
17 schools that I fund in this budget. My son attends
18 the academy of American Studies which is in Jimmy
19 Van Bramer's District, one of the many schools that
20 he funds in the budget. And my wife is the
21 Marketing Director at the Louis Armstrong house,
22 museum which gets some capital funding in this
23 budget I am told. I just want to brisk, briefly
24 thank the Queens delegation who have been very
25 cooperative in all our meetings and especially

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2 mention Lilian Pasconi [sp?] my Legislative
3 Director. Shayshay [phonetic] Lilian [sp?]. And
4 also I just want to acknowledge that the, thank the
5 speaker too and say that she is a woman of her
6 word. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: How do you vote?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: I vote aye.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: May I be
12 excused to fully and thoroughly explain my vote?

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: No.

14 [laughter]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'm taking my
16 two minutes.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Go ahead.

18 [laughter]

19 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you.

20 First I want to say obviously there is no perfect
21 budget and no perfect system but we should never
22 miss the forest for the trees and for the five
23 budgets I've been here I've never seen so much
24 levity, so many people laughing, smiling, enjoying
25 themselves and that is a testament to the system

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2 that was put in place here and a testament to how
3 good this budget actually is. I want to thank the
4 mayor for taking out the stupid budget dance that
5 we had to do for the past four years and really
6 helped us get down to the nitty-gritty of what was
7 important to us. I want to thank the speaker for
8 keeping her word of things that she said she would
9 do when she was running for speaker she actually
10 did and set up a system that was transparent. And I
11 believe everyone here felt that their voice was
12 heard in this budget. And I want to thank the
13 chair, Council Member Julissa Ferreras for
14 providing leadership and steadfastly standing and
15 listening to everything that, not only department,
16 agencies have to say but also the New York City
17 residents at large. I also want to say I defy
18 anyone to look at this budget and say that the city
19 council lost somehow in this negotiation or that
20 the city council did not push back as hard as we
21 could. Our priorities are in here. Our priorities
22 are progressive. From gun violence to immigration,
23 to free lunches, everything is here. We tried to
24 touch as much as we could. We can always do more
25 but in this negotiations I believe the city council

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2 won out, pushed back very hard on the things that
3 we believed in. I believe that we can get more and
4 will still fight for more. I am very proud as a
5 former tenant organizer and housing advocate that I
6 was able to, as the housing chair fight for
7 programs that I saw begin to get decimated a decade
8 ago and not only keep them in the budget but
9 enhance them. So I proudly vote aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Go ahead Jumaane.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Sorry. You
13 know I just forgot to thank my staff Kate Bane
14 [sp?], Nick Smith, William Gerlick [sp?], and Rance
15 Huff [sp?], and of course the finance staff and the
16 housing staff. Thank you.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Wills.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Madam Public
19 Advocate may I explain my vote?

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: You know there
22 are not too many things that impress me. But I have
23 to tell you that I am truly truly truly in awe
24 tonight that Council Member Williams stayed under
25 his two minutes. You impressed me greatly today.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: I have no conflicts of interest with this budget. I want to say that I applaud all of my, the hard work of my colleagues but there are a couple of issues of concern that I have that need to be cleared up in the near future. So I would have to abstain from the vote tonight.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: If I can just explain my vote briefly...

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: First thing I want to speak about, Ben Kallos who I think was just bragging that he was a triathlon, he was a decathlon...

[laughter]

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: ...he goes to the gym 4 million times I mean... I think that's what that was all about. And I appreciate that disclosure. I also, you know I want to speak to my good friend Julissa Ferreras, for those who don't know she's one of my closest friends here in this

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2 body and I think your dad would have been proud of
3 you. And when he held you he did know that. And god
4 bless your dad and, and god bless you for the work
5 you done here today.

6 [applause]

7 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: You're welcome
8 and that deserves... applause. That applause comes
9 off my minutes though. That's just... kidding. I just
10 wanted to say that it takes a lot to make a
11 statement that you're going to change things in any
12 given body. It takes a lot when then you're given
13 the power and then you make those changes..
14 basically dilutes your own authority in that body.
15 And that's what the speaker did. Would I like to be
16 in, and just the how I am in, in life is I like to
17 be a very objective person. And when a person is
18 worthy of praise for keeping their word they should
19 perceive that praise. And when they're worthy of
20 criticism and scorn so too you should heap that on
21 them as well. And I wanted to thank the speaker for
22 being true to a lot of the members some of which
23 who did not stand with her that said I will be even
24 handed in terms of member items, I'll be even
25 handed in terms of open to this body and you have

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2 done so and, and you deserve praise from, from all
3 members of both sides and, and all members and all
4 boroughs. This budget before us madam speaker is
5 and, and colleagues is one that, that as my
6 colleague Jumaane Williams said isn't perfect. I
7 don't think there's any perfect budget. I believe
8 this budget spends too much. I think we could have
9 got down more in terms of getting cops into the
10 budget. And I hope that's something that we also
11 can revisit. But everyone before you and the budget
12 document before us is a, is a statement of its
13 values and there's good people in this body who
14 care deeply about every line... you see in this
15 budget. So with that and I wanted to vote no on
16 Reso 298 and no on 299 and M-79. And I hope you
17 will all join me tomorrow at 12:00 in the Minority
18 Leader's Office as we watch United States win in
19 the World Cup. I vote aye on all others. Thank you
20 very much.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BARMER: Aye on all.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Woo, thank you.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito.

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2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: [off mic] Can I
3 explain my vote?

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: ...aye.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
8 Barron.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you Madam
10 Public Advocate. I want to change my vote on M-79
11 and Resos 298 and 299 to no.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
13 Ignizio.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Pardon me Madam
15 I forgot to disclose that my daughter attends PS36
16 which is funded in this budget.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. As we
18 await the totals let me thank everyone for
19 universal free lunch for middle school children in
20 the City of New York. Thank you. Thank you. All
21 items on today's general order calendar were
22 adopted by a vote of 50 in the affirmative, zero
23 negative, and one abstentions with the exception of
24 Resolution 298 which was adopted by a vote of 44 in
25 the affirmative, six in the negative, and one

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2 abstentions and Resolution 299 which was adopted by
3 a vote of 44 in the affirmative, six negative, one
4 abstentions, and M-79 and Reso 316 which was
5 adopted by a vote of 44 in the affirmative, six in
6 the negative, and one abstention.

7 [background conversations]

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: May we have
9 quiet in the chambers? Quiet in the chambers. Quiet
10 in the chambers. The June 26th budget adoption
11 declaration. I now formally declare the Executive
12 Expense Revenue Contract Budget, the Executive
13 Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 and the Capital
14 Program for the three succeeding fiscal years all
15 as modified and in accordance with the relevant
16 sections of the New York City Charter as hereby
17 adopted on this 26th day of June 2014th at 1:18 a.m.
18 Madam Speaker for closing remarks.

19 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Well I thank the
20 supplemental introduction and reading of bills, all
21 bills are referred to committee as indicated on the
22 agenda. It is just about 1:20 a.m. See everybody in
23 about 12 hours. Meeting...

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STATED MEETING

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: We now stand
adjourned.
[applause]

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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 interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date June 29, 2014