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STATED MEETING

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Thursday, April 24, 2025

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Adrienne E. Adams, *Speaker*

Joann Ariola

Alexa Avilés

Diana I. Ayala

Chris Banks

Erik D. Bottcher

Justin L. Brannan

Gale A. Brewer

Selvena N. Brooks-Powers

Tiffany Cabán

David M. Carr

Carmen N. De La Rosa

Eric Dinowitz

Amanda Farías

Simcha Felder

Oswald Feliz

James F. Gennaro

Jennifer Gutiérrez

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COUNCIL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

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Kamillah Hanks
Robert F. Holden
Crystal Hudson
Rita C. Joseph
Shekar Krishnan
Linda Lee
Farah N. Louis
Kristy Marmorato
Christopher Marte
Darlene Mealy
Julie Menin
Francisco P. Moya
Mercedes Narcisse
Sandy Nurse
Chi A. Ossé
Vickie Paladino
Keith Powers
Lincoln Restler
Kevin C. Riley
Carlina Rivera
Yusef Salaam
Rafael Salamanca, Jr
Pierina Ana Sanchez
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Althea V. Stevens
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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: Reverend Patrick J. Keating, Deputy CEO of Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens, CEO of Catholic Migration Services, located at 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, NY 11215

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2 SERGEANT POLITE: Testing one, two, today is April
3 24, 2025. Today's Stated Meeting is being held in the
4 Chambers and recorded by Keith Polite.

5 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet on the floor, please!
6 Quiet on the floor, please! Council Members, please
7 take your seats!

8 Ladies and gentleman, at this time please place
9 all electronic devices, all electronic devices to
10 vibrate or silent mode.

11 Madam Majority Leader?

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Good afternoon and
13 welcome to the Stated Meeting of April 24, 2025. I am
14 Majority Leader Amanda Fariás, and I would like to
15 thank you for joining us. If you would like to follow
16 along, the agenda for today's meeting is posted on
17 our website.

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

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

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

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

8 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

9 ALL: [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Roll call?

11 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present

13 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: (NO RESPONSE)

15 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

16 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Here

17 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Present

19 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: (NO RESPONSE)

21 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here

23 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here

25 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

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2 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: (NO RESPONSE)

3 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present

5 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (ABSENT)

7 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here

9 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here

11 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Felder?

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

13 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (NO RESPONSE)

15 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: (NO RESPONSE)

17 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Here

19 CLERK: Thank you.

20 Council Member Hanif?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here

22 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (MEDICAL)

24 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté

2 CLERK: Thank you.

3 Council Member Holden?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here

5 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present

7 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: (NO RESPONSE)

9 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here

11 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here

13 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present

15 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present

17 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present

19 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)

21 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here

23 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here

25 CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present

3 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: (UN-MIC'D) Here

5 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present

7 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

8 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: (NO RESPONSE)

9 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here, and I want to
11 recognize that my friend, State Assembly Member,
12 Kalman Yeger, is in the house as well, in the back.

13 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here

15 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present

17 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present

19 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present

21 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present

23 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: (NO RESPONSE)

25 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here

3 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here

5 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present

7 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)

9 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

10 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: (UN-MIC'D) Present

11 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

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

13 (INAUDIBLE)

14 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Present

16 CLERK: Council Member Won?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present

18 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: (NO RESPONSE)

20 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Here

22 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

23 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Present

24 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: (NO RESPONSE)

2 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Here.

4 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: (INAUDIBLE) is here, I'm
6 sorry.

7 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member Sanchez.

8 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Present

10 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, we will now
13 have today's Invocation which will be delivered by
14 Reverend Patrick J. Keating, Deputy CEO of Catholic
15 Charities Brooklyn and Queens, CEO of Catholic
16 Migration Services, which is located at 310 Prospect
17 Park West in Brooklyn.

18 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

19 REVEREND KEATING: Almighty God, we pray that you
20 send your blessing upon the members of the City
21 Council. We pray also for the dedicated staff for
22 this illustrious chamber and all in government. We
23 pray for your protection upon the brave and dedicated
24 women and men of the NYPD, the FDNY, and all first
25 responders. We pray for all civil servants and those

1 who partner with the City, especially so with service
2 providers. And we also pray for all New Yorkers who
3 strive to make our city a better place for all
4 people.
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6 During the Octave of Easter, a time when
7 Christians remember the central mystery of our faith,
8 namely the resurrection, we pray that the joy of this
9 season might remind each of us to be concerned with
10 the needs and to treat our sisters and brothers with
11 mercy, love, and compassion. We pray that all people
12 of goodwill strive for the common good as we each do
13 what we can to uplift one another.

14 We are mindful of the passing of his holiness,
15 Pope Francis, on Easter Monday. The Holy Father
16 graced the city of New York with a papal visit in
17 2015. A visit in which he focused on the 25th chapter
18 of Saint Matthew's Gospel, reminding all of us of the
19 need to feed the hungry, the need to care for the
20 sick, the need to welcome the stranger, and the need
21 to accompany those who feel abandoned and may be on
22 the periphery of society.

23 For more than a 125 years, Catholic Charities of
24 Brooklyn and Queens, along with many other not for
25 profits in the city of New York, have strived to feed

2 the hungry, to care for the sick, to help the
3 vulnerable, as well as to give hope to our neighbors.
4 We are mindful that we can only succeed by working
5 together, especially with our partners in government.

6 We pray that this council continue to deliberate
7 and focus their efforts to help and assist the most
8 vulnerable forgotten in our city.

9 Throughout his ministry, Pope Francis reminded
10 the world that every single person has value and
11 dignity. He called for the Jubilee Year of Hope, a
12 time when our world, our nation, and our city needs
13 hope. We pray that all of us be agents of hope, that
14 we may treat one another with respect and dignity,
15 that we may raise one another up in mutual concern
16 and in the realization that we all call to help one
17 another. Let us never forget that genuine kindness
18 can truly change the world.

19 Lastly, we pray for those who are sick and those
20 who have lost loved ones. May your compassion uplift
21 their hearts to focus on the hope that comes from
22 your divine providence. We ask this in all things
23 through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, in union
24 with the holy spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

25 (PAUSE)

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MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Reverend Keating. I would now ask Council Member Justin Brannan to spread the Invocation upon the record.

COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Thank you, Majority Leader.

Thank you, Reverend Keating, for your Invocation. The Very Reverend Patrick J. Keating is a devoted servant and leader of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn. He served as Deputy CEO of Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens and CEO of the Catholic Migration Services.

Reverend Keating, you lead with compassion every day, and this council thanks you for it.

It's an honor to have the reverend with us today as we join the world in mourning the passing of Pope Francis, a spiritual giant, a relentless advocate for the poor, and moral compass for so many. Pope Francis reminded the world that faith and action means standing with the poor, the marginalized, and the forgotten. His legacy is one of humility, compassion, challenging the status quo, and speaking uncomfortable truths to power, and never losing sight of the dignity in every single human being.

2 The legacy that Pope Francis leaves us is not
3 just words, but a challenge to do better, to be
4 better, for the least among us, for each other. It's
5 not just about going to church on Sunday, it's about
6 what you do and how you treat others during the rest
7 of the week. Before you talk about your faith, show
8 it to us and how you treat other people. May his
9 memory be a blessing, and may we rise to meet the
10 call he's left behind.

11 Madam Majority Leader, I thank once again, The
12 Very Reverend Patrick J. Keating, and I make a motion
13 for unanimous consent to spread the Invocation in
14 full upon the Record.

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, we will now
16 ask Council Member Susan Zhuang for the Adoption of
17 the Minutes.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: I make a motion that the
19 Minutes of the Stated Meeting of April 10, 2025 be
20 adopted as printed by.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Messages and Papers from
22 the Mayor?

23 CLERK: None.

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Communication From City,
25 County, and Borough Offices?

2 CLERK: M 120, Election of Simcha Felder, as
3 the new Council Member of the 44th Councilmanic
4 District.

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, Ordered, Printed and
6 Filed.

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Petitions and
8 Communications?

9 CLERK: None.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Land Use Call-ups?

11 CLERK: M 121.

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

14 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

18 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

19 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye

20 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

22 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

2 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

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

4 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

5 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Aye

6 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye

8 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (ABSENT)

10 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: (UN-MIC'D) (INAUDIBLE)

16 CLERK: Thank you.

17 Council Member Feliz?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (NO RESPONSE)

19 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (NO RESPONSE)

21 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

25 CLERK: Thank you.

2 Council Member Hanif?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

4 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (MEDICAL)

6 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye

8 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Madam Majority Leader, I

18 ask for permission to vote on all items on today's

19 Agenda?

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, aye on all.

22 CLERK: Thank you.

23 Council Member Marmorato?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

4 UNKNOWN: (INAUDIBLE)

5 CLERK: Okay, thank you.

6 UNKNOWN: (INAUDIBLE)

7 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: I vote aye on all.

9 CLERK: Thank you, sir, (INAUDIBLE) Land Use Call-
10 ups.

11 Council Member Menin?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

15 CLERK: Thank you.

16 Council Member Narcisse?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Madam Majority Leader,
18 can I ask permission to vote on (INAUDIBLE) items
19 today?

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: So I vote aye on all,
22 thanks.

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

24 CLERK: Thank you.

25 Council Member Nurse?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: (UN-MIC'D) Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

6 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: (UN-MIC'D) Aye

9 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye

11 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

17 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye

21 CLERK: Thank you.

22 Council Member Schulman?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye

24 CLERK: Thank you.

25 Council Member Stevens?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)

7 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

9 CLERK: Council Member Won?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye

11 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote no.

15 CLERK: Thank you.

16 Council Member Ariola?

17 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

18 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

20 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Today's Land Use Call-ups
23 are adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, and 1
24 in the negative.

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1 We will now have Communication Speaker Adrienne
2
3 Adams.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Madam Majority Leader,
5 and good afternoon everyone.

6 Before we begin, I want to acknowledge the
7 senseless death of Excenia Mette, also known as
8 "Zeenie" who was struck in the head by a stray bullet
9 as she rushed outside of her apartment in Harlem to
10 try to stop the violence she heard. Zeenie was a
11 grandmother known throughout her neighborhood as a
12 pillar of the community, and our heart breaks at the
13 loss of life for this innocent bystander who wanted
14 nothing more than to stop the violence.

15 We also lost Leony Salcedo-Chevalier, a worker at
16 the Amazon Fulfillment Center in Staten Island. My
17 prayers are with the family and friends as they
18 grieve the loss of their loved one.

19 On Easter Sunday, three New Yorkers perished in a
20 devastating house fire in Council Member Gennaro's
21 district, and my heart is with the loved ones of
22 those who perished and the survivors who are working
23 to recover from the affects of the fire.

24 I also want to address the disturbing reports of
25 the Trump administration essentially kidnapping a

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2 Bronx teenager, Merwil Gutierrez, and sending him to
3 El Salvador – to which he has no connection – even
4 after acknowledging he was not the person they were
5 looking for. His father is now left concerned about
6 his son who he and his lawyers have indicated has no
7 criminal history and no gang affiliations or ties.
8 And as a mother and grandmother, I can only imagine
9 the fear and anger his family is experiencing at this
10 grave injustice.

11 This is yet another example of the Trump
12 administration's extreme agenda that disregards The
13 US Constitution's due process.

14 The Mayor claims that he supports due process and
15 that his record on this is clear, but he hasn't said
16 anything about this, and sadly none of us should be
17 surprised. His behavior this week as a subsidiary of
18 the Trump administration showed his willingness to
19 spread misinformation that even contradicts the
20 Supreme Court multiple times. His actions this week
21 seem to demonstrate that he really is fulfilling his
22 bargain with Donald Trump. That is why the Council is
23 suing to stop the Mayor and his administration from
24 implementing an unlawful executive order to give
25 Donald Trump more power to carry out his extreme

1 agenda in our city. And the Mayor once again stood
2 with Tom Homan this week, the architect of the
3 disastrous family separation policy. In doing so, it
4 is clear that the Mayor is holding up his end of the
5 bargain by attempting to hand Rikers over to Trump.
6 But even more, their press conference undermined
7 their claim of the necessity to have an office for
8 ICE because they *can* clearly collaborate on criminal
9 enforcement without it. The only logical conclusion
10 is that the plan is to violate the law by enacting
11 civil immigration enforcement if given the keys to
12 Rikers.
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14 The Mayor has placed his own personal interests
15 ahead of the people of our city. The same due process
16 that he says he supports applies to most people on
17 Rikers Island. Allowing ICE on Rikers would undermine
18 safety in our city; it would lead to more of the same
19 constitutional violations that we're already seeing
20 from the Trump administration, against New Yorkers
21 and people across our city and nation. And when New
22 Yorkers are afraid of cooperating with our city's own
23 police and discouraged from reporting crime or
24 seeking help, it makes everyone in our city less
25 safe.

1 The Council will continue to stand firm to
2
3 protect the rights and safety of all New Yorkers
4 against the Trump administration even if the Mayor
5 will not.

6 Last Sunday marked the end of Passover. Our
7 ancestors and their struggles and resilience shape
8 who we are today. Passover provides us the
9 opportunity to reflect on our history and instill
10 these lessons in our children. I hope everyone who
11 celebrated had a meaningful holiday.

12 Last Sunday was also Easter Sunday. Easter
13 signifies hope and renewal, and I hope New Yorkers
14 who celebrated were able to come together as a
15 community to reflect on our shared values of
16 compassion, unity, and resilience.

17 April 22 was Earth Day, which serves as an
18 important call to action with urgency to protect our
19 planet. We must continue our work to achieve a zero
20 waste future and build upon our green infrastructure
21 so that New York City can do its part to fight
22 climate change.

23 Yesterday was Holocaust Remembrance Day, honoring
24 the six million Jewish people who were killed during
25 the Holocaust. We must continue our work to be

1 vigilant against hate and work to preserve and teach
2 our history so that it's never again repeated.

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4 And looking ahead, April 30th is Denim Day, a day
5 committed to supporting survivors of sexual violence
6 and increasing public awareness about this important
7 issue. It's a day of action where we show our
8 collective solidarity for survivors around the world
9 and recommit to supporting survivors with the trauma-
10 informed care and recovery they need.

11 Next, please join me in welcoming a group of
12 young adults from JCCA's Arches to Council Chambers!
13 We're proud of you (APPLAUSE) and glad that you could
14 join us today.

15 And I want to wish an early Happy Birthday, I
16 believe she just left, to Council Member Mercedes
17 Narcisse, whose birthday, and Council Member Chris
18 Marte whose birthday is on the 26th. Happy Birthday.

19 (APPLAUSE)

20 Finally colleagues, please join me in welcoming
21 Council Member Simcha Felder, back to the Council!

22 (APPLAUSE)

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Congratulations, Council Member,
24 and we look forward to our work together.

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

1 First, we'll vote on the following Land Use
2 items, Brownsville NCP, an application by HPD to
3 facilitate the development of deeply affordable
4 housing on three parcels of vacant city-owned land in
5 Council Member Nurse and Council Member Mealy's
6 districts. All together, the three buildings will
7 include 75 units with affordability ranging from 30
8 to 70% of the AMI.
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10 Next, we will vote on the following Finance
11 Items:

12 Introduction 1234-A, sponsored by Council Member
13 Justin Brannan, require the Director of the
14 Independent Budget Office to publish a report
15 analyzing the Mayor's executive budget for the
16 ensuing fiscal year no later than May 20th each year
17 of each year as opposed to May 15th. Additionally,
18 this bill would move the Council's public hearings on
19 the Mayor's executive budget to between May 10th and
20 May 31st.

21 Introduction 1219, sponsored by Deputy Speaker
22 Diana Ayala, would establish the East Harlem 125th
23 Street Business Improvement District.

24 Resolution 327, sponsored by Council Member Sandy
25 Nurse, would call for passage of State Legislation to

1 authorize the City to offer retroactive tax
2 exemptions.
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4 And Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by
5 Council Member Justin Brannan, to approve new
6 designation and changes in the designation of certain
7 organizations to receive funding in the Expense
8 Budget.

9 Next, we'll vote on the following Home Rule, SLR
10 1, would authorize the City to discontinue the use of
11 certain designated parkland within Flushing Meadows
12 Corona Park, and dedicate an amount equal to or
13 greater than the fair market value towards acquiring
14 new parklands and or capital improvements of existing
15 parklands with a minimum of 20 acres. This
16 conditional - based on approval and development of a
17 gaming facility along with commercial, retail,
18 entertainment, recreational, and community facility
19 uses.

20 Today, we'll also vote on the following pieces of
21 legislation:

22 Resolution 598, sponsored by Council Member
23 Carmen De La Rosa, calling on health care
24 institutions to contract with industrial laundry
25 companies that respect workers' legal rights and

1 adhere to area standards for wages and benefits.

2 Thank you to our staff member Elizabeth Arzt.

3 A Preconsidered Introduction, sponsored by
4 Lincoln Restler, would amend the New York City
5 Charter to account for numbering changes in a
6 Charter to account for numbering changes in a
7 previous law, and preserve the right of former public
8 servants to communicate with city agencies or
9 government offices as part of an appearance in a
10 legal proceeding in front of another agency, office,
11 or court. Thank you to our staff members Jayasri
12 Ganapathy, Erica Cohen, and Rachel Cordero.

13 Next, we will vote on a pair of bills to combat
14 deed theft and its predatory practices that stem from
15 my 2024 State of the City:

16 Introduction 889-A, sponsored by Council Member
17 Crystal Hudson, would require that the system
18 maintained by the Department of Finance provide
19 notification to interested parties of the recording
20 of certain real estate instrument also notify the
21 local council member it affects a property that has
22 been held by the same party for thirty years.

23 Introduction 1086-A, sponsored by Council Member
24 Nantasha Williams, would require the DOF to notify
25 interested parties by email, text message, and postal

2 mail when a deed or mortgage related document has
3 been recorded for the property in thirty days or
4 less.

5 Next, Introduction 860-A, sponsored by Council
6 Member Alexa Avilés, would require local development
7 corporations to report annually on community hiring
8 programs established to promote employment
9 opportunities for residents living in low income
10 communities during the prior fiscal year. The report
11 shall be posted on the New York City Economic
12 Development Corporation's website.

13 And Introduction 861-A, also sponsored by Council
14 Member Avilés, would alter the terms of the contract
15 between the City and EDC to require it to include
16 details regarding agreements between developers and a
17 nonprofit organization or person to provide community
18 benefits as part of a development project. Thank you
19 to our staff members Rachel Cordero and William
20 Hongach.

21 Next we will vote on legislation aimed at
22 increasing capacity of the City's stormwater system.

23 Resolution 144-A, sponsored by Council Member
24 Julie Menin, calls on the New York State
25 Environmental Facilities Corporation to remove

2 restrictive barriers and uncap funds New York City
3 can receive for water infrastructure upgrades. Thank
4 you to our staff member Andrew Bourne.

5 Resolution 8, sponsored by Council Member Jim
6 Gennaro, NYS Department of Health and NYS
7 Environmental Facilities Corporation to fairly
8 allocate grants and loans for lead service line
9 replacement approved in the Federal Bipartisan
10 Infrastructure Law and to remove all rules preventing
11 NYC from receiving a fair share of this funding.
12 Thank you to our staff members Ricky Chawla and
13 Natasha Bynum.

14 Introduction 1150-A, also sponsored by Council
15 Member Gennaro, would require the Department of
16 Environmental Protection (DEP) to develop a
17 comprehensive stormwater plan that recommends
18 capacities at which the stormwater system should be
19 able to convey rainfall. Additionally, this bill
20 requires DEP to develop and maintain a dashboard that
21 indicates the status of the comprehensive stormwater
22 plan and of any projects recommended by the plan.
23 Thank you to our staff members Andrew Bourne and
24 Sierra Townsend.

1 Next, we will vote on a package of legislation to
2 regulate non-essential helicopter flights with a goal
3 of mitigating noise pollution and its impacts on
4 health and quality of life. During the past five
5 years, there's been a 2,329% increase in noise
6 complaints related to helicopters, as well as recent
7 helicopter related incidents. Earlier this month we
8 lost Sean Johnson when the helicopter he was piloting
9 crashed into the Hudson River resulting in his death
10 and the loss of a family of five.

11 Resolution 233-A, sponsored by Council Member
12 Gale Brewer, Federal Aviation Administration to ban
13 all non-essential helicopter travel, including
14 tourist and chartered helicopter flights over New
15 York City.

16 Resolution 226-A, also sponsored by Council
17 Member Gale Brewer, calling on the New York State
18 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,
19 A.6311/S.7381, which would prohibit certain non-
20 essential flight operations at municipal heliports
21 and Hudson River Park.

22 Resolution 85-A, Council Member Gennaro, calling
23 on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the
24 Governor to sign, A.5891/S.1140, which would
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1
2 establish a noise tax on non-essential helicopter and
3 seaplane flights in cities with a population of one
4 million or more. Thank you to our staff member
5 William Hongach.

6 And Introduction 26-A, sponsored by Majority
7 Leader Amanda Farías, would prohibit helicopters that
8 do not meet the most stringent FAA noise standards
9 from operating for non-essential purposes out of the
10 East 34th Street heliport and the Downtown Manhattan
11 Wall Street heliport beginning at the end of 2029.
12 Additionally, the bill would require EDC to report on
13 the percentage of flights at these two heliports that
14 do not currently meet the noise standards that will
15 be enforced in 2029. Thank you our staff members
16 Rachel Cordero, William Hongach, David Seitzer, and
17 Alex Paulenoff.

18 Finally, we will vote on several bills aiming to
19 improve resources and ensure protections for
20 transgender, gender nonconforming, and nonbinary New
21 Yorkers. These actions are even more critical, as the
22 Trump administration continues to threaten the civil
23 rights of trans and gender nonconforming people
24 across the nation.

1 Resolution 793, sponsored by Council Member Lynn
2 Schulman, New York State Legislature to pass, and the
3 Governor to sign, S.1633/A.2613, which would provide
4 additional protections for the sensitive health
5 information of patients, including information
6 related to abortion or gender affirming care.

7 Resolution 781, also sponsored by Council Member
8 Schulman, calling upon the New York State Legislature
9 to introduce and pass, and the Governor to sign,
10 legislation to prohibit out-of-state access to the
11 New York State Prescription Monitoring Program's data
12 for certain medications including abortion
13 medications, hormone therapy, and puberty blockers.

14 Resolution 774, sponsored by Council Member
15 Hudson, calling on the New York State Department of
16 Health to implement regulations requiring hospitals
17 in New York City to adhere to the World Professional
18 Association for Transgender Health's Standards of
19 Care 8, to ensure medical professionals can provide
20 high-quality and ethical treatment for individuals
21 with gender dysphoria.

22 Resolution 771, sponsored by Council Member Erik
23 Bottcher, calling upon the New York State Governor to
24 sign S.929/A.2141, which would extend protections
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2 over personal health information. Thank you to our
3 staff member Christie Dwyer.

4 Introduction 246-A, sponsored by Council Member
5 Hudson, would require social-service-providing
6 agencies that directly or by contract collect
7 demographic information via form documents from city
8 residents seeking services to update forms, where
9 practicable, to include "X" as an option when gender
10 identify information is collected. Thank you to our
11 staff members Jayasri Ganapathy, Erica Cohen, and
12 Rachel Cordero.

13 Introduction 1204-A, sponsored by Council Member
14 Chi Ossé, in relation to requiring the commissioner
15 of health and mental hygiene to conduct an assessment
16 and develop a health agenda regarding health
17 inequities affecting transgender, gender
18 nonconforming, and non-binary individuals when
19 compared to cisgender individuals, and health
20 inequities affecting intersex individuals. DOHMH
21 would be required to develop a health agenda to
22 address these inequities.

23 Introduction 1203-A, also sponsored by Council
24 Member Ossé, would require the Mayor's Office of
25 Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) to conduct an assessment of

1 the available resources and any service gaps in the
2 City for newly arrived migrants who are transgender,
3 gender non-conforming, non-binary, and intersex.
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5 Introduction 1201-A, sponsored by Council Member
6 Shahana Hanif, would expand a person's private right
7 of action for interference with reproductive or
8 endocrine medical care to explicitly include all
9 forms of gender affirming care. The bill would take
10 effect immediately.

11 And Introduction 1200-A, sponsored by Council
12 Member Tiffany Cabán, this bill would require the
13 Mayor's Office of Equity and Racial Justice (MOERJ)
14 to provide publicly available information on the
15 legal rights and resources available to transgender,
16 gender nonconforming, non binary individuals. The
17 bill would also require the City to submit a report
18 on the public information provided and engage in a
19 media campaign regarding this public information.

20 Thank you to our staff members Julia Goldsmith-
21 Pinkham, Christie Dwyer, and Sahar Moazami.

22 Thank you all for your attention, now I turn it
23 back over to our Majority Leader.

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Speaker Adams.
25 We will now move into Discussion of General Orders,

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2 and I would like to first recognize Council Member
3 Hanif, followed by Council Member Nurse, then Council
4 Member Cabán.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Would you actually come
6 back to me?

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Sure. Calling in Council
8 Member Nurse.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you, Majority Leader.

10 I just wanted to share some words of support for
11 the Brownsville NTP project that will bring 75 units
12 of much needed affordable housing to Community Board
13 16. Fifty-five percent of CB 16 residents are rent-
14 burdened and spend over 35% of their income on rent
15 and are in desperate need of affordable housing
16 options – 1735 Saint Mark's Avenue, the largest of
17 the three buildings, will be in my district and will
18 bring 39 affordable apartments below 70% of area
19 medium income; 21% will be set aside for homeless
20 families, and 50% will be set aside for families
21 making below 60% of AMI. The three bedrooms will be
22 affordable to a family of four with two parents
23 making up to \$54,000 each. These kinds of units are
24 harder and harder to find, and I appreciate the Fifth
25 Avenue Committee and HPD for responding to the

2 community's desire to see more three bedroom projects
3 in this district, which was also supported by a
4 slight density bonus of five units from the City of
5 Yes Zoning Text Change.

6 I want to also especially thank HPD, the team
7 there, for really accommodating a number of changes,
8 over communicating, and helping us achieve a very
9 good project for this community. I ask for your
10 support on this item today. Thank you, Majority
11 Leader.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
13 Member Cabán, followed by Council Member Avilés.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Yes, I would like to talk
15 about the Brownsville...

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member Mealy?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Oh?

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Have not recognized you
19 yet, I recognized Council Member Cabán, thank you.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Go, Cabán.

21 (LAUGHTER)

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you. (LAUGHS) Today,
23 I am urging my colleagues to support and pass Intro
24 1200 and the entire bill package. It's a step towards

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2 liberation and justice for our transgender and gender
3 nonconforming, nonbinary, and intersex neighbors.

4 At a time when the rights of trans people are
5 under attack across the country, it is not enough for
6 cities like ours simply to say, "We stand beside
7 you". We must act and we must lead. The legislation
8 is part of that effort, it mandates that the City
9 create a resource hub and conduct a Know Your Rights
10 campaign to make critical, life saving information
11 readily available to the trans and gender
12 nonconforming community. This includes information
13 about their rights under the law, how to access
14 gender affirming care, and where to find support from
15 community organizations. It ensures that people know
16 how to change their name and gender markers, and that
17 they understand the protections that exist from hate
18 crimes and discrimination.

19 This bill is about transparency, accessibility,
20 and solidarity, but most importantly, it's about
21 survival. We must be clear that the passage of this
22 bill is not the finish line, it's just the start of
23 what we must do.

24 The Trump administration's rollback of health
25 care protections, the targeting of trans youth, and

2 the attempts to erase trans people from public life
3 are reminders that our work is just beginning. New
4 York City must continue to be a national leader, not
5 just in resisting harm, but in actively advancing the
6 rights and safety of TGNCNBI people.

7 I want to thank the advocates and community
8 leaders who fought to support this legislation, many
9 of whom have spent years fighting for recognition and
10 basic rights. We must uplift the leadership of
11 TGNCNBI people at every level of government, so,
12 thank you.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
14 Member Avilés, followed by Council Member Gennaro.

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

17 I'm urging my colleagues to vote yes on two
18 pieces of legislation, Intro 860 and 861. Both of
19 these bills get to the heart of challenges faced by
20 my community when economic development projects led
21 by our city are dropped on us without care,
22 consideration, or involvement.

23 Intro 860 will require entities that contract
24 with the EDC to publish an annual report concerning
25 community hiring. For years, we have heard all EDC

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2 make promises to our communities touting an
3 opportunity for significant economic and workforce
4 development opportunities and have yet to see so many
5 of those promises materialize, including the
6 thousands of jobs promised through the Made in New
7 York project.

8 Intro 860 will make transparent key measurements
9 around community hiring including performance metrics
10 for community hiring compared to previous fiscal
11 years and a description of efforts undertaken by the
12 contracted entity to employ community members.

13 Through this legislation, we will have an ability
14 to better monitor and understand how projects may
15 contribute to or extract from our local growth and
16 development.

17 Intro 861 will require EDC to include in its
18 annual report details regarding any community
19 benefits agreement entered into that is purported to
20 benefit residents impacted by an EDC project. In
21 order to advance these projects or spin a project
22 favorably in the press, EDC will often claim
23 community benefit gains that will result from a CBA,
24 often executed behind closed doors – at times between
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1 parties who have no sense of the needs of our
2 community.

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4 This legislation will allow our community to keep
5 a watchful eye on how benefits roll out and how
6 projects compare, and most importantly, point out
7 where relationships with our local community can be
8 more reciprocal.

9 We have also noted that CBAs vary widely across
10 (TIMER CHIMES) community. This is an issue of equity.
11 Thank you for your support.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
13 Member Gennaro, followed by Council Member Hanif.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you, Madam Majority
15 Leader.

16 Happy Earth Week, everyone. I want to talk about
17 Intro 1130, and that's about storm sewers. This is a
18 follow-up to Local Law 5 of 2008, which is the I
19 authored, which is the City's first comprehensive
20 stormwater management plan. That plan, we had storm
21 sewer problems back then, and the idea of that that
22 plan was to emphasize buyer retention and green roofs
23 and treatment design, rain guards, blue belts just to
24 sort of maximize the natural way to get rid of
25 stormwater. Unfortunately, we're at a time now where

2 that is not going to get it done. So we're going to
3 do now that which we didn't do then, which is
4 actually increase the capacity of the sewers.

5 Currently, the sewers are built to absorb about
6 1.75 inches of rain per hour, which was a pretty good
7 standard once upon a time. That accounts for a five-
8 year storm. But now five-year storms happen five
9 times a year.

10 So last year we passed Local Law 124, the Inland
11 Rainfall Risk Area Maps to make sure that we
12 highlighted that DEP was gonna highlight where all
13 the hotspots are in terms of flooding. And then this
14 plan, which will play out over ten, just to get the
15 plan together, is going to focus on those hotspots –
16 make those priorities, figure out what kind of
17 stormwater capacity we can actually put under the
18 street – figure out how to pay for it, and then it's
19 going play out over decades to actually get it in
20 place, because we have more than 7,000 miles of
21 storm sewer mains. So buckle up, it's gonna be a long
22 ride, but it's going to be a good one. At the end of
23 the day, we're going to have a more sustainable
24 flood-free city. Thank you very much.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
3 Member Hanif, followed by Council Member Vernikov,
4 then Council Member Mealy.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you. Today we are
6 voting on my bill, Intro 1201, the Affirm Act.

7 I'd like to thank Brooklyn Borough President
8 Reynoso and Council Members Bottcher, Rivera, Ossé,
9 Restler, Hudson, and De La Rosa for introducing this
10 bill with me, as well as Women and Gender Equity
11 Chair Louis for moving it through the Committee and
12 Speaker Adams for including it on today's Agenda.

13 I'm proud that this Council is stepping up to
14 fight Donald Trump's trans erasure agenda. The
15 Protect Trans Futures package is a bold suite of
16 legislation that makes it loud and clear that trans
17 and gender nonconforming people have rights here no
18 matter who is in the White House.

19 As other jurisdictions pass anti-trans
20 legislation, the Affirm Act creates safe harbor
21 protections for those who access gender affirming
22 care here in the five boroughs.

23 These patients will be shielded from lawsuits
24 from anti-trans governments or entities that are
25 filed on the basis of gender affirming care that is

1 provided in New York City. If a suit is filed, it
2 shall constitute interference, and the aggrieved
3 patient will have the personal ability to countersue
4 for damages and other costs under city law.
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6 This bill protects gender affirming care and
7 affirms our city's values as a bastion for TGNC
8 rights. I urge my colleagues to vote yes.

9 I'd like to thank Alex Liao, Mus Lamia, Nishat
10 Chowdhury, and Matt Malloy from my team, Johari
11 Frasier, Julia Goldsmith-Pinkham, and Sahar Moazami,
12 from the Legislative Division, and the incredible
13 coalition of issue experts who got the Affirm Act to
14 this point.

15 I'll close by saying that as important as this
16 suite of legislation is, there is still much the City
17 needs to do to further trans rights, including
18 allocating and baselining the following funds in the
19 FY26 budget: \$10 million for the Trans Equity
20 Initiative, \$15 million for gender affirming care,
21 and \$10 million for LGBTQ youth housing. Thank you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
23 Member Vernikov, followed by Council Member Mealy.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Thank you. The package
25 of bills and resolutions being pushed through today

1 is riddled with language that will negatively affect
2 the rights of parents to be involved in their
3 children's medical decisions and encourage
4 impressionable minors to make life altering
5 irreversible choices about their body. Let me be
6 clear, I am not here to judge how consenting adults
7 choose to live their lives, but don't bring that
8 agenda into our public schools, our libraries, and
9 public spaces, and don't force it onto our children.
10 We must protect minors from being coerced into life
11 altering treatments, especially when they're too
12 young to legally drink, drive, smoke, enlist in the
13 military, or get a tattoo.

14 I'm particularly disturbed by Reso 774, which
15 endorses the standard of an organization that
16 supports the use of puberty blockers and hormone
17 therapy for 14 year olds. That's not care. It's child
18 abuse and experimentation on vulnerable minors.

19 Above all, we need to draw the line where this
20 ideology begins to endanger women and girls.
21 Biological males should not be competing in women's
22 sports, period. They will always have an unfair
23 physical advantage over biological women no matter
24 how they identify. This is reckless, irresponsible,
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2 and will be detrimental to women and children. New
3 Yorkers should be represented by a council that
4 prioritizes solving real issues for the majority over
5 virtue signaling for a vocal minority. Thank you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
7 Member Mealy.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: You're sure it's my turn?

9 (LAUGHS)

10 (LAUGHTER)

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: It is your turn.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I would just like to talk
13 about the Brownsville NCP. I hope all my colleagues
14 realize once you voted against me on a project in my
15 district, they were able to go back and change some
16 things that I have put in. We should always think
17 about... this is city owned land that we can do a
18 100% affordability. So now that they've modified it,
19 instead of 30 to seven, the AMI is now 40 to 60. I
20 feel that area should stay 30 at least. And we have
21 to think about it, this is city owned land. We have
22 to remember your childrens' children's children would
23 need to live somewhere, someday in this city. And if
24 we do not make sure it's affordable, because a lot of
25 my constituents ask, "Affordable, but affordable to

1 who?" To this day, I do not know how much a three
2 bedroom apartment in this project is in which I have
3 asked for. So please know, once you start voting for
4 projects that really do not help the community, some
5 affordability? Imagine if we had a 100%
6 affordability.
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8 So I just hope that my colleagues could think
9 about this for the future. We need affordable housing
10 and a 100% affordability, especially when it's city
11 owned, vacant land. Thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
13 Member Hudson.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you so much.

15 Today we're voting on Introduction 246. This
16 bill is part of a larger package introduced by
17 members of the LGBTQIA+ Caucus and allies in the City
18 Council aimed at strengthening protections for
19 transgender, gender nonconforming, nonbinary, and
20 intersex individuals across New York City.

21 Intro 246 requires city agencies to include an
22 "X" gender option on certain forms and mandates
23 annual reviews to ensure demographic data collection
24 is inclusive of sexual orientation, gender identity,
25 and pronouns. Eligible forms must be updated within

2 five years, and others must be paired with a
3 standardized anonymous survey.

4 I urge you all to pass Intro 246, along with the
5 entire package of bills introduced by our colleagues
6 and proactively work to protect our transgender,
7 nonconforming, and nonbinary neighbors and push back
8 against federal actions designed to disenfranchise
9 our most vulnerable communities. Because we know that
10 justice for our most marginalized neighbors is
11 justice for all New Yorkers. Thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. I would like
13 to take a moment to discuss my bill.

14 Today we're voting on legislation Intro 26-A, a
15 major step forward in public safety, environmental
16 equity, and responsible urban planning.

17 Intro 26 prohibits non-essential helicopter
18 flights from operating out of city owned heliports
19 unless they meet the most stringent FAA noise
20 standards known as Stage 3.

21 These restrictions apply to luxury sightseeing
22 and commuter flights which use the loudest most
23 outdated aircrafts, and which overwhelmingly fly over
24 neighborhoods like Lower Manhattan and Queens and in
25 Brooklyn.

1 And let's be clear, this is not about banning
2 helicopters, it's about modernizing policy to meet
3 the moment – a moment defined by urgent need to
4 reduce emissions, protect public health, and
5 modernize for safety.

6 This bill uses the power we have, our city
7 contracts and heliport permits, our noise code and
8 jurisdiction to raise the bar on safety and
9 sustainability.

10 Intro 26 puts into law a clear plan for Stage 3
11 compliant helicopters to operate flights from our
12 heliports. It also requires the Economic Development
13 Corporation to begin tracking and reporting on how
14 many flights currently exceed these standards so we
15 can hold operators accountable starting now.

16 We're making it clear that clean air and quiet
17 skies are not luxuries, they are necessities. This is
18 climate policy, this is public health policy, and
19 this is equity in action.

20 Thank you to my colleagues in the Council for
21 supporting this legislation. I'd like to shoutout
22 Council Members Brewer, Gennaro, and Powers and to
23 all of the community leaders, environmental advocates
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2 and residents who have spoken out for years about the
3 impacts of helicopter noise and pollution.

4 Special thanks to Stop the Chop NY/NJ who have
5 championed this issue particularly from day one. And
6 a last thank you to NYC EDC for their engagement
7 throughout the entire process, and to Speaker Adams
8 for your support and moving this legislation forward.

9 I urge my colleagues to vote yes to curbing noise
10 pollution in New York City with Introduction 26.

11 And seeing no one else signed up to speak, Report
12 of Special Committees?

13 CLERK: None.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Report of Standing
15 Committees?

16 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Economic
17 Development, Intro 26-A, helicopter operations?

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

20 CLERKS: Introductions 860-A and 861-A, reporting
21 requirements?

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

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2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Environmental
3 Protection and Resiliency and Waterfronts Committee,
4 Intro 1150-A, stormwater management?

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

7 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance,
8 Introductions 889-A and 1086-A, real estate
9 instruments?

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

12 CLERK: Introduction 1234-A, executive budget?

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

15 CLERK: Preconsidered Resolution 849, Transparency
16 Resolution?

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

18 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Governmental
19 Operations, State & Federal Legislation, Intro 249-A,
20 collection of demographic information?

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

23 CLERK: Preconsidered Introduction 1263-A, legal
24 proceedings?

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

4 CLERK: Preconsidered SLR 1, Flushing Meadows
5 Corona Park?

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

7 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Women and
8 Gender Equity, Introductions 1200-A through 1204-A,
9 support access for transgender, gender nonconforming,
10 and non-binary people?

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

13 CLERK: General Order Calendar, LU 244 and Reso
14 856 through LU 246 and Reso 858, Brownsville NCP?

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

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

19 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: I vote aye on all, and I
21 abstain from Preconsidered SLR 1.

22 CLERK: Thank you

23 Council Member Vernikov?
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Thank you, I vote aye on
3 all except no on Introduction 26-A, 1200-A, 1201-A,
4 1203-A, 1204-A, and 246-A, thank you.

5 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Thank you.

6 Council Member Abreu?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

8 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Permission to explain my
10 vote?

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: I just want to first,
13 thank so many important folks that helped to shape
14 the introductions on today's Agenda that are rooted
15 in community and advocacy.

16 And I'd like to thank Jesse Solomon, John Santoy,
17 Greg Morris, Stephanie Birmingham, Evelyn Ortiz, and
18 Andrea Beniola, and Justin Collins. I'd also like to
19 thank my Chief of Staff, Edward Cerna, my Deputy
20 Chief of Staff, Christina Bottego, and Cate Byrne,
21 our Legislative Fellow.

22 I'd also like to note that I'm very proud to
23 stand with my colleagues today on to vote on all of
24 the legislation that affirms, protects our TGNCNBI

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2 siblings. We see you, we love you, and we affirm you.
3 I proudly vote aye.

4 CLERK: Thank you.

5 Council Member Ayala?

6 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Permission to explain my
7 vote?

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Yes.

9 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Thank you. I just wanted to
10 chime in as well and say that I am the parent of four
11 children, and two that I have raised who all went to
12 public schools, and I have never had anyone of my
13 children come home and tell me that they were being
14 taught curriculum that encouraged them to be gay,
15 trans, or anything else. I think that these
16 curriculums are important, because they teach our
17 children to be sensitive to the fact that we are all
18 different, to be empathetic, and to be accepting.
19 Because what I do hear from children, specifically
20 children that are part of the LGBTQ+ community, is
21 that they are often bullied and ridiculed and
22 mistreated in our public school settings. So I think
23 that legislation like the ones that we pass here in
24 the Council take all of those things into
25 consideration. But I want to demystify the fact that,

2 as a parent of public school students, I have never
3 ever, ever heard from my children – or anyone else’s
4 children – that they have been taught to become gay
5 or to ,you know, behave in any such fashion. And with
6 that, I vote aye.

7 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye on all.

9 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

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

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission to explain my
13 vote?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Look, it wasn't that
15 long ago that gays and lesbians were widely
16 considered to be predators who were trying to recruit
17 kids. And we've made a tremendous amount of progress
18 on gay and lesbian rights. I was born a year before
19 homosexuality was decriminalized in New York State.
20 We've come a long way. But one of the reasons we've
21 been able to come a long way is because people
22 know... people got to know us as we came out. People
23 knew us in their lives as their relative, as their
24 coworker. And they knew that that wasn't true. That

2 we weren't those terrible things that were being
3 depicted.

4 The challenge with trans rights is that they're
5 so much fewer in number that so few people know trans
6 people in their lives. If they did, they would know
7 that they're just people trying to live their lives,
8 trying to take care of themselves and their families.
9 They're not going out trying to recruit other people.
10 It's a vicious, vicious stereotype.

11 And look, folks don't choose to be trans no more
12 than folks choose to be gay. My life would have been
13 a lot easier. I'd probably be working in my father's
14 fly fishing shop. I'd probably be drinking a Miller
15 Lite on a porch somewhere right now. But no, I didn't
16 have a choice. I am who I am. They are who they are.
17 Let's continue to pass legislation that safeguards
18 their rights. It's not complicated. I'm proud that's
19 what we're doing in the body today.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Your vote, Council
21 Member?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: Thank you.

24 Council Member Brannan?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye on all.

2 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye on all. We just need
4 more support in the schools for everything that
5 teaches people what humanity is, thank you.

6 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

7 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye on all,
8 congratulations to my colleagues passing bills today.

9 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

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

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you.

14 I will always support the transgender community.
15 I will not back down because the Trump administration
16 wants to set them up as scapegoats. I'm not going
17 roll over as members of our community are villainized
18 and demonized for who they are. I'm going to defend
19 our transgender and gender nonconforming neighbors at
20 all costs.

21 And I'm not defending an "ideology", I'm
22 defending lives. Standing up to Trump and continuing
23 to provide life saving health care is what would
24 actually protect young people. The idea that taking
25 away health care is to protect children is false.

2 The best way to protect young people is to
3 continue to give them access to the care that they
4 need. In fact, every major medical association in
5 America supports access to gender affirming care at
6 all ages. Countless studies show that gender
7 affirming medical interventions were associated with
8 lower odds of depression and suicidality.

9 So when the Trump administration and others say
10 that they are trying to "help children", they're
11 lying. They're trying to scapegoat a small population
12 and take away their access to life saving medical
13 care. The people sounding the alarm on this are
14 mostly brave adult parents who fear for their
15 children's health and safety because life saving care
16 is being taken away from them.

17 And to debunk other myths, gender affirming
18 health care has a less than 1% regret rate. And for
19 context, knee replacements have an up to 20% regret
20 rate.

21 Families and children are having life saving care
22 taken away, and that's horrible and traumatic. So I
23 stand very proudly to say aye on that package, aye on
24 all, except for SLR 1 on which I abstain. Thank you.

2 CLERK: Thank you.

3 Council Member Carr?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (ABSENT)

5 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: I want to vote aye on
7 all, proudly, and also thank my colleagues who today
8 have had to be vulnerable in sharing their realities
9 in order to teach us to be less ignorant, thank you.

10 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: (UN-MIC'D) I abstain on
14 all.

15 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.

16 Council Member Feliz?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: I vote aye on all. And I
18 want to congratulate everyone passing bills today.
19 Great work.

20 CLERK: Thank you.

21 Council Member Gennaro?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote aye, and I wish to
23 be associated with the remarks of Council Member
24 Bottcher.

25 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye, congrats.

3 CLERK: Thank you.

4 Council Member Hanif?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (MEDICAL)

8 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I vote aye on all except
10 Intros 1201-A, 1203-A, 1204-A, and 246-A, which I
11 vote no.

12 CLERK: Thank you.

13 Council Member Hudson?

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

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you, and I'm going
18 stand for this because this is deeply personal to me.

19 I want to share that my Director of Constituent
20 Services and Community Impact is an incredibly smart,
21 dynamic, compassionate, and hardworking employee of
22 the New York City Council. She's also a proud Black,
23 trans woman. Every day, she helps families navigate
24 the foster care system. She plans community
25 engagement events for some of our most vulnerable New

2 Yorkers. She literally keeps elders in their homes,
3 and these people don't care who is serving them just
4 as long as they're being served. I say this with all
5 of the love in my heart to those who could use a
6 little bit more in theirs.

7 I welcome you to come to my office and tell my
8 Director of Constituent Services and Community Impact
9 that she doesn't matter, that her life is not worth
10 living, that she is not deserving of the quality
11 health care specific to her needs. Truly, I welcome
12 you to come to my office and tell her that to her
13 face. And with that, I vote aye on all. Thank you.

14 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: I vote aye on all, and
16 sending love and light to my trans siblings.

17 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: We are an inclusive
19 city, and that needs to be reflected in all of our
20 services from health care to public education. I am
21 proud to stand with our LGBTQ+ communities and trans
22 New Yorkers. I vote aye on all.

23 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all. And congrats to
25 all of my colleagues today.

2 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye on all with
4 the exception of 1201-A, 1203-A, 1204-A, and 246-A, I
5 vote no.

6 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye on all, abstain
8 Intro 246-A, 1201-A, 1203-A.

9 CLERK: Thank you.

10 Council Member Menin?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: I vote aye on all, and
12 congratulations to my colleagues on their bills.

13 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

15 CLERK: Thank you.

16 Council Member Nurse?

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

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I just wanted to clarify
21 that the Brownsville NCP project is a 100%
22 affordable. Everything is under market value. This is
23 public information that all members and millions of
24 New Yorkers have access to.

2 So again, just want to thank everybody who worked
3 on this project in good faith.

4 I vote on all except for I abstain on
5 Preconsidered Resolution SLR 1. Thank you.

6 CLERK: Thank you.

7 Council Member Ossé?

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

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I'll keep it brief, but I'm
12 proud to vote on this package of bills today that
13 will simply save lives. I certainly stand with the
14 trans community, and I personally have not met one
15 trans person who has caused harm to children or
16 anyone for that matter.

17 I have met a person who has brought a firearm to
18 a college campus. I have met a person who threatens
19 people's lives on Twitter often. And I have met a
20 person who's taken a bite out of a cop's arm.

21 So none of them are trans. They're simply city
22 council members. So, aye on all.

23 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

24 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Perfect one to follow
25 this, wouldn't you say? Wouldn't you say?

2 Okay, which one am I? How dare you. Don't you
3 ever.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Your comments should be
5 directed to the chair, Council Members. As a friendly
6 reminder comments... (CROSS-TALK)

7 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Let's... Let's...
8 Let's...

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: are to be directed to the
10 chair... (CROSS-TALK)

11 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Let's point that in the
12 right direction. This is absolutely unbelievable.
13 First off, the division here is abominable. I want to
14 credit my colleague, Erik, in the way in which he
15 conducted his statement. It was eloquent, it was the
16 truth, and you spoke beautifully. So, thank you,
17 Erik, for that.

18 When hostility meets hostility, we have a problem
19 here. And why do you think these problems continue?
20 It's because we cannot seem to find a middle ground
21 or balance. With that being said, to keep attacking
22 somebody for their beliefs, one way or the other,
23 just does not work. So how dare you, how dare you?
24 You're getting your laughs (INAUDIBLE)...

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member, you're
3 out of order...

4 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: You know, every time
5 you laugh...

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: you have direct your
7 comments to the chair.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Okay, you got it. No
9 worries.

10 I am going to vote no 1200, 1201, 1203, 1204, and
11 246. And I vote aye on the rest. This is not
12 personal, this is just the way it is. Okay, thank you
13 very much. Enough is enough.

14 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I vote aye.

16 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

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

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I'll just say, it's more
21 important than ever that we stand up and fight with
22 and for the trans community in our city. And I'm
23 deeply proud that the City Council is leading, and
24 I'm proud to support this package, and I'm proud to
25 vote aye on all today. Thank you.

2 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

4 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Permission to explain my
6 vote?

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I just, you know, I...
9 the facts are that our trans community is
10 marginalized, disproportionately attacked, and
11 targeted. And I do believe it is up to us to stand
12 with them and do what we can to support members of
13 the LGBTQ community, the queer community. So I just
14 want to thank my colleagues for their comments, for
15 this legislation, and for continuing to bring this
16 up. I think it's so important. I want to align myself
17 with so many of the colleagues, uh, my colleagues'
18 comments today, Avilés, Ayala, Bottcher, De La Rosa,
19 Hudson, all say, so many of you, thank you.

20 And with that, I proudly vote aye on all.

21 CLERK: Council Member Salaam

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

25 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

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

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

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

7 I just want to congratulate my colleagues on the
8 Affirm Act and also associate myself with all of the
9 affirming comments, made by Council Member Cabán,
10 Council Member Bottcher, and Council Member Hudson—
11 especially yours, as my former Deputy Chief of Staff
12 for Policy and Communications, is a wonderfully
13 brilliant, gender nonconforming person who made
14 excellent policy for New York City during my first
15 three years in office, who matters, and who is
16 someone who is helping other New Yorkers and
17 promoting justice.

18 With that, I just want to enthusiastically vote
19 aye on all, with the exception of SLR 1, on which I
20 abstain. Thank you

21 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.

22 Council Member Schulman?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Permission to explain my
24 vote?

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you.

3 As a member of the LGBTQIA+ Caucus, I'm proud of
4 this package of legislation and I vote aye on all.

5 CLERK: Thank you.

6 Council Member Stevens?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all, and continue
8 to stand and send love and light to all of my trans
9 brothers and sisters.

10 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

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

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you.

17 As chair of the Civil and Human Rights Committee,
18 I truly do believe that it is our duty to protect the
19 rights of everyone in New York City, and so I'm
20 really excited to vote on this package of bills.

21 I also just want to talk really briefly about
22 another bill that is combating deed fraud. When a
23 deed is recorded without a homeowner's knowledge,
24 it's more than just an error, it's a bureaucratic
25 failure that can cost someone their home.

2 This legislation is a simple yet proactive step
3 to clear the bureaucracy and hold the system
4 accountable. This bill is a result of a close
5 partnership with Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation
6 A, who brought this issue forward and have
7 represented countless clients, mostly low-income,
8 working class, and Black and brown New Yorkers who
9 own their home, who've been pushed towards
10 foreclosure or legal hardship because they were not
11 notified in time.

12 This bill closes the gap on a system that leaves
13 homeowners vulnerable to fraud and injustice. Thank
14 you, Speaker Adams, and my colleagues for your
15 continued support on this important legislation. We
16 are working to ensure that our government is
17 transparent, accountable, and truly responsive to the
18 needs of all the people it serves. And, with that, I
19 vote aye on all.

20 CLERK: Council Member Won?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all.

22 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Can I explain my vote?

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: I want to first of all, I
3 want to thank Council Member Bottcher who convinced
4 me to vote, yes, today.

5 And I don't respect... We get elected to
6 represent our communities. We get elected for
7 protecting our communities. Our job is to protect our
8 communities. Do not waste time talking about it. And
9 remarks on what the other people look like, what the
10 other people like, what the other people eat- that is
11 not our job. Our job is here to represent our people,
12 to make sure all of the peoples voices get heard. I
13 will do everything possible to protect my community,
14 and I don't believe someone that doesn't know a
15 situation can judge me. And also that's not what the
16 City Council is about. We stand here to represent our
17 51 districts. We are not standing here to make fun of
18 the other people.

19 I am proud to be elected to represent my
20 community, and I am proud to stand here to vote with
21 all of the people here. But I don't think you should
22 act childishly in City Council. It's not what the
23 City Council is about. Thank you.

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member, your
25 vote?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye on all.

3 CLERK: Thank you.

4 Council Member Carr?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (ABSENT)

6 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (MEDICAL)

8 Council Member Ariola?

9 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Permission to explain my
10 vote?

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

12 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Thank you.

13 Majority leader, in the beginning of every
14 session, you say that we need to have... be polite
15 with each other and treat each other with respect,
16 and that was not done today. And what was done was a
17 member brought up indiscretions of other members
18 instead of voting their conscience and what they
19 believed on these bills. And that's petty and it's
20 wrong. We should not be looking at and saying who
21 Tweeted something, who did something in a moment of
22 passion, and who did something that already was
23 dismissed. What we should say is look at each one of
24 our Twitter feeds and tell me if there is anyone
25 without sin cast their first stone.

2 And on that note, I will vote no on 1201-A, 1203-
3 A, 1204-A, and 246-A, Home Rule SLR 1, and aye on all
4 the rest. Thank you for the time.

5 CLERK: Council Member, SLR 1, I'm sorry, I missed
6 that. SLR 1?

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Clarification, Minority
8 Leader Ariola? SLR 1?

9 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I'm a no.

10 CLERK: Thank you.

11 Council Member Fariás?

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I vote aye on all, and I
13 would like to be associated with the remarks of
14 Council Members Rivera and Deputy Speaker Ayala.

15 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

17 (PAUSE)

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Madam Speaker, may I change
19 my vote?

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: You are granted
21 permission to change your vote... (CROSS-TALK)

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (INAUDIBLE)

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Yes.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: SLR 1, I vote no.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Council Member
3 Mealy... (CROSS-TALK)
4 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Thank you.
5 (PAUSE)
6 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye on all...
7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Yes, recognizing Council
8 Member Banks, do you have a question or...
9 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: No, sorry about that
10 (INAUDIBLE)...
11 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: No problem. Sorry,
12 folks... (CROSS-TALK)
13 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: I withdraw that...
14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: it's a lot to calculate
15 today, so just bear with us.
16 (PAUSE)
17 (BACKGROUND NOISE)
18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Just a friendly reminder,
19 we still have to maintain some level of silence in
20 the Chamber, please, thank you so much.
21 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet down, please. Quiet on
22 the floor, please!
23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Okay, all items on
24 today's General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote
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of 47 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 1 abstention; with the exception of:

- SLR 1, which was adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative, and 6 abstentions.
- Introduction 26-A, which was adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, and 1 abstention.
- Introduction 246-A, which was adopted by a vote of 43 in the affirmative, 3 in the negative, and 2 abstentions.
- Introduction 1200, which was adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative, and 1 abstention.
- Introduction 1201-A, which was adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative, 5 in the negative, and 2 abstentions.
- Introduction 1203-A, which was adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative, 5 in the negative; and 2 abstentions.
- Introduction 1204-A, which was adopted by a vote of 42 in the affirmative, 5 in the negative, and 1 abstention.

Introduction and Reading of Bills?

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: All items have been referred to
3 committee as indicated on today's Agenda.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, we will now
5 move into Discussion of Resolutions, and I would like
6 to first recognize Council Member Nurse, followed by
7 Council Member Gennaro, then Council Member Brewer.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I'm not ready, Majority
9 Leader, thank you.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: No problem. I am now
11 going to recognize Council Member Gennaro; and a
12 friendly reminder to the Members that Resolution
13 discussion is one minute.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you, Madam Majority
15 Leader.

16 I'm speaking about Resolution 8, the Fair
17 Financing for Lead Service Line Replacements.
18 Everyone knows that there's a federal bipartisan
19 infrastructure law that provided monies for this and
20 other good purposes. The New York State Environmental
21 Facilities Corporation uses formulas that freeze out
22 New York City, and we get pennies of what the rest of
23 the people in the state get. This would change that.
24 So we're urging the Environmental Facilities
25 Corporation to adopt much more fair guidelines. Of

2 the hundreds of millions of dollars that were
3 allocated for this, New York City only got \$6
4 million.

5 I could go on and on, but we're cheated by the
6 Environmental Facilities Corporation and enough is
7 enough. The federal government (TIMER CHIMES)
8 allocated this money. We should get it. Thank you
9 very much.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, right before I
11 move on to the following member, I'd like to read a
12 vote revision into the Record:

13 SLR 1, was adopted by a vote of 41 in the
14 affirmative, 2 in the negative, and 5 abstentions.

15 Recognizing Council Member Brewer.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you. I'm just
17 talking about Resolution 233-A, which talks about the
18 federal government— asking them to please pass
19 legislation to ban non-essential helicopter travel,
20 including tourists and chartered over New York City.

21 Obviously, we have 59,000 complaints every year
22 about helicopter noise, and the issue is that with
23 New Jersey and New York, both of them are being, uh,
24 flying helicopters over our city and getting many,
25 many complaints.

2 Also, 226-A, which calls on the State to pass,
3 and the Governor to sign legislation that would
4 prohibit non-essential flight operations at the
5 heliports in the city of New York, and also
6 specifically, at the Hudson River Park.

7 Thank you very much.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
9 Member Nurse, followed by Council Member Hudson, then
10 Council Member Bottcher.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you, Majority Leader.

12 Last year, the Council made dramatic reforms to
13 property tax enforcement that will likely prevent
14 many liens from being sold. But there are still
15 people who are eligible for, but do not benefit from
16 property tax exemptions.

17 Reso 327 draws attention to this problem by
18 calling on the State to pass legislation allowing
19 property owners who receive tax exemptions to have
20 the exemption apply retroactively where eligible.

21 We do need to fix our broken property tax system,
22 but in the meantime, New York City shouldn't benefit
23 from people paying what they shouldn't rightfully
24 owe.

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2 I call on all my colleagues to vote in favor of
3 this resolution. Thank you, Majority Leader.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
5 Member Bottcher, followed by Council Member Krishnan.

6 (PAUSE)

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognized Council Member
8 Krishnan.

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

11 In the last 100 years, there's not been a more
12 powerful and treasured social program in The United
13 States than Social Security. Sixty-nine million
14 Americans rely on Social Security checks monthly, and
15 over 16 million older adults are kept out of poverty
16 thanks to this program.

17 It is beyond belief that the Trump
18 administration, Republicans in Congress, have
19 threatened to gut Social Security, a program popular
20 amongst the majority of Americans. Eighty six percent
21 of Republicans and 90% of Democrats support Social
22 Security.

23 Elon Musk's DOGE team has routinely made false
24 claims and lobbied threats at the Social Security
25 Administration to undermine confidence in the system.

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2 These actions jeopardize the monthly payments that
3 our city's older adults, seniors with disabilities,
4 and families rely on to help pay their rent,
5 electricity, bills, and groceries. Standing up and
6 protecting Social Security is critical. We cannot cut
7 our way to prosperity. We must invest in the people
8 and communities across this country.

9 Today, I have introduced Resolution 852 to call
10 on our partners at the federal government to do
11 everything they can in this moment to protect Social
12 Security from any cuts. (TIMER CHIMES) This moment
13 demands courage from all of us, and I can think of no
14 worthier a cause than standing up for our seniors.

15 I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle
16 to sign on to this resolution in support. Thank you.

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

23 I will now read today's Resolutions into the
24 Record:

2 Resolution 8 calls on the New York State
3 Department of Health and New York State
4 Environmental Facilities Corporation to fairly
5 allocate grants and loans for lead service line
6 replacement approved in the Federal Bipartisan
7 Infrastructure Law and to remove all rules preventing
8 New York City from receiving a fair share of this
9 funding.

10 Will all those in favor say aye?

11 ALL: Aye

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

13 ALL: (SILENT)

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

15 ALL: (SILENT)

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

17 Resolution 85-A calling on the New York State
18 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,
19 A.2583, which would establish a noise tax on non-
20 essential helicopter and seaplane flights in cities
21 with a population of one million or more.

22 Will all those in favor say aye?

23 ALL: Aye

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

25 ALL: (SILENT)

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

3 ALL: (SILENT)

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

5 Resolution 144-A calling upon the New York State

6 Environment Facilities Corporation to remove

7 restrictive barriers and uncap funds New York City

8 can receive for water infrastructure upgrades.

9 Will all those in favor say aye?

10 ALL: Aye

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

12 ALL: (SILENT)

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

14 ALL: (SILENT)

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

16 Resolution 226-A calling on the New York State

17 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, A.6311

18 and S.7381, which would prohibit certain non-

19 essential flight operations at municipal heliports

20 and Hudson River Park.

21 Will all those in favor say aye?

22 ALL: Aye

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

24 ALL: (SILENT)

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

2 ALL: (SILENT)

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

4 Resolution 233-A calling upon the United States
5 Federal Aviation Administration to ban all non-
6 essential helicopter travel, including tourist and
7 chartered helicopter flights over New York City.

8 Will all those in favor say aye?

9 ALL: Aye

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

11 ALL: (SILENT)

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

13 ALL: (SILENT)

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

15 Resolution 327 calling on the New York State
16 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,
17 legislation allowing for property owners who receive
18 tax exemptions to have the exemption apply
19 retroactively where eligible.

20 Will all those in favor say aye?

21 ALL: Aye

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

23 ALL: (SILENT)

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

25 ALL: (SILENT)

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

3 I have several more, folks. There's a lull
4 happening.

5 Resolution 598 calling on New York City health
6 care institutions to contract with industrial laundry
7 companies that respect workers' legal rights and
8 adhere to area standards for wages and benefits.

9 Will all those in favor say aye?

10 ALL: Aye

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

12 ALL: (SILENT)

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

14 ALL: (SILENT)

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

16 Resolution 771 calling upon the New York State
17 Governor to sign S.929/A.2141, which, having been
18 passed by both the New York State Senate and the New
19 York State Assembly, would extend protections over
20 personal health information.

21 Will all those in favor say aye?

22 ALL: Aye

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

24 ALL: (SILENT)

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

2 ALL: (SILENT)

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

4 Resolution 774 calling on the New York State
5 Department of Health to implement regulations
6 requiring hospitals in New York City to adhere to the
7 World Professional Association for Transgender
8 Health's Standards of Care 8, to ensure medical
9 professionals can provide high-quality and ethical
10 treatment for individuals with gender dysphoria.

11 Will all those in favor say aye?

12 ALL: Aye

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say nay?

14 ALL: (SILENT)

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

16 ALL: (SILENT)

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

18 Resolution 781 calling upon the New York State
19 Legislature to introduce and pass, and the Governor
20 to sign, legislation to prohibit out-of-state access
21 to the New York State Prescription Monitoring
22 Program's data for certain medications including
23 abortion medications, hormone therapy, and puberty
24 blockers.

25 Will all those in favor say aye?

2 ALL: Aye

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

4 ALL: (SILENT)

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

6 ALL: (SILENT)

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

8 Resolution 793 calling on the New York State
9 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,
10 S.1633/A.2613, which would provide additional
11 protections for the sensitive health information of
12 patients, including information related to abortion
13 or gender affirming care, and require all health
14 information networks, electronic health record
15 systems, and health care providers to provide
16 patients with a right to restrict the disclosures of
17 such patient's health information.

18 Will all those in favor say aye?

19 ALL: Aye

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

21 ALL: (SILENT)

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

23 ALL: (SILENT)

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

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

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: So I'm here to talk about
7 Barry Benepe who died yesterday. He was the head
8 of... the founder of the Greenmarket, the co-founder
9 of the Greenmarket. He died at 96. He was also a
10 architectural and brilliant writer on so many
11 different topics. He was somebody who I think, Jane
12 Jacobs was a friend of. He wrote about the parks, the
13 bikes, how to make our neighborhoods a better place.
14 Obviously, his son, Adrian Benepe, some of you know
15 as the Parks Commissioner, now head of Brooklyn
16 Botanical. His... Barry Benepe's father and my
17 grandfather were best friends for eighty years. And
18 he was somebody, I think, who made this city a much
19 better place. So we obviously, wish his wife Judith
20 Spector, who was a friend of mine even before she
21 married him, and his amazing family, very talented
22 family in many ways, send our condolences.

23 I think that people like Barry don't come along
24 very often. He was a graduate of very prestigious
25 colleges and graduate schools and decided that he

2 wanted the farmers in the city of New York and the
3 state of New York to get their due and the way to do
4 it was to start the 14th Street Greenmarket. I think
5 all of us can thank him because many of us go to the
6 Greenmarket, and please think of him every time you
7 do so. Thank you very much.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council
9 Member.

10 I would like to read a correction into the Record
11 on the vote on Introduction 246-A, which was adopted
12 by a vote of 43 in the affirmative, 4 in the
13 negative, and 2 abstentions.

14 I would now like to recognize Council Member
15 Holden, followed by Council Member Sanchez, then
16 Council Member Lee.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Thank you, Majority
18 Leader.

19 Today I introduced two pieces of legislation,
20 Introduction 1255 and Introduction 1256 that reflect
21 our ongoing commitment to public safety and
22 compassion.

23 One bill, Introduction 1256, strengthens
24 enforcement against the dangerous and irresponsible
25 practice of obstructing fire hydrants, not just by

2 parking in front of them, but by covering them with
3 garbage bins or other objects to conceal their
4 location. These tactics endanger lives by delaying
5 emergency response when every second counts.

6 The other bill, Introduction 1255, takes a stand
7 against the abuse of animals in rodeos, banning
8 inhumane practices like calf roping, electric prods,
9 and flank straps right here in New York City. Animals
10 should not suffer for the sake of human
11 entertainment. These are common sense quality of life
12 bills. Governments should focus on the issues that
13 directly affect our residents, and I believe both
14 bills will do that.

15 Whether it's protecting critical firefighting
16 infrastructure or standing up for animals who can't
17 speak for themselves, this kind of practical
18 leadership... this is the kind of practical
19 leadership New Yorkers expect and deserve. Thank you.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
21 Member Sanchez, followed by Council Member Lee, then
22 Council Member Krishnan.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you, Majority
24 Leader.

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2 Between January of 2014 and June of 2020 – a six-
3 year period – we had 29 million applications received
4 by Housing Connect compared to 27,819 leases signed.

5 For as frustrating as it is to search for an
6 affordable apartment in New York City, it's made all
7 the more frustrating by application technology that
8 sometimes causes unnecessary issues.

9 Over the last two years, my office has been
10 collaborating with housing providers and housing
11 lottery applicants to develop solutions to problems
12 that plague housing connect. And to that end, I'm
13 proud to introduce three bills today that I hope my
14 colleagues will sign on to:

15 Introduction 1264 addresses the issue of
16 prolonged and onerous wait times to fill re-rentals.

17 Introduction 1265 ensures applicants or a
18 designee, that's a new thing, get text and email
19 updates about their applications.

20 And Introduction 1266 would create a free weekly
21 in person Housing Connect assistance program in
22 certain public locations.

23 The housing lottery should help people to find
24 pathways to affordable housing, not be hindrances.

25 And so I would like to thank the team at UNHP 9

2 University Neighborhood Housing Program), and the
3 members of AHORA (The Bronx Affordable Housing
4 Opportunities Right Away), as well as the members of
5 my staff for working so hard on this bill, and, of
6 course, to my colleagues who are co-priming this.
7 Thank you, to all of you. Thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
9 Member Lee, followed by Council Member Krishnan, then
10 Council Member Mealy.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Good afternoon, colleagues.

12 Today I'm proud to introduce legislation that
13 takes a necessary step towards ensuring the safety,
14 dignity, and well-being of young people in our
15 juvenile detention system.

16 Introduction 1259 requires that direct service
17 staff, those who interact most closely with youth in
18 our detention facilities, receive foundational
19 training in behavioral support strategies. These are
20 the staff at detention centers and community based
21 organizations who are with these young people day in
22 and day out, managing tense moments, building trust,
23 and shaping outcomes.

24 Right now, many of these workers do not have the
25 tools they need, and they may not have formal

1 training in de-escalation, trauma-informed care, or
2 culturally competent behavioral responses. And when a
3 moment of crisis occurs, they're left without clear
4 evidence-based strategies to handle it.

5 That's what this bill changes. We're requiring
6 that all direct service staff complete training in
7 the basic science of behavior and learning,
8 techniques for reinforcing positive behaviors, non-
9 punitive de-escalation methods, and trauma-informed
10 culturally responsive approaches to care.

11 The training will be flexible, it can be done in
12 person, online, or through a hybrid model. And it
13 will be mandatory for all current staff— within a
14 year— with a clear timeline for new hires.

15 This is about leveling the playing field by
16 investing, not only in government systems, but also
17 in the trusted community partners who make
18 rehabilitation truly possible.

19 Thank you, and I look forward to working with all
20 of you to see this passed.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
22 Member Krishnan, followed by Council Member Mealy.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Thank you, Majority
24 Leader.
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1 We're gonna do a round two over here. In the last
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3 100 years, there has not been a more powerful and
4 treasured social program in The United States than
5 Social Security. Sixty-nine million Americans rely on
6 a Social Security check monthly, and over 16 million
7 older adults are kept out of poverty thanks to this
8 critical program.

9 It is beyond belief that the Trump administration
10 and Republicans in Congress have threatened to gut
11 Social Security, a program popular amongst the
12 majority of Americans. Eighty-six percent of
13 Republicans and 90% of Democrats support Social
14 Security.

15 Elon Musk's DOGE team has routinely made false
16 claims and lobbied threats at the Social Security
17 Administration to undermine confidence in the system.
18 These actions jeopardize the monthly payments that
19 our city's older adults, seniors who are disabled,
20 and families rely on to help pay their rent,
21 electricity bills, and groceries.

22 We cannot cut our way to prosperity. We must
23 protect Social Security and stand up for it.

24 Today, I've introduced Resolution 852 to call on
25 our partners at the federal government to do

2 everything they can to protect Social Security from
3 these drastic cuts.

4 This moment demands courage from all of us, and I
5 can think of no worthier cause than standing up for
6 our seniors, our individuals with disabilities, our
7 communities, and the many others who rely on Social
8 Security.

9 I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle
10 to sign on to this resolution in support. Thank you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
12 Member Mealy.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Is it my time?

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: (LAUGHS) Yes.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I just want to want to
16 bring my support. I would like to welcome Simcha
17 Felder, my former colleague, into the City Council.
18 And I wasn't able to say goodbye to Kalman Yeger, so
19 congratulations to the assemblymember, and we're
20 looking forward, and welcome to the house party.

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

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SPEAKER ADAMS: And I will do just that, Majority Leader. The Stated Meeting of April 24, 2025 is hereby adjourned. [GAVEL]

***** TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE:**

VOTE REVISION: Introduction 246-A

Affirmative: 41

Negative: 5

Abstentions: 2

C E R T I F I C A T E

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



Date May 15, 2025