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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

STATED MEETING

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Thursday, February 13, 2025

Start: 3:01 P.M.

Recess: 4:45 P.M.

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

Oswald Feliz

James F. Gennaro

Jennifer Gutiérrez

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

INVOCATION - *Delivered by: Father Daniel O. Kingsley, Saint Clare Roman Catholic Church located at 137-35 Brookville Blvd, Rosedale, NY 11422.*

2 SERGEANT LEVY: Testing, testing, this is a sound
3 check for the New York City Council Stated Meeting of
4 Thursday, February 13, 2025 - Recorded by Sergeant
5 Ben Levy.

6 (PAUSE)

7 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Close the back doors, please!
8 Council Members, please find your seats.

9 (PAUSE)

10 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet on the floor, please!
11 Quiet on the floor, please?

12 AUTOMATED: Recording in progress.

13 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Find your seats. Ladies and
14 gentleman, at this time, please place all electronic
15 devices, all electronic devices to vibrate or silent
16 mode.

17 Madam Majority Leader?

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: (Gaveling in) Good
19 afternoon and welcome to the Stated Meeting of
20 February 13, 2025. I am Majority Leader Amanda
21 Fariás, and I would like to thank you for joining us.
22 If you would like to follow along, the Agenda for
23 today's meeting is posted on our website.

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

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

6 I want to remind my colleagues that decorum is to
7 be respected at all times. Insulting each other is
8 not appropriate; all remarks are to be addressed to
9 the Chair, and members shall not speak unless
10 recognized by the Chair. It is essential that even if
11 we disagree, we treat each other with respect.

12 CITY CLERK: Please join us for the Pledge of
13 Allegiance.

14 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

15 ALL: [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Roll call?

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present, you got me?

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté...

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: I got you, thank you, Council
22 Member.

23 Council Member Avilés?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté

2 CITY CLERK: COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA?

3 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Here

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Banks?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Present

6 CITY CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Here

8 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

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

10 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

13 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Present

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Carr?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Here

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here

24 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here

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2 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: (PARENTAL)

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here

6 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present

8 CITY CLERK: Council Member Holden?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here

10 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Lee?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member Louis?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marte?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present

24 CITY CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)

2 CITY CLERK: Council Member Menin?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Present

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Moya?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present

6 CITY CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present

8 CITY CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present

10 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

13 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Present

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Powers?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: (NO RESPONSE)

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Restler?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member Riley?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salaam

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present

24 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present

2 CITY CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here

6 CITY CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here

8 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ung?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present

10 CITY CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Here

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Williams?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Present

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Won?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Here

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

19 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Present

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member Farías?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present

22 CITY CLERK: Speaker Adams?

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, we will now
25 have today's Invocation, which will be delivered by

2 Father Daniel O. Kingsley from Saint Clare Roman
3 Catholic Church, which is located at 137-35
4 Brookville Boulevard in Queens.

5 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

6 FATHER DANIEL O. KINGSLEY: Let us bow our heads.

7 Almighty and ever living God, Father of our Lord
8 Jesus Christ, you have summoned men and women of
9 diverse gifts and talents, the varied hues and
10 tongues, beneath the dome of this edifice of public
11 virtue, within this storied chamber, to conduct the
12 people's business. They bring with them from every
13 corner of our vast metropolis the hopes and dreams,
14 the needs and concerns of every New Yorker. While the
15 task before them is great, even greater is the
16 heavenly grace you wish to bestow upon each and every
17 member of this esteemed City Council.

18 We recall how throughout the scriptures, you
19 blessed the leaders of your people. To David the
20 King, you gave strength to oppose the giants of
21 oppression. To Esther the Queen, you gave courage to
22 save the innocents. To Moses the law giver, you gave
23 order to quell chaotic passions. To Peter the
24 fisherman, the firmness of faith to bind and loosen.

2 To Mary the virgin, the boldness of spirit to sing
3 your great praises.

4 Each of these sainted figures knew that the
5 mantle of leadership was never in service to
6 themselves, but rather in service of truth and
7 justice.

8 We do well to imitate their outstanding example.
9 Yet, we are painfully aware these days the strife
10 that plagues our world, our nation, and, yes, our
11 city. Deliver us, O God, from all that wishes to tear
12 us apart. Forge renew, O God, the bonds of charity
13 that link us together. For this is the only way we
14 build in New York where the hungry are fed, the poor
15 find shelter, the weak are defended, and the
16 voiceless are heard.

17 And grant us, O god, for all our days the
18 enduring strength to conduct the people's business,
19 as it is right and pleasing in your sight. For
20 indeed, we are our brothers, our sisters' keeper, and
21 to this high calling, O God, you have called this
22 honorable council.

23 We ask this to our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
24 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
25 Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, I would now
3 ask Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers to spread
4 the Invocation on the Record.

5 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you. I am so
6 proud to introduce today, Father Daniel Kingsley of
7 Saint Clare Roman Catholic Church in Rosedale,
8 Queens.

9 Father Kingsley is a lifelong New Yorker of
10 Haitian and Nigerian ancestry. He was ordained a
11 Roman Catholic priest in June of 2015, and for five
12 years he served as a parochial vicar in Bedford
13 Stuyvesant Saint Martin De Porres Parish before his
14 2020 appointment as administrator of Rosedale's Saint
15 Clare Church

16 In 2022, Father Kingsley was formally installed
17 as the thirteenth pastor becoming the first Black
18 priest to hold the office in the church's 100-year-
19 old history.

20 In addition to his duties as a parish priest,
21 Father Kingsley is the Associate Chaplain of the
22 Rosedale Civic Association, a clergy liaison for the
23 new 116th Police Precinct, a member of the Rosedale
24 Ecumenical Churches, and sits on the Ecumenical and
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2 Interfaith Commission of the Roman Catholic Diocese
3 of Brooklyn.

4 This June, Father Kingsley will celebrate his
5 tenth anniversary of priestly ordination. Father
6 Kingsley is accompanied today by his lovely mother,
7 Daniella Pierre (phonetic), and Evidelia Boyd,
8 immediate Past-President of the Rosedale Civic
9 Association.

10 I make a motion to spread today's Invocation on
11 the Record.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, we will now
13 have the Adoption of Minutes by Council Member Alexa
14 Avilés.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: I make a motion that the
16 Minutes of the Stated Meeting of January 23, 2025 be
17 adopted as printed.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Messages and Papers from
19 the Mayor?

20 CLERK: None

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Communications from City,
22 County and Borough Offices?

23 CLERK: M 0103, DOE Capital Plan.

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Finance

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2 CLERK: Ms 104 and 105, Former Council Member
3 Borelli.

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

6 CLERK: M 106, Elections Commissioner
7 recommendations.

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Rules, Privileges and Elections.

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Petitions and
10 Communications?

11 CLERK: Ms 107 and 108, Minority Conference

12 SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, Ordered, Printed and
13 Filed.

14 CLERK: M 109, Rule 2.75b Report?

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, Ordered, Printed and
16 Filed.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Land Use Call-ups?

18 CLERK: M 110.

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you. We now ask that the
20 Clerk take a roll call vote on today's Land Use Call-
21 ups.

22 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

24 CLERK: Thank you.

25 Council Member Avilés?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

4 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye

9 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

11 CLERK: Thank you.

12 Council Member Brewer?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye, except I am

14 abstaining on LU 214 and Resolution 753.

15 CLERK: Council Member Brewer, this is Land Use

16 Call-ups.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Oh, Call-ups, I'm sorry,

18 yeah, sorry.

19 CLERK: Yes?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes, yes.

21 CLERK: Thank you, thank you.

22 Council Member Brooks-Powers?

23 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

24 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye

2 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye

4 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

6 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye

8 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Madam Majority Leader, I

12 request permission to vote on items on the Land Use

13 Calendar, and on all items on the General Order

14 Calendar?

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote aye.

17 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member Gennaro.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you.

19 Council Member Gutiérrez?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: (PARENTAL)

21 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Permission, Madam Majority
3 Leader, to vote on all Land Use items and General
4 Order items?

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye on all.

7 CLERK: Thank you.

8 Council Member Holden?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye

18 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye

20 CLERK: Thank you.

21 Council Member Marmorato?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)
3 CLERK: Council Member Menin?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Majority Leader, permission
5 to vote all Land Use and General Order items?
6 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted
7 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all, thank you.
8 CLERK: Thank you.
9 Council Member Moya?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.
11 CLERK: Thank you.
12 Council Member Narcisse?
13 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I vote aye.
14 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?
15 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.
16 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?
17 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye.
18 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?
19 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: I vote aye.
20 CLERK: Council Member Powers?
21 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye
22 CLERK: Council Member Restler?
23 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Permission to vote on all
24 Land Use items and General Order items?
25 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I vote aye on all, and
3 while I have real concerns about the process relating
4 to the Land Use action on 1st Avenue, the merits of
5 the process.... (CROSS-TALK)

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member, you're
7 solely allowed to cast your vote no explanations...
8 (CROSS-TALK)

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: All right, well, I will
10 just vote aye and I'll move on, thank you very much,
11 Madam Majority Leader.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you so much,
13 Council Member.

14 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye

18 CLERK: Council Member Salaam

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

20 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye.

22 CLERK: Thank you.

23 Council Member Sanchez?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye

25 CLERK: Thank you.

2 Council Member Schulman?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye

4 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye

6 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye

8 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

12 CLERK: Council Member Won?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Permission to explain my

14 vote?

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: I vote aye, and I just want
17 to say welcome to iMentor and Info Tech Highschool...

18 CLERK: You...

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member, this is
20 for General Order discussion...

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (INAUDIBLE)

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: This is solely if you are
23 going to explain your vote on a Land Use item, thank
24 you.

25 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

4 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I vote aye.

7 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye.

9 CLERK: Council Member Mealy, Land Use Call-ups?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye on all.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Today's Land Use Call-ups
12 are adopted by a vote of 48 in the affirmative and 0
13 in the negative.

14 We will now have Communications from Speaker
15 Adrienne Adams.

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much, Madam
17 Majority Leader.

18 Before we begin, I want to note that there will
19 be CART and American sign language services provided
20 at today's Stated Meeting to ensure those who are
21 hard of hearing are accommodated.

22 Just two weeks into the second Trump presidency,
23 we have already seen chaos created and unprecedented
24 attacks being threatened upon our city and working
25 families throughout the nation.

1 The actions of the Trump administration have
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3 undermined the health and safety of Americans,
4 violated the constitution, and weakened national
5 security. None of this does anything to help working
6 families or make their lives more affordable.

7 Each day, this new administration is actively
8 upending the rule of law, just as it pardoned those
9 who rioted and assaulted law enforcement officers at
10 the Capitol on January 6th, this week we saw the
11 Justice Department issue an unprecedented letter that
12 meddles in the federal criminal case against the
13 Mayor. This letter is a political weapon aimed at New
14 York City and corruptly interferes in the legal
15 process. It seems overtly intended to serve as a
16 continued instrument of blackmail against our city's
17 mayor to serve as an arm of the Trump administration.
18 It blatantly states what it expects of the Mayor and
19 leaves the perpetual threat of his criminal case to
20 force his compliance. This leaves the Mayor of our
21 city compromised, and we know the intentions of the
22 Trump administration. This is bad for New York City
23 and bad for New Yorkers. New York City needs strong
24 leadership that is committed to upholding the values
25 of our city and protecting its families and

1
2 communities from the extremism of this presidential
3 administration.

4 This week alone, we've seen many attacks on our
5 city and state from the Trump administration. Elon
6 Musk, the wealthiest person in the world, who nobody
7 voted for, by the way, but has been working to take
8 away resources from everyday Americans that this
9 individual can't even relate to, directed the
10 Administration to unjustly take federal funding that
11 was already allocated away from our city.

12 At the same time that the Justice Department is
13 blackmailing our Mayor, it is also threatening to
14 attack our city by taking away funding for local law
15 enforcement and crime victims.

16 This situation is unsustainable, and the City's
17 leaders from congress to state and city governments
18 must determine a viable path forward for our city
19 that is committed to protecting New Yorkers.

20 From childcare and public schools to healthcare
21 and public safety, there is so much at stake right
22 now with an unhinged presidential administration
23 comfortable with creating chaos.

24 For the people of our city, they count on their
25 city, state, and federal governments, and it is more

1 critical than ever for us to step up with strong
2 local democracy in the face of increasing tyranny.

3 This month, we lost four New Yorkers to fatal
4 fires, including residents in the districts of
5 Council Members Rivera, Brannan, and Feliz. Our
6 hearts are with their neighbors and loved ones, and
7 we wish a speedy recovery for those who were injured
8 in those fires.

9 I also want to take a moment to remember the
10 lives of all those who were killed during the tragic
11 air collision on January 29 in Washington D.C. We
12 mourn the death of 60 passengers and four crew
13 members from American Airlines, and three crew
14 members in the Black Hawk helicopter, including
15 several who grew up right here in our city. The pilot
16 of the American Airlines flight, 34-year-old Jonathan
17 Campos, grew up in Brooklyn; Denasia Brown Elder, one
18 of the flight attendants, grew up in Coney Island;
19 and 28-year-old Melissa Jane Nicandri was a city
20 resident living in Brooklyn who was traveling on a
21 work trip. Our thoughts are certainly with their
22 family and loved ones. May they all rest in peace.

23 Colleagues, it is Black History Month. This month
24 and every month, it is important that we proudly lift
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1 up our full history for all to understand. We're in a
2 period when too many are seeking to erase and
3 disregard the history of so many in this country. We
4 won't allow that to happen. We know Black history is
5 American history full of the brilliance of people
6 whose contributions have shaped our city, country,
7 and the world for the better. We will honor our
8 ancestors whose shoulders we stand on and celebrate
9 our rich legacy with great pride and joy.

11 The Council is hosting its Black History Month
12 celebration in Chambers on Monday, February 24, and I
13 invite everyone to join us.

14 February is also American Heart Month, a time
15 when we raise awareness about the impact of heart
16 disease, which has been the leading cause of death in
17 The United States since 1950. Today, we wear red
18 ribbons in honor of National Heart Day, which is
19 observed on the first Friday in February. It remains
20 critical that we work together to promote greater
21 heart health and work towards preventing
22 cardiovascular diseases.

23 We also recognized World Hijab Day on February
24 1st in honor of New Yorkers and millions of people
25 around the world who wear the hijab with pride.

1 February 7th was National Black HIV/AIDS
2
3 Awareness Day. This reminds us of the persistent
4 disparities that continue to impact Black communities
5 and of the importance of HIV prevention, testing, and
6 treatment. It will take all of us to confront the
7 stigma and inequities in our communities.

8 Yesterday was NAACP Day in celebration of the
9 day that the NAACP was formed in 1909. I am proud to
10 be a longstanding member of the NAACP, because we
11 would not be here today without the work and advocacy
12 of the oldest civil rights organization in the
13 country.

14 Tomorrow is National Donor Day, a time to spread
15 awareness and education about organ, eye, and tissue
16 donations. These vital donations make it possible for
17 others to have a second chance at life, and we thank
18 all donors for their generosity.

19 Saturday, February 15 is National Black Girl
20 Magic Day. The Council is proud to host a Black Girl
21 Magic Day celebration tonight right here in Council
22 Chambers. I thank you to my colleagues who are
23 cosponsoring this fun celebration.

24 February 17th will be Kosovo Independence Day.
25 The Council hosted a Kosovo independence celebration

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2 last night, and I thank all of my colleagues who
3 hosted this celebratory event.

4 Finally, I wanna give a shout out to the high
5 school students from iMentor NYC who are observing
6 our Stated Meeting today. Thank you all for being
7 here in the people's house.

8 UNKNOWN: Woo!

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Woo!

10 (LAUGHTER)

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Now, let's move onto our Stated
12 Agenda.

13 First, we'll vote on the following - oh, I want
14 to give some time to our new Minority Leader. I want
15 to give her a few moments of speaking time, our new
16 Minority Leader, Council Member Joann Ariola.

17 (APPLAUSE)

18 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Thank you, Madam Speaker
19 Adams, Majority Leader Fariás, Majority Whip Brooks-
20 Powers, and my fellow colleagues. It is my honor to
21 stand here today as the newly elected Republican
22 Minority Leader of the City Council aside my friend
23 and colleague and Minority Whip, Council Member
24 Vickie Paladino.

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2 As the Council's Minority Leader, it is my
3 intention to lead holding true to my belief in
4 standing for our ground when we must and finding
5 common ground when we can.

6 As a member of this body and council member in
7 the 32nd Council District, I have been able to
8 successfully serve the people of my district,
9 providing them with answers to their questions and
10 concerns and holding the City's agencies accountable.
11 That success was not achieved alone. It is due to the
12 hard work and dedication of some of the special
13 people who are here with me today.

14 I'd like to take a moment to introduce you to my
15 amazing staff, our Constituent Liaisons, Stacy
16 Spataro, Linda Fogal; Alex Leguisamo, and Margaret
17 Powers; our Office Manager, Jessica Jenner, our
18 Budget Director, Kira Donnelly; My Chief of Staff and
19 Special Advisor to The Minority Leader, the one and
20 only Phyllis Inzerillo; the Executive Director of the
21 Minority Leader's Office, Peter Spencer; and the
22 Deputy Executive Director of the Minority Leader's
23 Office, Michael Strasburg; our amazing Communications
24 Director, Ray Van, isn't here with us today because
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1 he's a new dad, and he's home with his wife and his
2 beautiful baby boy. We miss him.
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4 As my office and I continue to serve the
5 district, I will now also have a unique opportunity
6 to share the concerns of all New Yorkers who share
7 the same values and concerns about our city. It is so
8 important to me that every voice of everyday New
9 Yorker is heard. As the Republican leader of a group
10 of five, we may seem small, but our dedication to
11 advocacy is unmatched. Together, we have been a voice
12 of reason, common sense. and solutions here at City
13 Hall and in our districts. Each of us has brought a
14 unique style of accomplishments we have achieved in
15 our districts and in this city. The newly appointed
16 Minority Whip Council Member, Vickie Paladino, has
17 used her strong voice to hold agencies accountable
18 and has been a champion of homeowners who have had
19 their homes taken over by squatters. Our newest
20 member, Councilwoman Kristy Marmorato, dove right in
21 to make much needed changes to our district that now
22 for the first time in fifty years has Republican
23 representation; Councilwoman Inna Vernikov, has been
24 at the forefront of the fight against the growing
25 antisemitism in our city and in the world; and

2 Council Member David Carr has spearheaded efforts to
3 reform our property tax system and pass legislation
4 that provides a more forgiving interest rate for home
5 owners in arrears.

6 My solution oriented approach to this work has
7 led to bipartisan passing of legislation, making the
8 DOT more transparent to our communities and to the
9 creation of the Mayor's Office of Marine Debris
10 Removal and Vessel Surrendering to keep the water and
11 shoreline surrounding our city cleaner than ever
12 before.

13 When parents were concerned about the safety of
14 our schools, we got together and demanded the New
15 York City Department of Education install doorbells
16 and lock the front doors of our schools to keep our
17 children safe from harm. We are now in the final
18 stages of those installations.

19 We've advocated for our City workers who were
20 unjustly fired for not just wanting to take a brand
21 new vaccine after they had served this city at the
22 height of a pandemic with little to no PPE, and we
23 fought to get 100 of those workers back to their
24 positions. And I will not stop until each and every
25 one has returned to their job. Many of them are here

2 with us today and I applaud them for their integrity
3 and willingness to hold the line for thousands of
4 others who have been wrongfully taken from serving
5 our city.

6 As I begin my tenure as Minority Leader, I look
7 forward to engaging conversations with all of you
8 here at the Council. I know that there is much we do
9 not agree on, but I think there is so much more that
10 we can agree on through meaningful dialogue. I have
11 heard people say that as a Republican, it's hard to
12 make headway or affect change, but I'm happy to
13 report that's definitely not the case. Our delegation
14 is affecting change that matters. We are righting the
15 wrongs, fighting hard and holding our ground, finding
16 solutions, and navigating our way through one of the
17 City's most trying periods, while looking ahead to a
18 brighter future for the city we all love.

19 I'd like to now thank my predecessor Minority-
20 Leader.. former Minority Leader, Joseph Borelli. And
21 I appreciate the letter he left me that was very,
22 very touching and encouraging. And he said, "I know
23 you're gonna hit home runs."

24 I'm blessed to have achieved much in both my
25 private life and in my professional, and that is only

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by the grace and glory of the God who guides every step I take. I would like to close with a prayer for all of us.

May God grant us the wisdom of Solomon, the courage to lead with integrity, and the strength to serve this city with compassion. Thank you and amen. Thank you for the time.

(APPLAUSE)

SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Majority Leader (sic).

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

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

122-03 14th Avenue Rezoning will facilitate a new six-story, mixed-use building with 103 residential units, at least 25% of which will be affordable under MIH, and new ground floor retail space in the College Point neighborhood of Council Member Paladino's district.

49-39 Van Dam Street Demapping, an application to amend the e City Map to eliminate an unbuilt portion of Gale Avenue to facilitate the development of an outdoor dining area in Council Member Won's district.

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2 The Council will be voting on a Resolution to
3 disapprove this application.

4 2185 Coyle Street will facilitate the development
5 of a new nine-story, mixed-use building with ground
6 floor commercial space and over 400 housing units,
7 25% of which will be affordable under MIH option One
8 in the Sheepshead Bay neighborhood of Council Member
9 Narcisse's district. The Council is modifying the
10 application to ensure that the height permitted by
11 the zoning more closely reflects the height of the
12 proposed development and to establish MIH Option One
13 and the Deep Affordability Option as the available
14 MIH options.

15 438 Concord Avenue Rezoning will facilitate the
16 development of a 10-story, mixed-use building with
17 manufacturing space, commercial space, community
18 facility space, and 43 parking spots in the Deputy
19 Speaker's District, uh, Deputy Speaker Ayala. The
20 Council is modifying the application to require MIH
21 Option One and The Deep Affordability Option as the
22 available MIH options.

23 Landmark Designation for the Jacob Day Residence,
24 a three-story, Greek revival style house in Council
25 Member Rivera's district. From 1857 to 1884, it was

1 used as a home and place of business by Jacob Day, an
2 advocate for the abolition of slavery and the
3 successful owner of a catering company at a time when
4 Black men had limited business opportunities.
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6 455 First Avenue rezoning, an application to
7 facilitate the development of a new commercial life
8 sciences building in the Kips Bay neighborhood in
9 Council Member Rivera's district. The project is on
10 the current site of the New York City Public Health
11 Laboratory, which will be moving into a new building
12 at the Harlem Hospital Center.

13 SPARC Kips Bay, an application to facilitate the
14 redevelopment of the Hunter College Brookdale campus
15 into a state of the art life sciences campus in
16 Council Member Powers' district. The proposal will
17 also facilitate the demolition and reconstruction of
18 a pedestrian bridge over the FDR Drive, which will
19 connect the Waterside Plaza with the campus's open
20 space and convert the bridge to be ADA compliant.

21 Next, we will vote on the following Finance
22 items:

23 A Resolution to approve a budget modification
24 pursuant to the New York City Charter; a Transparency
25 Resolution approving the new designation and changes

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2 of certain organizations receiving funding in the
3 expense budget; A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored
4 by Council Member Justin Brannan establishing a new
5 forty-year Article XI Tax Exemption for four lots in
6 Council Member Sanchez's district; and a
7 Preconsidered Resolution, also sponsored by Council
8 Member Brannan, establishing a new forty-year article
9 XI Tax Exemption for four lots in Council Members
10 Oswald Feliz's and Althea Stevens' districts.

11 Today, pursuant to Council Rule 2.75b in relation
12 to complaints of sexual harassment as defined by the
13 Council's Anti-Discrimination and Harassment Policy,
14 the required annual report will be submitted.

15 Today, we will also vote on the following pieces
16 of legislation:

17 Introduction 138-A, sponsored by Majority Whip,
18 Selvina Brooks-Powers, would require the
19 establishment of a program to provide public service
20 announcements in American Sign Language with
21 accompanying captions for individuals who are deaf or
22 hard of hearing. These announcements would be
23 displays on advertising structures such as LinkNYC
24 kiosks.

1 Introduction 464-A, sponsored by Council Member
2 Kevin Riley, would expand the reporting requirements
3 for the implementation of Next Generation 911, a
4 system that allows for the transfer of digital
5 information from the public to the City's 911 system.
6 Thank you to our staff members Irene Byhovsky, Eric
7 Brown, and Brad Reid.
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9 Introduction 432, sponsored by Council Member
10 Pierina Sanchez, would require the Department of
11 Education in consultation with the Department of
12 Youth and Development to distribute information about
13 after school programs to students.

14 Introduction 1057-A, sponsored by Council Member
15 Rita Joseph, would require the DOE to issue an annual
16 report on journalism courses and clubs and student
17 publications available at each DOE high school during
18 the previous school year. High schools would also be
19 required to distribute information to students
20 regarding the availability of journalism clubs and
21 student publications at the beginning of the school
22 year. We thank our staff member, not Nadia Jean-
23 Francois.

24 Introduction 552-A, sponsored by Council Member
25 Justin Brannan, would require the Department of

1 Transportation to coordinate with all relevant
2 entities, including utility companies, when
3 performing resurfacing work. It would also require
4 DOT to complete resurfacing work within 15 business
5 days after the completion of milling work where
6 practicable. If the work cannot be done within this
7 time, DOT would be required to post a notice on its
8 website and provide email notice to the affected
9 community board explaining why additional time is
10 needed and the new expected date of completion.

12 And introduction 1160-A, sponsored by Council
13 Member Brannan, DOT to ensure that all pavement
14 markings or temporary markings are installed on a
15 street within five days - five business days after
16 the street is resurfaced. We thank our staff members,
17 Mark Chen, Kevin Kotowski, John Basile, and Elliot
18 Heisler.

19 Next, we're voting on two bills that stem from my
20 2024 State of the City Address to strengthen deed
21 theft prevention. In our neighborhoods, particularly
22 those with significant rates of Black and Latino
23 homeownership, deed theft has become an increasing
24 issue. These predatory schemes threaten the loss of
25 prized assets and transfer of hard earned

1 generational wealth within families already
2 disproportionately affected by racial wealth gaps. As
3 part of ongoing efforts to prevent deed theft, the
4 Council has collaborated with local law schools and
5 pro bono attorneys to provide free estate planning
6 resources to New Yorkers in all five boroughs.
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8 Today, we're proud to pass these bills to build
9 on our efforts to prioritize and protect
10 homeownership.

11 Introduction 901-A, sponsored by Council Member
12 Kevin Riley, would require the Office of the
13 Homeowner Advocate to consult with the Department of
14 Consumer and Worker Protection to provide support,
15 including financial planning, mortgage counseling,
16 and scam prevention and counseling to homeowners and
17 their heirs in order to protect their assets.

18 Introduction 888-A, sponsored by Council Member
19 Crystal Hudson, would require that when a purchaser
20 submits an order to buy certain residential property
21 that the owner has not listed for sale, is not
22 actively selling, or did not intend to sell, the
23 purchaser must disclose in writing, in a clear and
24 conspicuous manner, the estimated market value of the
25 residential property. Any purchaser who violates this

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2 law is liable for a civil penalty of up to \$500 for
3 the first violation and up to \$1,000 for a subsequent
4 violation. Thank you to our staff members, Rachel
5 Cordero, Natalie Meltzer, and Sarah Swaine.

6 Finally, we'll vote on a pair of bills with the
7 goal of improving the Department of Corrections'
8 response to sexual violence in the City's jails so
9 that staff and those who are detained are better
10 protected. Over 700 women alleged sexual abuse at
11 Rikers Island last March, and over 100 new lawsuits
12 have been filed in recent weeks alleging such abuse
13 in juvenile jails citywide. At the same time,
14 correction officers and jail staff at Rikers have
15 reported sexual violence and harassment, particularly
16 towards women officers, but DOC does not publicly
17 report on these incidents or investigations into
18 them. These bills seek to improve DOC's response to
19 these incidents that harm staff and those in custody.

20 Introduction 792-A, sponsored by Council Member
21 Carlina Rivera, would require the Department of
22 Correction to use an electronic case management
23 system to track investigations of sexual abuse so
24 there is up to date and accurate information and more
25 methodical tracking.

1 Introduction 735-B, sponsored by Council Member
2 Althea Stevens, would require the Department of
3 Correction to report annually on alleged incidents of
4 sexual violence and harassment of DOC and
5 correctional health services staff by incarcerated
6 individuals or other staff that occurred in the
7 previous year. The DOC commissioner would also be
8 required to report annually on the DOC's
9 investigations of these incidents. Additionally, the
10 commissioner would be required to ensure staff have
11 access to mental health treatment resources and to
12 publicize available resources. We thank our staff
13 members, Natalie Meltzer, Jeremy Whiteman, and Josh
14 Kingsley.

16 Thank you very much for your attention, I now
17 turn it back over to our majority leader.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Speaker Adams,
19 we will now move into Discussion of General Orders,
20 and I would first like to recognize Council Member
21 Sanchez, followed by Riley, then Rivera.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you, Majority
23 Leader. Today, the council is making strides to make
24 sure nearly one million young people in our schools
25 can access the opportunities that allow them to

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2 become the fullest versions of themselves. Intro 432,
3 requires the Department of Education in consultation
4 with the Department of Youth and Community
5 Development to distribute information about after
6 school programs to families at every public, K
7 through 12 elementary, middle, and high school. This
8 will be available via the main office, email, on the
9 school's website, and any online portal for students
10 and their families. Starting this fall, it will be
11 easier than ever for students to access the resources
12 that they need to thrive.

13 So I hope my colleagues will join me in, voting
14 aye on this bill today. And I especially congratulate
15 my team members who (INAUDIBLE) this bill, on our
16 team's behalf, my Acting Chief, Maria Villalobos, Ben
17 Ratner, Gerard Fernandez, Carla Dominguez, and, of
18 course, our committee counsel, Nadia Jean-Francois.
19 Thank you so much.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I would like to recognize
21 Council Member Riley, followed by Council Member
22 Rivera, then Council Member Stevens.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority Leader.

24 Today, as the prime sponsor of Intro 646 and the
25 Text to 911 Bill, Intro 901, the Property Assistance

2 Protection Bill of homeowners and their heirs, I urge
3 my colleagues to join me in voting to pass these
4 critical pieces of legislation. These bills are more
5 than policy, they are necessary solutions to long
6 standing gaps in our City's emergency response and
7 homeowner support systems.

8 Intro 646 will modernize our emergency services
9 by ensuring that individuals who are deaf, hard of
10 hearing, or deaf-blind can communicate during a
11 crisis. By requiring outreach to hire experts in
12 accessibilities and disability services, we are
13 making it clear that New York City prioritize the
14 safety of all its residents. No one should be left
15 without a way to call for help when every second
16 counts.

17 Meanwhile, Intro 901 will strengthen protection
18 for homeowners and their heirs by ensuring that they
19 have access to mortgage counseling, financial
20 planning, and scam prevention resources.
21 Homeownership is one of the most powerful tools for
22 building generational wealth, and this bill will keep
23 families in their homes and our communities stable.

24 These bills are about equity, accessibility, and
25 protecting the most vulnerable New Yorkers amongst

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2 us. Today's vote is an opportunity to take real
3 action that will improve lives across our city. I
4 urge my colleagues to stand with me and pass these
5 measures today, and I also want to thank my
6 colleagues, committee staff, and tireless advocates
7 who have fought to make these bills a reality. Let's
8 get this done for the people of New York City. Thank
9 you, Majority Leader.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I would like to recognize
11 Council Member Rivera, followed by Council Member
12 Stevens, then Majority Whip Brooks-Powers.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you, so much. Good
14 afternoon.

15 Today we're voting on Introduction 792, which
16 will require the Department of Corrections to
17 implement an electronic case management system to
18 track investigations of sexual abuse against both
19 staff and incarcerated individuals, as well as two
20 Land Use items in my district.

21 Over my tenure year as former member and Chair of
22 the Criminal Justice Committee, and certainly at our
23 hearing on Introduction 792, under the leadership of
24 Chair Nurse, we have heard from survivors of sexual
25 violence in New York City operated jails how clear

1 the need is for greater oversight to ensure that
2 investigations are actually completed within ninety
3 days as mandated by local and federal policy.

4 According to a report from Gothamist, more than
5 45% of the Department's investigations into sexual
6 violence drag on well past ninety days.

7 The history of sexual abuse allegations at Rikers
8 Island combined with a lack of meaningful oversight
9 has allowed perpetrators to operate with impunity.
10 And when sexual abuse allegations are delayed or
11 ignored, it sends a message that such crimes are
12 tolerated perpetuating a cycle of violence.

13 Survivors deserve to know that their cases are
14 being taken seriously and handled in a timely manner.
15 A modern electronic case management system would
16 provide a streamlined, secure way to track reports,
17 ensure accountability, and prevent cases from
18 languishing without resolution. I encourage my
19 colleagues to vote aye.

20 Additionally, we are voting on 455 First Avenue
21 in the Kips Bay area that's becoming a hub for the
22 life sciences sector. Innovation East is a
23 transformative project. It will deliver meaningful
24 benefits to our community that includes improvements,
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2 infrastructure upgrades, street safety improvements,
3 and better access to science, technology,
4 engineering, arts, and mathematics opportunities.

5 I want to thank EDC, the Development team, my
6 staff, and Community Board 6 for creating this, uh,
7 these state of the art facilities that are going to
8 provide educational and workforce development support
9 for local residents and students.

10 I'm also excited for the Jacob Day Residence.
11 (TIMER CHIMES) It has been a significant historical
12 impact as a center for Black civic life, and I want
13 to thank my colleagues for their support.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
15 Member Stevens, followed by Majority Whip Brooks-
16 Powers, and then Council Member Hudson.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Good afternoon, everyone,
18 and happy Black History Month. Yes, it is Black
19 History Month, and we do celebrate it in the Council.

20 I'm honored to be here today to take this
21 important step towards with the patches of 735, which
22 will require the Department of Correction to report
23 on incidents of sexual assault and harassment against
24 correctional staff and ensure that they have access
25 to critical mental health resources.

1 This legislation is about accountability,
2 protection, and compassion. Correctional staff put
3 their life on the line every day, and they deserve to
4 work in an environment that prioritize their well-
5 being. With this bill, we are making it clear that
6 their experience matters, their safety matters, and
7 their mental health matters.
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9 Too often, we focus on accountability without
10 ensuring that people have the tools and resources to
11 heal, but healing is essential for progress as
12 individuals across the city need. If we truly want to
13 build a more just and equitable society, we must
14 invest in policies that protect people while also
15 providing them with the care that they need to move
16 forward. With the strong support of City Council,
17 this legislation reflects our shared commitment to
18 just dignity and humanity, and it sends a powerful
19 message, not just to correctional staff, but to
20 workers across the city. No one should have to endure
21 harassment or violence in the workplace. Everyone
22 deserves to feel safe, valued, and respected.

23 Thank you to our Speaker and all of my
24 colleagues, and I ask all of you to vote aye on this
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2 legislation today, and thank you. And see you all at
3 Black Girl Magic tonight.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Majority Whip
5 Brooks-Powers, followed by Council Member Hudson,
6 Council Member Powers, then Council Member Joseph.

7 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you. Today,
8 I'm proud that the Council will vote on Intro 138
9 ensuring that our deaf and hard of hearing neighbors
10 are fully included in the City's public communication
11 and emergency services.

12 I want to thank Speaker Adams for her leadership
13 and Chair Gutiérrez for her partnership in advancing
14 this critical legislation.

15 Accessibility is not optional. It is essential.
16 Every New Yorker regardless of ability deserves equal
17 access to important public information and emergency
18 resources. While progress has been made, many in the
19 deaf and hard hearing community are still unaware of
20 services like Text to 911 and video relay services.

21 This bill ensures that these resources are
22 prominently promoted through public service
23 announcements on LinkNYC kiosks featuring American
24 sign language and captions to make information truly
25 accessible.

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2 Beyond raising awareness, this effort reinforces
3 a simple but powerful message - New York City is
4 committed to inclusion. By ensuring that public
5 messaging reach reaches all communities, we are
6 building a safer, more connected, and more equitable
7 city. I am deeply grateful to the advocates and
8 stakeholders who have pushed for these necessary
9 changes. Together, we are making meaningful progress
10 towards a more inclusive future. I urge my colleagues
11 to support Intro 138, thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
13 Member Hudson, followed by Council Member Powers,
14 then Council Member Joseph.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you, Majority
16 Leader, and good afternoon.

17 Today, I would like to briefly discuss my bill,
18 Intro 888, which the Council is voting on today.

19 As our city's housing crisis deepens, long time
20 homeowners, particularly in rapidly gentrifying
21 neighborhoods, are being targeted by predatory real
22 estate practices. These schemes disproportionately
23 impact Black and brown communities and older adults.
24 Unsolicited housing offers, often dangling quick
25 cash, exploit asset rich and cash poor people,

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2 especially older adults on fixed incomes. These
3 homeowners are pressured into selling far below
4 market value, ultimately losing their most valuable
5 asset, their home.

6 Introduction 888 takes a critical step to protect
7 homeowners from these bad actors. The bill would
8 require purchasers making unsolicited offers on
9 certain residential properties to disclose in writing
10 the estimated market value of the home. This ensures
11 homeowners have the necessary information to make
12 informed decisions. Violators of this law would face
13 civil penalties and property owners would have the
14 right to take legal action. This is a simple, common
15 sense measure to safeguard longtime homeowner
16 homeowners from exploitation.

17 I urge my colleagues to take this meaningful
18 action to protect New Yorkers from fraudulent real
19 estate schemes and help ensure they can remain in
20 their homes and communities by voting aye on
21 Introduction 888, thank you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
23 Member Powers, followed by Council Member Joseph.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you, thanks
25 everyone... and, thank you, everyone.

1 We'll be voting today on a big project coming to
2 Kips Bay, the Science Park and Research Campus we
3 call SPARC, a life sciences project in my district at
4 Kips Bay - a project that presents a tremendous
5 opportunity for both my district and the entire city
6 to be on the cutting edge in the life science
7 industry while further investing in our education
8 institutions.
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10 The project is meant to replace a dilapidated
11 Brookdale campus on 25th Street with new CUNY
12 facilities, a new high school, public health
13 infrastructure, and new space to continue growing
14 development in life sciences.

15 When I took office, there was a proposal here
16 that the community deeply opposed to. So now years
17 later, we have a proposal to bolster the healthcare
18 and life science industry already in that area and
19 investing in education. As part of it, we're getting
20 a brand new high school, a new STEAM center, though,
21 in Manhattan, the first for our borough, the third
22 citywide, and three new CUNY campuses serving Hunter
23 College, BMCC, and the CUNY Graduate School of Public
24 Health and Public Policy... and Health Policy. We're
25 getting a net increase in available CUNY dorms in

1 Midtown and in the Upper East Side, new nonprofit
2 programming in the local schools, an expansion of 3-K
3 seats in the ZIP code nearby, and a new state of the
4 art facility for the Office of the Chief Medical
5 Examiner, a new H+H Ambulatory Care and Wellness
6 Center for Bellevue, a whole new acre of enhanced
7 public realm space, and a new park across the street.
8 We're converting a private parking lot to on city
9 owned land to a brand new waterfront park on 34th
10 Street, a brand new and newly accessible pedestrian
11 bridge for the folks that live in Waterside Plaza, an
12 investment in Solar One, a nearby nonprofit in
13 Stuyvesant Cove Park, a new search for affordable
14 housing in this neighborhood, partnering with my
15 colleague across the street, Council Member Rivera,
16 and last but not least, 15,000 new jobs, 12,000
17 construction jobs, and over third 3,000 permanent
18 jobs. But maybe importantly, educational
19 opportunities to connect to those jobs.
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21 I wanna thank the entire EDC team, I want to
22 thank the Council Land Use And Planning Division,
23 (TIMER CHIMES) and I want to thank Pat and Ben from
24 my office. I'm so excited about this project, and I
25 urge everyone to vote aye. Thanks so much.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
3 Member Joseph.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you, Majority Leader
5 and good afternoon.

6 Today is a proud day for student journalism in
7 New York City. With the passage of Introduction 1057,
8 a reporting bill requiring the Department of
9 Education to issue an annual report detailing which
10 schools offer journalism courses, student
11 publication, and journalism clubs.

12 Here in New York City, we're taking a major step
13 toward expanding access to journalism courses, clubs,
14 and student publications across our public high
15 schools.

16 As a forever educator, I've seen firsthand the
17 power of student journalism. It teaches young people
18 to think critically, ask tough questions, and engage
19 with the world around them. A free and thriving press
20 is fundamental to our democracy, and that foundation
21 starts in our classrooms.

22 I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Youth
23 Journalism Coalition who are here in the Chambers
24 with us today. Your tireless advocacy, your passion,
25 and your belief in the power of student voices have

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2 been instrumental in making this legislation a
3 reality. Because of your work, more students across
4 this city will have the opportunity to develop their
5 skills and their stories and participate in the
6 essential work of journalism.

7 On another note, I'd like to take a moment to
8 recognize the students from iMentor NYC who are
9 visiting with us today. iMentor has been doing
10 incredible work since 1999, helping high school
11 juniors and seniors navigate their educational
12 journey, particularly in title one schools. The
13 program impact speaks for itself - 81% of iMentor
14 students enroll in college, and they are 30% more
15 likely to complete their college degrees than their
16 peers. That is the power of mentorship.

17 I want to acknowledge the Executive Director
18 Scott Millstein and the 12 students from Information
19 Technology High School and my colleague's, Council
20 Member Won's district, who are here today to learn
21 more about how their government works. To all of you,
22 thank you for being here, and I hope today inspires
23 you to stay engaged and involved in shaping the
24 future of our city.

2 The passage of Introduction 1057 is a testament
3 of what is possible when young people advocate
4 policymakers to come together for a common cause.
5 Let's continue to invest in our students, uplift
6 (TIMER CHIMES) their voice, and ensure that every
7 young person in New York City has the opportunity to
8 thrive. Thank you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Seeing no one else signed
10 up to speak, Report of Special Committees?

11 CLERK: None.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Reports of Standing
13 Committees?

14 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Consumer and
15 Worker Protection, Intros 888-A and 901-A, Deed Theft
16 Protections and Homeowner Support.

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

19 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Criminal
20 Justice, Introductions 735-B and 792-A, Reporting of
21 sexual abuse and harassment in City jails.

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

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2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Education,
3 Introductions 432-A and 1057-A, Afterschool and
4 Student Journalism Program.

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

7 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance,
8 Preconsidered Resolution 732, Transparency
9 Resolution.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

11 CLERK: Preconsidered LU 232 and Resolution 749
12 and Preconsidered LU 233 and Resolution 750, Tax
13 Exceptions?

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

15 CLERK: M 100 and Resolution 751, budget
16 modifications.

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

18 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use, LU
19 207 and Resolution 752, Jacob Day Residence.

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

21 CLERK: LUs 208 through 213, various applications.

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with Modifications and
23 Referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to
24 Section 197-(d) of the New York City Charter.

2 CLERK: LU 214 and Resolution 753 through LU 216
3 and Resolution 755, 455 First Avenue.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

5 CLERK: LU 217 and Resolution 756 through LU 224
6 and Resolution 763, SPARC Kips Bay.

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

8 CLERK: LU 229 and Resolution 764 and LU 230 and
9 Resolution 765, 22-03 14th Avenue Rezoning.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

11 CLERK: LU 231 and Resolution 766, 9-39 Van Dam
12 Street Demapping.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Motion to Disapprove.

14 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Technology,
15 Introduction 138-A, Public Service Announcements in
16 American sign language.

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

19 CLERK: Introduction 646-A, Next Generation 911.

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

22 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Transportation
23 and Infrastructure, Introductions 552-A and 1160-A,
24 street resurfacing and pavement markings.

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

4 CLERK: General Orders Calendar, LU 208 and
5 Resolution 767 and LU 209 and Resolution 768-A, 2185
6 Coyle Street.

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

8 CLERK: LU 210 and Resolution 769 and LU 211 and
9 Resolution 770, 438 Concord Avenue.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

11 CLERK: Resolution appointing various persons
12 Commissioner of Deeds.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

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

16 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

18 CLERK: Thank you.

19 Council Member Avilés?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

21 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

22 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye on all, except LU 214

7 and Resolution 753, LU 215 and Resolution 754, and LU

8 216 and Resolution 755. I'm abstaining on those.

9 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member, one moment.

10 Council Member Brooks-Powers?

11 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Aye on all. I'd like

12 to congratulate everyone passing a bill today.

13 CLERK: Sorry... thank you.

14 Council Member Cabán?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye on all.

16 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: No on Preconsidered

18 Resolution 732 and aye on the rest.

19 CLERK: Thank you.

20 Council Member De La Rosa?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all.

22 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

2 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: (PARENTAL)

4 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all with the
8 exception of Resolution 732, which I vote no.

9 CLERK: Thank you.

10 Council Member Hudson?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all.

14 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye on all.

16 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

20 CLERK: Thank you.

21 Council Member Marmorato?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye on all with
23 the exemption of Resolution 732, I vote no.

24 CLERK: Thank you.

25 Council Member Marte?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye on all.

5 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

7 CLERK: Thank you.

8 Council Member Narcisse?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I vote aye.

10 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye, and I just want
12 to give a appreciation to Council Members Rivera and
13 Stevens on their two bills. I know they were
14 reporting bills, and a measure for electronic
15 management system to track (TIMER CHIMES) sexual
16 assault and violence, but ,you know, Council Member
17 Rivera has done a lot of work to advance that issue
18 in the Criminal Justice Committee, and Council Member
19 Stevens has been a real great partner on holding the
20 City accountable for the over 500 cases of sexual
21 assault that have been filed by people who were
22 violated while they were in our juvenile facilities,
23 and also for the 700 people who were violated in our
24 City jails, with no formal apology from our City. So,
25 thank you for advancing these bills.

2 I vote aye on all.

3 CLERK: Thank you.

4 Council Member Ossé?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye on all.

6 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

7 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: I vote aye on all, except
8 for Resolution 732, in which I vote no.

9 CLERK: Thank you.

10 Council Member Powers?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I vote aye.

12 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

16 CLERK: Council Member Salaam

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

18 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

20 CLERK: Thank you.

21 Council Member Sanchez?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Permission to explain my
23 vote?

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

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1 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you, Majority
2 Leader.
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4 Today's vote includes an approval of an Article
5 XI Exemption that will help finance gut renovations
6 in five sites in my district, preserving 173 units of
7 affordable housing for decades to come, with more
8 than 80% set aside for deeply affordable housing, and
9 housing for formally homeless individuals.

10 For some context, for many years, these buildings
11 were part of a notorious cluster site approach to
12 housing families experiencing homelessness. These
13 sites were run by negligent landlords who exploited
14 their tenants for maximum profit until they were
15 purchased by the de Blasio Administration in 2021.
16 They were being run into the ground. This is the
17 reason why the scope of work here is a total gut
18 rehab.

19 As the rehabilitation work progresses, my office
20 will receive regular updates from the development
21 team on rehab status, but I wanted to point out this
22 is an example of something that we want to do city
23 wide.

24 Citywide, it is essential the we devise a long
25 term solution for New York City's most distressed

2 buildings, which my legislation, the Housing Rescue
3 and Resident Protection Act, Introduction 1063 does -
4 1063 is an overhaul of the program previously known
5 as the Third Party Transfer Program, and I encourage
6 my colleagues to sign in on in order to give New York
7 City its most powerful tool to hold the worse
8 landlords accountable.

9 I want to thank Marvin from HPD for answering all
10 of our questions on this Article XI, uh, Josh
11 Stevenson from West Bronx Housing, and, of course,
12 Neighborhood Restoring, MBD Mid Bronx Desperados, and
13 my team members Ben Ratner and Gerard Fernandez for
14 their work on this project, thank you.

15 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.

16 Council Member Schulman?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye

18 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

20 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

22 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all, except no on
24 Resolution 732.

25 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

1 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye on all.

2 CLERK: Council Member Won?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all.

4 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

7 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: No on Preconsidered
8 Resolution 732 and aye on all the rest.

9 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.

11 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

12 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye on all, with particular
13 thanks to Council Members Rivera and Stevens on the
14 two DOC bills. Long time coming, congratulations.

15 (PAUSE)

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All items on today's
17 General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 48 in
18 the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0
19 abstentions; with the exception of LUs 214, 215, 216,
20 and accompanying Resolutions, which were adopted by a
21 vote of 47 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and
22 one abstention; and Resolution 732, which was adopted
23 by a vote of 42 in the affirmative, 6 in the
24 negative, and 0 abstentions.
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2 (PAUSE)

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Introduction and Reading
4 of Bills?

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

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. There are no
8 Resolutions on today's Calendar, so we will now move
9 into General Discussion.

10 I would like to first recognize Council Member
11 Schulman, followed by Council Member Banks, then
12 Council Member Salaam.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you, Majority
14 Leader.

15 Today, I'm introducing Preconsidered Introduction
16 Number 1194, which would update the eligibility
17 language for HASA services to include any person with
18 HIV, which will expand current coverage.

19 It is important to recognize the immense progress
20 that has been made over the years in addressing the
21 HIV/AIDS epidemic. It is equally essential to
22 acknowledge that this progress is fragile and
23 requires sustained commitment.

24 The federal government plays a central role in
25 funding HIV/AIDS services through programs like the

1 Ryan White HIV/Aids program, and it is unclear how
2 reliable these funding sources will be in the future.

3 HASA has been a lifeline, Sorry... HASA has been
4 a lifeline for thousands of New Yorkers living with
5 HIV and AIDS. It provides critical services from
6 housing assistance to medical care and case
7 management ensuring that individuals can live with
8 dignity, respect, and access to the treatment they
9 deserve.
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11 The HIV/AIDS crisis is far from over, and as long
12 as New Yorkers continue to live with HIV and grow
13 older, we must continue to support them with a robust
14 and reliable response. So please join me in
15 sponsoring this important legislation. Thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
17 Member Banks, followed Council Member Salaam, then
18 Council Member Brewer.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Thank you, Majority Leader.

20 Today, I'm proud to introduce two Resolutions
21 that aim to uplift and promote the voices and lived
22 experience of public housing residents under RAD/PACT
23 conversions.

24 Resolution 730 calls on the New York State
25 Legislature to pass legislation to conduct a

1 comprehensive study on the impacts of the RAD/PACT
2 Program on tenant rights, security, and community,
3 well-being.
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5 While this program was designed to revitalize
6 public housing, residents have reported increased
7 rents, high eviction rates, unresolved maintenance
8 issues, and deteriorating living conditions.

9 A thorough study is essential to understand these
10 impacts and ensure that tenant protections remain a
11 top priority. Resolution 731 one calls on the State
12 Legislature to implement a more robust resident
13 engagement and voting process at each NYCHA
14 development considering RAD/PACT conversion.

15 There was a lack of engagement, education, and
16 transparency from both NYCHA and the new private
17 management companies surrounded the conversion
18 decision and process. Our public housing residents
19 deserve a process that gives them a real meaningful
20 voice in decisions that have an immense impact on
21 their homes and communities. These resolutions are
22 crucial in advocating for our city's public housing
23 residents.

24 Together, these resolutions will help create a
25 system where the voices of NYCHA residents are not

1 just heard, but prioritized in shaping the future of
2 their homes. This legislation is especially timely
3 as the number of NYCHA apartment units converting to
4 PACT is expected to increase with NYCHA's stated goal
5 being the inclusion of 62,000 apartments into the
6 PACT Program by 2028.

8 As chair of the Public Housing Committee, I urge
9 all my colleagues to stand with me and support these
10 resolutions. I want to thank Council Members Won,
11 Hanks, Ayala, Narcisse, and Brooks-Powers for their
12 support on these resolutions. I look forward to
13 continuing to work together in prioritizing the
14 voices of public housing residents in New York City.

15 (TIMER CHIMES) Thank you so much.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
17 Member Salaam, followed by Council Member Brewer,
18 Council Member Rivera, and Council Member Zhuang.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Thank you, Madam Majority
20 Leader, and thank you, Madam Speaker, for your
21 remarks.

22 Far too often homeowners, especially middle class
23 families, find themselves facing construction related
24 violations without even knowing that a permit was
25 required for the work being done on their property.

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2 When safety issues arise because of these unknowns,
3 tenants often face life endangering consequences.

4 Introduction 1193-2025 seeks to change that by
5 requiring contractors to provide clear written notice
6 to homeowners about the necessary permits for a
7 project, the process for obtaining them, and how to
8 verify their compliance before any work begins.

9 This legislation will help protect homeowners
10 from predatory contractors, protect tenants from
11 unsafe structures, ensure work is being done by
12 licensed professionals, and ultimately strengthen the
13 integrity and safety of our city's infrastructure.

14 By increasing transparency and accountability, we
15 are safeguarding our homes, empowering homeowners to
16 make informed decisions, and their properties for the
17 benefit of their tenants and ensuring jobs are being
18 created for licensed professionals who are often
19 unionized.

20 I'm also introducing two Resolutions today,
21 Resolution 0743 and Resolution 0742 - The first is in
22 support of the Earned Time Act, which expands merit
23 based time credits for incarcerated individuals who
24 engage in education, incarcerated individuals who
25 engage in vocational training and rehabilitation

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2 programs as well, helping to lower recidivism and
3 provide pathways for successful reentry.

4 The second, is in support of the Mayfield Act,
5 which eliminates mandatory minimum sentences and
6 restores judicial discretion in sentencing, ensuring
7 that justice is fair, not dictated by rigid laws that
8 have disproportionately harmed Black and brown
9 communities.

10 I want to also thank (TIMER CHIMES) as I wrap, I
11 just want to also thank my Legislative Director,
12 Mufazzal Hossain, for his tireless dedication in the
13 City Council's legislation staff and for the
14 invaluable assistance, and for my colleagues who have
15 already expressed their support for these measures. I
16 urge all of my colleagues to support these efforts as
17 we work towards a safer, fairer and just New York...

18 (CROSS-TALK)

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Council
20 Member.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Thanks.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I would like to recognize
23 Council Member Brewer, followed by Council Member
24 Rivera, then Council Member Zhuang, and then,
25 Majority Whip Brooks-Powers.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much.

2 I'm supporting Intro 734, Prison Safety is Public
3 Safety: Robert Brooks Transparency and
4 Accountability. It's a legislative package in Albany
5 introduced by State Senator Julia Salazar. And I want
6 to thank the governor for her strong response to the
7 murder of Mr. Brooks and her intention to work with
8 the legislature on reforms. These bills create the
9 framework.
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11 One would authorize the commissioner to fire
12 officers for violence and serious misconduct, now the
13 decision to terminate is made by an outside
14 arbitrator selected by the Correction Officers Union;
15 also, another bill would establish the Office of
16 Correctional Ombudsman; another bill would strengthen
17 the Correctional Association of New York. Currently,
18 staff can't even enter a prison for inspection
19 without giving 72 hours notice.

20 I also want to say this hopefully is a catalyst
21 for change, and I want to thank Mr. Robert Ricks, the
22 father, for making this a priority for, making sure
23 that the prisons are run in a way that is fair to
24 everybody. We do need also a Special Prosecutor.
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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
3 Member Rivera, followed by Council Member Zhuang,
4 then Majority Whip Brooks-Powers.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you.

6 Today I'm introducing a resolution celebrating
7 the extraordinary life and contributions of Judith
8 Jamison, the renowned dancer, choreographer, and
9 former artistic director of the Alvin Ailey American
10 Dance Theater who passed away on November 9, 2024 at
11 the age of 81.

12 The resolution designates May 10th annually as
13 Judith Jamison Day in New York City commemorating her
14 profound influence on dance and culture. Judith
15 Jamison was a visionary artist and leader who left an
16 indelible mark on our city and the world. Her
17 commitment to excellence raised a new generation of
18 brilliant artists and elevated modern dance to new
19 heights. I encourage you to sign on in support, and I
20 want to thank my team and committee staff for their
21 support. Thank you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
23 Member Zhuang, followed by Majority Leader Brooks-
24 Powers (sic) (* Majority Whip Brooks-Powers), then
25 Minority Whip Paladino, and Council Member Stevens.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Thank you, Madam Majority
2 leader.
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4 Today, Council Member Farah Louis and I will
5 introduce a bill, Intro 1186. This bill will require
6 the Department of Sanitation to conduct a study
7 regarding the accommodations for religious practice
8 that conflict with set-out time for garbage.

9 First, I would like to thank Council Member Farah
10 Louis for her sponsorship of this legislation and her
11 partnership on this important issue.

12 As we all know, New York City is a melting po,
13 filled with people from many religious backgrounds.
14 It is part of why New York City is so great. We
15 should respect everyone's religion and their beliefs
16 and the customs. Any policy that could force a person
17 to go against their own religious practice cannot be
18 a good policy. Current rule in sanitation, garbage
19 must be put out after 6:00 p.m. (INAUDIBLE) It is
20 against some religions. For example, the Jewish
21 community has limited activities after sundown by
22 their religious observations. In my district, large
23 numbers of Jewish neighbors got tickets from
24 Sanitation because of this reason. Forcing people to
25 choose between their religious beliefs or paying

2 hundreds of dollars in fines is unfair and puts a
3 financial burden on those hardworking families.

4 This is why I'm sponsoring this bill to get
5 Sanitation to conduct a study and look into
6 accommodations for different religious groups. Our
7 city should do better to respect all the religions.

8 Again, I would like to thank Council Member Farah
9 Louis for letting me be a prime cosponsor of this
10 legislation, and I urge all my council member
11 colleagues to sign on and support this bill. Thank
12 you.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Majority Whip
14 Brooks-Powers.

15 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you.

16 Today, I'm introducing Resolution 735 calling on
17 the MTA to conduct a comprehensive, ongoing study on
18 the environmental, economic, and social impacts of
19 congestion pricing throughout New York City.

20 Congestion pricing is a major policy initiative
21 that has already begun to have profound effects on
22 our city. As congestion pricing continues, we must
23 focus on how this policy impacts our entire city,
24 particularly working class and outer borough
25 communities. A robust longitudinal study would allow

1 us to assess the long term impact of congestion
2 pricing, including traffic displacement, air quality
3 improvements, and economic shifts across
4 neighborhoods.

5 Data driven policy making is essential to
6 refining and improving this initiative over time. I
7 urge the Council to support this resolution and call
8 on the MTA to commit to transparency, accountability,
9 and fairness as congestion pricing continues to move
10 forward. Thank you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Minority Whip
12 Paladino.

13 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Good afternoon,
14 everybody. Today, I'm honored to introduce Resolution
15 739, which urges the State Legislature to pass and
16 the Governor to sign legislation that ensures the
17 children and siblings of sanitation workers who lost
18 their lives as a result of the World Trade Center
19 attack to receive the same and additional credit on
20 competitive civil service examinations as their
21 families of other first responders. This is a
22 bipartisan effort with strong support from state
23 assemblyman Sam Berger as well as my colleagues here
24 in Council.

1 Our sanitation workers played a critical role in
2 the aftermath of these attacks, demonstrating the
3 same courage and sacrifice as other first responders.
4 Their families deserve the same recognition and
5 opportunities. By passing this resolution, we
6 reaffirm our commitment to fairness and honor the
7 memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. I
8 urge my colleagues to please join me in supporting
9 this important measure. I'd like to add this State
10 Assembly update. This bill was successfully voted out
11 of Committee this week. The bill is named after
12 Ignacio Giacalone who passed away from a 9/11 related
13 illness. When this was brought to my attention, it
14 was rather sad to see that they were not... their
15 families were not being treated in the same way. So
16 I'd like you all to please consider this resolution,
17 uh, the families need this support. Thank you very
18 much.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
21 Member Stevens, followed by Council Member Cabán,
22 then Council Member Carr, Council Member Nurse, and
23 Council Member Hanif.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Good afternoon. I'm
25 really excited about introducing Resolution 744,

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2 which calls for the New York State Legislation and
3 the Governor to establish a Commission on African
4 American history and achievements.

5 This commission will ensure that our
6 contributions are not just remembered, but deeply
7 integrated into the education and policies.

8 I want to recognize my colleagues at the state
9 level, Assemblymembers Anderson and Jackson for
10 championing this effort. This bill is about is more
11 than just policy, it is about preserving our history
12 and protecting our people and securing our future.
13 Because if we don't stand together, we will allow
14 others to control our narrative. And so I'm really
15 excited to be introducing this, and, again, happy
16 Black History Month.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
18 Member Cabán, followed by Council Member Carr,
19 Council Member Nurse, then Council Member Hanif.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Today, I'm proud to
21 introduce a resolution with my colleagues, Council
22 Members Lynn Schulman and Shahana Hanif calling to
23 fully fund a mental health solution. We're calling on
24 New York State to increase funding for assertive
25 community treatment teams or ACT teams, an evidence

1 based community oriented around the clock mental
2 health treatment program.

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4 ACT teams are a multidisciplinary group of mental
5 health professionals who provide intensive community
6 based treatment and support to individuals with
7 severe and persistent mental illnesses. They offer
8 services directly in homes and communities, often
9 including 24/7 access to support and crisis
10 intervention. And it works. ACT teams help people
11 with severe mental illness become independent and
12 stay in their communities. But ACT teams are
13 currently under resourced and understaffed. This data
14 driven solution should be funded and scaled to tackle
15 the magnitude of our mental health crisis.

16 So thank you to both of my cosponsors, and I ask
17 my colleagues in the Council to sign on to this
18 resolution for the health and safety of New Yorkers.
19 Thank you.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
21 Member Carr, followed by Council Member Nurse, then
22 Council Member Hanif.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Thank you, Majority Leader.
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2 I just want to say a couple of words about our
3 now former colleague, Joe Borelli, who left over the
4 last couple of weeks from this body.

5 I met Joe in 2011 when we were staffers to
6 different elected officials. And the following year,
7 he asked me to be the campaign manager of his first
8 bid for office. And Joe set early the tone for the
9 kind of public figure he would be. While we were out
10 campaigning at a grocery store in the South Shore, a
11 voter refused an outstretched palm card from him. And
12 as he was walking away, said in typical Staten Island
13 style, "I don't like politicians". And without
14 skipping a beat, Joe responded, "I don't like you".
15 And here I was, first day on the job, thinking this
16 guy already got me in the middle of a fight. And the
17 voter turned and stretched out his hand and said,
18 "You're real, you got my vote." And Joe, in a moment,
19 turned on its head everything I thought I knew about
20 voter contact and voter engagement. And that's what
21 he continued to do for the rest of his career. He was
22 always true to who he was. He always spoke eloquently
23 with a wit that was both equal parts zinging and
24 endearing. He fought with colleagues across the
25 aisle. He worked with colleagues across the aisle,

2 and he achieved so much in championing his native
3 South Shore and the borough that we both call home.
4 And he found a way to give voice, on a scale
5 unprecedented from those before him to the concerns
6 and principles of Republicans across the city and
7 even, I would say, the region. And he became a leader
8 in every sense of the word. And I certainly miss
9 having him here in the halls of government, but I'm
10 privileged to have him as a friend in life. And I
11 wish him, his wife Rachel, and his two sons nothing
12 but the best as he embarks on his next chapter. Thank
13 you.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
15 Member Nurse.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you, Majority Leader.

17 Today, I'm introducing Introduction 1191, which
18 refers to the 2010e Application, which is how New
19 York City determines supportive housing eligibility.

20 Completing the application can take months and in
21 the most extreme cases, a year. It requires various
22 documentation including proof of identity, medication
23 and hospitalization history, proof of homelessness, a
24 psychiatric evaluation, and more. It's a months long
25 process that does not account for other wait times in

1 the placement process and can act as an
2 administrative burden at best and at worst a
3 deterrent for prospective tenants.
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5 To state the obvious, it should not take this
6 long to fill out the Supportive Housing Application,
7 and we should make it as easy as possible to get into
8 supportive housing. This is why I'm introducing Intro
9 1191 to evaluate and simplify the 2010e Supportive
10 Housing Application where possible.

11 This bill would require the City to identify
12 which elements of the application are also required
13 by city, state, and federal governments through law,
14 funding agreements, or other regulations and would
15 eliminate any City created barriers that prolong the
16 application process.

17 This bill is certainly not a silver bullet and
18 cannot single handedly cut all the red tape standing
19 in the way of a potential robust housing first
20 program, but I hope and am confident we can eliminate
21 barriers when and where possible to ensure people can
22 get into supportive housing faster.

23 And I want to thank, my staff member, Ryan
24 Hickey, who has really worked on this for over a
25 year, and I also thank many of the supportive housing

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advocates and providers who informed on it and helped develop it. And I ask my colleagues to consider it and sign on. Thank you very much.

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council Member Hanif.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you.

Today, I'm proud to be introducing Intro 1182, the Tip Theft Prevention Act with Council Members Nurse and De La Rosa. If passed, the legislation would ensure food service workers receive a daily report that details the tips that customers issued to them. These daily reports would be a critical transparency measure that ensures workers receive the money they've earned.

This bill originated when workers of a local establishment in my district informed my Constituent Services Team that their boss was stealing tips customers made via credit and debit cards.

Upon learning that this issue has been a growing problem industry-wide, due to the increased prevalence of digital payment and tipping platforms, we work with labor organizations, including One Fair Wage and Workers United to develop this legislation.

2 The Tip Theft Prevention Act also responds to
3 illegal union busting tactics that Starbucks recently
4 used in New York City. In order to dissuade workers
5 from organizing, they implemented the option for
6 customers to tip by card at all of their nonunion
7 stores nationwide, while stripping the option to tip
8 by card at *all* unionized stores.

9 The Tip Theft Prevention Act would outlaw this
10 tactic by proactively requiring all businesses that
11 employ tipped workers and accept payment for food and
12 drink via card to also accept tips via card. I
13 encourage my colleagues to sign on as a cosponsor.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Council
15 Members.

16 Seeing no one else signed up to speak --
17 recognizing Council Member Narcisse.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I just have one
19 sentence, thank you, Majority Leader and Speaker.
20 Intro 1190, we are always wondering about cyber
21 security, so look it up, and please sign on, thank
22 you.

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

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SPEAKER ADAMS: My pleasure. The Stated Meeting of
February 13, 2025 is hereby adjourned. Thank you,
colleagues. (Gaveling Out)

C E R T I F I C A T E

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



Date February 24, 2025