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Carmen Farina, Former Chancellor

Iyanla Vanzant, renowned speaker, author,
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Bradley.)

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SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: So what we are

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going to do. If shh, shh, if members could come up.

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Yes. Yes. She's great. So if we could ask the

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amazing former Chancellor Carmen Farina to come up.

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Today we are honoring in our ceremonials the former

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Chancellor of the New York City Public School System.

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She is tan, she is relaxed. She is wearing the same

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slippers that I have at home. We are honoring her

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for her decades of service. Shh, for her decades of

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service and contributions to over 1 million New York

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City Children who have attended our public schools in

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five boroughs. She helped launched Pre-K for All and

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Equity and Excellent for All. Her work will continue

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and resonate with parents and students who go through

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the New York City School System. Before I ask the

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clerk uhm to read the proclamation I want to ask our

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Education Chair, Council Member Mark Treyger to say a

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few words and if Council Member Dromm the former

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chair of the Education Committee wants to say a few

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words as well and then we will have the amazing

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Chancellor speak after the proclamation has been

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2 read. So to our Education Chair, Council Member
3 Treyger.

4 MARK TREYGER: Thank you Speaking Johnson
5 and I also want to thank the Finance Chair, the
6 Honorary always Education Chair Daniel Dromm and to
7 my colleagues, to friends and to Chancellor Carmen
8 Farina. I wanted to say very briefly, I will never
9 forget sitting in a Brooklyn College Grad School
10 Class in the evening when I was going for my Masters
11 Degree to be a Certified Educator and the news broke
12 that former, former, former Chancellor Kathy Black
13 was appointed and how demoralized, how discouraged
14 teachers in that classroom felt saying a person who
15 never spent a day in a classroom, teaching, walking
16 visiting schools was heading up the largest school
17 system in the country. And as a former teacher, I
18 have to say some of the most powerful moments in
19 schools cannot be measured on a report card, cannot
20 be measured on a snap shot, whatever they call them
21 these days, friends. (laughing). Cannot be measured
22 on Mosel (SP?). The moment that Mayor de Blasio
23 appointed Carmen Farina as Chancellor of the New York
24 City School System, that was a significant turning
25 point for our children, for educators and for our

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2 communities. That is a significant turning point.
3 (applauding and cheering). She significantly and I
4 say this because I still speak to educators, I still
5 work with them. She significantly raised the morale,
6 the dignity, the pride to work in the greatest school
7 system in the country and in the world and she always
8 led by example. I read, I read her book. She always
9 modeled the type of leadership that she wanted to see
10 in her schools. She visited literally I think every
11 single school in our system, visible, accessible,
12 responsive, champion of the Arts and Music in our
13 schools when they were being ignored for far too long
14 (applause). Made sure that, yeah and she was a
15 Social Studies fan (cheering), that is correct. I
16 was going to get there. How validating it was to
17 have a Chancellor visit schools and say that your
18 language, your culture matter to me. They matter to
19 our community, they matter to our city because for
20 far too long these critical things, critical issues
21 in schools were being ignored and neglected so
22 Chancellor Carmen Farina is a champion for public
23 education, a champion here in New York City. I will
24 forever be grateful for her leadership, her impact,
25 she, she climbed the ranks, teacher, principal,

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2 superintendant, deputy Chancellor, Chancellor and I,
3 she, she impacted my career and so I just want to say
4 Chancellor on behalf of my colleagues and of course
5 the Speaker who has been so supportive and and
6 Finance Chair Dromm, thank you, for your
7 extraordinary leadership, the example that you have
8 set. You are one of the best Chancellors that we
9 have ever had, period, period. (cheering). You are
10 a national model. You have raised the bar, thank you
11 and congratulations.

12 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I want to thank
13 Council Member Treyger for really holding back today.
14 (laughter) Being very mild and introverted and not
15 telling us how he really feels, we are used to that
16 with the Chair of the Education Committee, our
17 Finance Chair and former Chair of the Education
18 Committee Council Member Dromm.

19 DANIEL DROMM: Thank you so much Mr.
20 Speaker and thank you uhm Chairman Mark Treyger as
21 well and I had, I was fortunate enough to have spent
22 four years as the Education Chair person uhm when
23 Carmen Farina was the Chancellor of the New York City
24 Public School System. And I spent 25 years in the
25 Public School System before being elected to the City

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2 Council and I had 12 Chancellors before Carmen Farina
3 in those 25 years and I have to say you were the best
4 (cheering) and Mark has said so much of about why you
5 were the best but one word that I think that he did
6 leave out besides bringing back dignity to the
7 schools which is exactly what you did and as a former
8 teacher the moment the announced that you were going
9 to be Chancellor I felt dignity in teaching and
10 having been a teacher again but the other word that I
11 think was so important to your tenure here in the
12 Public School System was collaboration. And you
13 really believe in collaboration rather than
14 competition in our school system and that you put
15 throughout the whole system and I think that's why
16 you had a such a successful tenure here in New York
17 City and throughout your whole career that has always
18 been what you have really, really, really done. Uhm
19 and I also want to give you a very big, personal
20 thank you as well for what you did for LGBT students.
21 You were the first Chancellor to take on that issue,
22 head on and make sure that those lessons are taught
23 to our kids and that you really put the true meaning
24 about respect for all. You said respect for all and
25 you meant all. And I'm very, very grateful to you

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2 for what you did for our LGBT students. Chancellor,
3 thank you very, very much. You will always be a
4 Chancellor to me. Thank you. (applause).

5 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: And I will ask
6 the City Clerk to please read the proclamation.

7 CITY CLERK: Council City of New York
8 Proclamation. The Council of the City of New York
9 is proud to honor Carmen Farina for her stellar
10 service in leadership as Chancellor of the largest
11 school system in the nature and the New York City
12 Department of Education. The daughter of Spanish
13 immigrants, Ms. Farina was the first in her family to
14 graduate from college. After earning her
15 undergraduate degree from NYU she earned Master's
16 Degrees from Brooklyn College, Fordham and Pace
17 Universities and were as proud of Ms. Farina's
18 appointment as Chancellor in January 2014. She had
19 already spent decades working at nearly every level
20 in New York City Public Schools. She launched her
21 career as a teacher at PS29 in Cobble Hill Brooklyn,
22 later rising to become a Principal at Manhattan's PS6
23 and the superintendant of Brooklyn's District 15. In
24 2004, she was appointed Deputy Chancellor for
25 Teaching and Learning and later went on to become a

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2 vocal advocate outside of government for
3 comprehensive early education and parental
4 involvement in school policy. Throughout her 52 year
5 career, she has consistently demonstrated her
6 unwavering commitment to helping students, teachers,
7 and principals excel and work toward the progressive
8 changes needed to support public school students in
9 every neighborhood and where as the New York City
10 School Chancellor is educating 1.1 million students
11 in more than 1,800 schools. It is an incredibly
12 demanding position with no recess yet Ms. Farina both
13 welcomed and met that challenge from the start. She
14 launched Pre-K for All delivering free full day, high
15 quality, pre-kindergarten to nearly 70,000 4-year-
16 olds a year. More than triple the number enrolled in
17 the prior years and where as today Ms. Farina's
18 Equity and Excellent for All Agenda continues to put
19 K-12 students on the path to college and meaningful
20 careers. These include programs to ensure that every
21 student is reading on grade level by the end of
22 second grade, all 8th graders have access to Algebra
23 classes and all schools offer 21st Century Computer
24 Science Instruction. She brought the Community
25 Schools Model to 230 schools to support students

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2 academically, socially and emotionally. Upon her
3 retirement, Ms. Farina can be proud knowing that her
4 work will continue to strengthen public schools
5 citywide and resonant within the minds of students,
6 parents, teachers and alumni. Now therefore be it
7 known that the Council of the City of New York
8 gratefully honors Carmen Farina for her outstanding
9 service and contributions to academic excellent in
10 New York City Public Schools throughout the five
11 boroughs. Corey Johnson, speaker for the entire
12 Council, Mark Treyger, Chair Committee on Education,
13 Brad Lander, Council Member 39th District Brooklyn
14 and many other members of the City Council.
15 (applause and cheering).

16 CARMEN FARINA: Uhm, well, thank you and
17 just keep in mind retirement doesn't mean you died,
18 it simply means you are slowing, you are slowing down
19 a little uhm and if I also look at all of you there
20 isn't almost any one of you that I haven't had a
21 personal connection to at some point and I'm going to
22 be calling on you because we have unfinished
23 business. Yet, and you know also so to me
24 collaboration wasn't just with uhm with teachers and
25 principals also with the City Council. You know

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2 together we can move mountains and if there is any
3 advice that I can give at this point it's stay
4 focused on the kids. Sometimes in politics and in
5 decision making it is easy to be pushed in a certain
6 direction but what's best for kids is really what we
7 need to stay focused on. So I'm still out there
8 visiting schools, uhm and trying to see what I can do
9 to help but it's been a real privilege to be an
10 educator in New York City and I couldn't have done it
11 without the support of a lot of people in this room,
12 so thank you. (applause and cheering).

13 COREY JOHNSON: Oh ooh, I'm so sorry. So
14 the next, the next ceremonial is going to be
15 presented by shh, shh, shh, shh, shh, is going to be
16 presented by Council Member Inez Barron and it's for
17 Iyanla Vanzant (applause and cheering). Honor, it's
18 going to honor the life of a speaker and author and a
19 life coach. The host of the Hit Show Iyanla: Fix My
20 Life. (Applause). We need to talk. I need you some
21 days around here, for her extraordinary service and
22 achievements. She has overcome hardships in her own
23 life only to persevere and use those experiences to
24 help countless others apply spirituality to obtain
25 inner peace, I need some of that and to live their

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2 best life. So I want to turn it over to Council
3 Member Inez Barron and then we will have the City
4 Clerk read the proclamation and then we would love to
5 hear from you.

6 INEZ BARRON: Thank you Mr. Speaker. So
7 I'm so pleased that we were able to come to this day.
8 It was initially scheduled earlier and the weather
9 was terrible for that day. We even didn't have
10 Stated that day because of the weather but here we
11 are, we were able to readjust our schedules to make
12 this a reality. So most of you know, Sister Iyanla
13 from the great work that she does that's been
14 publicized but you may not know that she didn't just
15 pop up and get there. She overcome a lot of personal
16 adversities in her life, overcame a lot of obstacles,
17 hardships and personal familial losses, but she
18 persevered and she went through all of that. She was
19 also a dance instructor as one of our other Coun...
20 as, as, as, yes, Council Member, right, uhm Samuel is
21 going to attest to. Going back to when we were all
22 much younger and she is also very conscious in terms
23 of the struggle of black people fighting for our
24 liberation, was supportive of so many black cultural
25 institutions and was very much involved in the

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2 education of our young people so I'm so pleased that
3 so many people are here, so pleased that she was
4 gracious enough to autograph some of the books that
5 you have brought with you and we are just so glad
6 that we have this opportunity to recognize her great
7 accomplishments. (Applause and cheering.)

8 COREY JOHNSON: We are going to ask.
9 (Cheering). We are going to ask the Clerk to call
10 the roll and then put on some Donna Summer afterwards
11 (laughing) so that we can dance. Mr. Clerk?

12 CLERK: Council, City of New York
13 Proclamation. Whereas in recognition of the ongoing
14 contributions made by women, the New York City
15 Council is proud to honor, renowned speaker, author,
16 talk show host and life coach, Iyanla Vanzant for
17 extraordinary service and achievements and whereas
18 Iyanla grew up in Brooklyn Public Housing and despite
19 a life filled with many unique challenges and
20 personal struggles she now only persevered but used
21 those obstacles to strengthen her character, faith
22 and resolve. She is a graduate of the City
23 University of New York, a lawyer, and a motivational
24 speaker, widely admired for using her past to help
25 others reach a better future. She is outspoken on

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2 the issues of domestic violence and whereas Iyanla
3 now has 15 published books including six New York
4 Times Best Sellers and frequently appears on TV and
5 on stage on tours across the country she uses humor
6 and straight talk to deliver her consistent message
7 of love, forgiveness and living ones best life and
8 whereas today Iyanla is the host and executive
9 producer of the hit show Iyanla: Fix My Life, the
10 top reality show on OWN, the Oprah Winfrey Network,
11 in each episode, Iyanla goes deep inside people's
12 lives and applies spiritual principals to help them
13 gain inner peace and healing. She is also the
14 founder of Inner Visions Worldwide and actively
15 engaged in personal development courses and ongoing
16 training programs for spiritual life coaches and
17 ordained ministers. Now therefore be it known that
18 the Council of the City of New York is very proud to
19 honor Iyanla Vanzant for extraordinary service and
20 achievements. Corey Johnson, speaker for the Insider
21 Council, Inez D. Barron, Council Member 42nd
22 District, Brooklyn, Margaret S. Chin, Co-Chair
23 Women's Caucus, Carlina Rivera, Co-Chair Women's
24 Caucus, Laurie A. Cumbo, Majority Leader, New York
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2 City Council and many other Council Members.

3 (applause and cheering).

4 IYANLA VANZANT: I am so uhm humbled
5 first of all to be a Brooklyn girl, to stand here
6 today and I stand here as an honor to my father,
7 Horace Lester Harris and my mother, Sahara Elizabeth
8 Jefferson and my grandmother Ritzi (SP?) Harris who
9 used to take me on the A train uptown to get on the
10 Harlem River Line where she went to Yonkers and White
11 Plains as a domestic to clean people's houses and to
12 cook for them in order to feed my brother and I. So
13 everything that I do I do in honor of the sacrifices
14 that my grandmother made. It was my grandmother who
15 took me in to Virginia and Carolina when we had to go
16 in the backdoors of places. It was my grandmother
17 who taught me even if I had to bow my head in front
18 of people of a different race that I was never to bow
19 in my spirit so I do everything in honor of my mother
20 and father who never lived to see me graduate from
21 high school and my grandmother who taught me what it
22 was to be a proud woman of color. She, of Dislaki
23 (SP?) Heritage which in the English tongue is
24 Cherokee and African-American born in the, on the
25 reservation in South Carolina, raised in Smithville,

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2 Virginia, taught me how to pick cotton in the summer
3 and shuck peas and pick tobacco so the lessens that I
4 learned from them are the things that I bring forward
5 into the modern day world so that the ancient meets
6 the modern in a way that leads to evolution of the
7 individual and of the community. So I accept this
8 and I thank you Council and Members, I thank you uhm
9 beloved Mamma Inez. Uhm for just noticing it is an
10 honor to me and it is my commitment and
11 responsibility to always stand in the world as a
12 demonstration of the power and the beauty of the
13 community I come from and the people that raised me
14 up so I thank you very much.

15 COREY JOHNSON: Okay we have one more
16 ceremonial today. If you could uhm it's uhm, so our
17 next ceremonial if folks could move out, if they are
18 going to leave or stay for this next ceremonial. We
19 are going to have an amazing teacher, Melissa
20 Salguero, from the Bronx (cheering) PS48, the Joseph
21 R. Drake Elementary School in the South Bronx located
22 as uhm as you are going to hear from her Council
23 Member, I'm not going to read his remarks but it is
24 located you know in one of the areas of our City with
25 the highest shh, shh, hey, shh, if folks could go

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2 outside. We have an amazing teacher here who is a
3 Grammy winner and we are so proud to honor her, she's
4 amazing (cheering) so I am so happy to have this
5 fabulous dedicated public servant and teacher from
6 the Boogie Down Bronx and I want to hand it over to
7 my friend and our Council Member, uhm Rafael
8 Salamanca and then we are going to have the Clerk
9 read the proclamation and hear from this wonderful
10 teacher.

11 RAFAEL SALAMANCA: Thank you Mr. Speaker.
12 So I am excited here, I am excited to be here today
13 with Ms. Melissa Salguero for her stellar service and
14 her distinguished accomplishments in the music
15 education. She has been working in PS48 since 2010
16 which uhm I'm sorry since 2010 at PS48 the Joseph
17 Drake Elementary School in the South Bronx which as
18 the speaker said is in one of the poorest
19 congressional districts in the nation. Ms. Salguero
20 began teaching at PS48, the school had no
21 instruments, no funding for a music program,
22 undeterred she created a music program from the
23 ground up with the help of Education through Music a
24 not for profit organization that partners with
25 schools to provide music as core subject for children

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2 and utilizes music education as a catalyst to improve
3 academic achievements, motivation and self-
4 confidence. Combining her passion for Music, Science
5 and Magic, Ms. Salguero uses hands on experiments and
6 demonstrations like carrot flutes and banana
7 keyboards to teach her students about music in an
8 interactive way. Her passion and compassion for
9 these students is infectious and she sparks a
10 lifelong love of learning in her students and
11 inspiring them to dream big, work hard and stay
12 focused. Over the years, Ms. Salguero has raised
13 over \$200,000 to fund new instruments, materials and
14 educational programming to ensure that none of her
15 students ever have to be excluded for the music
16 program because of a financial hardship. In 2013,
17 she was named the Lincoln Center Arts Teacher of the
18 Year (cheering). In 2014, PS48 was broken in to and
19 they stole all the musical instruments but she was
20 not deterred again and she was invited to the Ellen
21 DeGeneres show where she was given, her and her
22 students were given \$50,000 to replace those
23 instruments. She has been named one of the Bronx 25
24 Influential Women of 2017 and earlier this year the
25 Recording Academy and Grammy Foundation awarded her

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2 the prestigious 2018 Grammy Music Educator Award.
3 (Cheering). Congratulations Melissa.

4 COREY JOHNSON: Wonderful, we are, I got
5 the chills hearing that, literally I have goose
6 bumps. We are going to ask the Clerk to please read
7 the Proclamation that we want to hear from this
8 amazing teacher.

9 CLERK: Council, City of New York
10 Proclamation. Whereas the New York City Council is
11 proud to honor Melissa Salguero for her stellar
12 service and distinguished achievements in music
13 education and whereas since 2010, Ms. Salguero has
14 been teaching at PS48 Joseph R. Drake Elementary
15 School in the South Bronx. The school is located in
16 the poorest congressional district in the United
17 States, yet she has made her classroom a place where
18 creativity, curiosity, humor and hard work combine to
19 create a passion for learning, particularly in
20 regards to music and whereas when Ms. Salguero began
21 teaching at PS48, the school had no instruments nor
22 funding for its Music Program. Undeterred she
23 created a music program from the ground up with the
24 help of the Education through Music a not for profit
25 organization that partners with schools to provide

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2 music as a core subject for all children. It
3 utilizes music education as a catalyst to improve
4 academic achievement, motivation for school and self
5 confidence. And whereas combining her passion for
6 Music, Science and Magic Ms. Salguero plans hands on
7 experiments and demonstrations to teach her students
8 about how Music and Science are connected and adds
9 her Magic tricks as a bonus. She works tirelessly to
10 spark the love of life-long learning in her students,
11 to inspire them to dream big, work hard and stay
12 focused on their goals and whereas Ms. Salguero is
13 also a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, an organization
14 that promotes interactions among those who share a
15 commitment to music. She knows firsthand the
16 incredibly positive impact that Music Education can
17 have upon a young person's life. In addition to the
18 obvious, enjoyment of Music itself, school based
19 music education has been proven to help develop
20 language and reasoning skills, support memorization
21 to skills, improve the commitment to studying and to
22 work, increase coordination, help kids stay in
23 school, improve SAT scores, build imagination and
24 intellectual curiosity and whereas over the years,
25 Ms. Salguero has been awarded many grants and

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2 teaching awards that help ensure that none of her
3 students are excluded from the music program due to
4 financial hardships. She has been recognized for her
5 work on several memorable occasions. In 2013, she
6 was named that Lincoln Center Art Teacher of the
7 Year. After PS48 was broken in to on 2014, she and
8 her school were seen on the Ellen DeGeneres show.
9 She was named one of the Bronx 25 most influential
10 women in 2017 and whereas this year the Recording
11 Academy and Grammy Foundation bestowed the
12 prestigious 2018 Grammy Music Educator Award upon Ms.
13 Salguero and featured her on the award show
14 broadcast. She has truly excelled in her work and
15 earned the esteem of all New Yorkers. Now therefore
16 be it known that the New York City Council proudly
17 honors Melissa Salguero; Corey Johnson, speaker for
18 the entire council, Rafael Salamanca, Council Member
19 17th District Bronx, Andrew Cohen, Council Member 11th
20 District Bronx and many other Council Members.

21 COREY JOHNSON: Amazing. You are why our
22 City is so great because of people like you, the work
23 that you do every day in an unheralded way that
24 changes countless lives. I am so proud and honor to
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2 have you here today, congratulations, Melissa, we
3 would love to hear from you.

4 MELISSA SALGUERO: Thank you so much.

5 Don't worry, I'm not going to sing, okay.

6 (laughing). First of all thank you so much for
7 having me here and it is such an honor, I can't even,
8 when I started my teaching career, I, I could never
9 had predicted where I went and where I'm going
10 because it is not over. Uhm you know often times I
11 talk to my students about graduating and their
12 commencements and commencement means the beginning of
13 something, the beginning of their lives and my
14 students are at the very, very beginning of that and
15 what I'm teaching them through music are the skills
16 that are going to set them apart from everybody else.
17 They are going to be the leaders in our future and
18 they are going to do it and they are going to have
19 this passion for learning because that's what I teach
20 them every single day. And uhm, I wanted to share a
21 quick little story and uhm because I almost gave up
22 on Music and I think back to this day, that moment
23 when I was at a fork in the road and my life would be
24 completely different and uhm I was in high school and
25 if you know anything about high school, if you have a

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2 good music program you have a marching band and
3 marching band is really hard, okay, you have to do
4 push ups and stuff and I was not very physical so I
5 didn't not enjoy that at all and in fact on the very
6 day of band camp, I wanted to quit. I went home and
7 I told my mom I was done (laughing) and my mother
8 forced uhm encouraged, she encouraged me to continue
9 and uhm my dad and my mom they did not let me give up
10 and they told me that just because something is hard
11 doesn't mean that you have to stop or you can just
12 give up on it and I think back to that moment because
13 there have been so many obstacles as you know, you
14 heard, just a few of them and uhm when my students
15 learn about the struggles to even to fight to keep
16 music education in schools, they can't believe it
17 because they see what it's doing for them and to have
18 seven, eight and nine year olds get up an hour before
19 school to come participate in a band program where
20 they don't have to pay a penny to rent their
21 instruments is life changing and I am so proud to do
22 it in Hunts Point and to represent the Bronx and all
23 of New York City. I am so honored, thank you so much
24 (cheering and applause).

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COREY JOHNSON: We are so proud of you!

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You are amazing! Here you go, you stand in the

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middle, let's get a photo. (long pause). Ladies and

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balcony, all non-Council employees, please make your

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way up to the balcony. All cell phones and

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electronic devices, set them on vibration now. Again

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all cell phones and electronic devices set them to

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vibration now, thank you. (long pause). Okay if

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folks could take their seats, shh, (gavel banging).

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If members could take their seats, Council Member

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BARRY GRODENCHIK: Madam Public Advocate.

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MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Quiet in the

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chambers please. Members please take their seats.

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We can close the door in the back. All rise for the

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Pledge of Allegiance. I pledge Allegiance to the

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Flag of the United States of America and to the

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Republic for which it stands, one nation under God,

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indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all. (all

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reciting). Please be seated, roll call.

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CITY CLERK: Adams?

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ADRIENNE ADAMS: Present.

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CITY CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?
ALICKA AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.
CITY CLERK: Ayala?
DIANA AYALA: Presente.
CITY CLERK: Shh, shh.
CLERK: Thank you.
CITY CLERK: Barron?
INEZ BARRON: Present.
CITY CLERK: Borelli? Brannan? Cabrera?
FERNANDO CABRERA: Here.
CITY CLERK: Chin?
MARGARET CHIN: Here.
CITY CLERK: Cohen?
ANDREW COHEN: Here.
CITY CLERK: Constantinides? Cornegy?
Deutsch? Diaz?
RUBEN DIAZ: Present.
CITY CLERK: Dromm?
DANIAL DROMM: Present.
CITY CLERK: Espinal?
RAFAEL ESPINAL: Here.
CITY CLERK: Eugene? Gibson?
VANESSA GIBSON: Here.
CITY CLERK: Gjonaj?

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2 MARK GJONAJ: Present.
3 CITY CLERK: Grodenchik?
4 BARRY GRODENCHIK: Here.
5 CITY CLERK: Holden?
6 ROBERT HOLDEN: Here.
7 CITY CLERK: Kallos?
8 BEN KALLOS: Here.
9 CITY CLERK: King? Borelli?
10 JOSEPH BORELLI: Here.
11 CITY CLERK: Koo.
12 PETER KOO: Present.
13 CITY CLERK: Koslowitz?
14 KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Here.
15 CITY CLERK: Lancman?
16 RORY LANCMAN: Here.
17 CITY CLERK: Lander? Levin? Levine?
18 MARK LEVINE: Here.
19 CITY CLERK: Maisel?
20 ALAN MAISEL: Here.
21 CITY CLERK: Manchaca?
22 CARLOS MENCHACA: Presente.
23 CITY CLERK: Miller? Cornegy?
24 ROBERT CORNEGY: Present.
25 CITY CLERK: Moya? Perkins? Powers?

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KEITH POWERS: Here.

CITY CLERK: Reynoso? Richards?

DONOVAN RICHARDS: Present.

CITY CLERK: Rivera?

CARLINA RIVERA: Present.

CITY CLERK: Rodriguez?

YDANIS RODRIGUEZ: Here.

CITY CLERK: Rose?

DEBORAH ROSE: Here.

CITY CLERK: Rosenthal? Salamanca?

Torres? Treyger?

MARK TREYGER: Here.

CITY CLERK: Ulrich? Vallone?

PAUL VALLONE: Here.

CITY CLERK: Van Bramer?

JAMES VAN BRAMER: Here.

CITY CLERK: Williams?

JUMAANE WILLIAMS: Here.

CITY CLERK: Yeger? Deutsch?

CHAIM DEUTSCH: Here.

CITY CLERK: Torres?

RITCHIE TORRES: Here.

CITY CLERK: Matteo?

TEVEN MATTEO: Here.

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CITY CLERK: Cumbo? Speaker Johnson?

COREY JOHNSON: Here.

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: All quiet in the chambers, all rise for the Invocation.

COREY JOHNSON: All rise.

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: The invocation will be delivered by Reverend Doctor T. Kenjitsu Nakagaki the President of Buddhist Council of New York 376 Broadway in the borough of Manhattan. Quiet in the chambers.

T. KENJITSU NAKAGAKI: Please join me in meditation and prayer. As we celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage month we remember that New York City consists of various diverse communities, religions and cultures in a Buddhist tradition, the full moon day of May is considered a sacred day called Vesak which celebrates the birth, the enlightenment, and passing of Gautama Buddha. It is a time to celebrate the preciousness of life that each of us has received, awakened to the full potentiality of each life to attain enlightenment and fulfill the mission that each of us has. So many things are happening in our society and so many things are happening in our lives, yet we should not

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2 be controlled or deluded but all the things around
3 us. Now we need to clear our minds and find what we
4 really need to do and what we really need to be
5 focused on to benefit all New Yorkers. Let us
6 nurture the seed of peace and happiness within
7 ourselves so that it will result in beautiful flowers
8 in ourselves and in our society. Please relax
9 yourself and release tension from your body and mind,
10 close your eyes lightly and focus on your breathing,
11 breathe deep using your lower stomach instead of your
12 lungs. (long pause). (bell ringing). Let us plant
13 the seed of peace and happiness within ourselves.
14 (bell ringing). Let us nurture the seed. (bell
15 ringing). And let us share our seeds with others.
16 (chanting). Peace and blessing to you all.

17 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Please be seated.
18 Quiet in the Chambers please. A motion to spread the
19 Invocation, Council Member Chin?

20 MARGARET CHIN: Thank you Madam Public
21 Advocate and uhm thank you to Reverend Doctor T.
22 Kenjitsu Nakagaki. The Reverend is also a teacher,
23 author and spiritual leader, ordained as a Japanese
24 Buddhist Priest, Reverend Doctor Nakagaki is the
25 President and Founder of the Heiwa Peace and

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2 Reconciliation Foundation of New York as well as the
3 President of the Buddhist Council of New York. In
4 addition to his work promoting peace across the
5 country, Reverend Doctor Nakagaki also serve as the
6 NYPD Clergy Liaison and have organized the annual
7 9/11 World Trade Center Floating Lantern Ceremony for
8 nearly a decade to remember the victims of the attack
9 on 9/11. I want to thank Reverend Doctor Nakagaki
10 for gracing us with his invocation today and I make a
11 motion that the invocation be spread in full upon the
12 record?

13 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: So moved.

14 Adoption of minutes? Council Member Lancman?

15 RORY LANCMAN: I move that the minutes of
16 the Stated Meeting of March 22, 2018 be adopted as
17 printed?

18 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Messages and
19 papers from the Mayor?

20 COREY JOHNSON: Excuse M42 through M48
21 the Mayor's Executive Budget.

22 CLERK: Finance?

23 COREY JOHNSON: M49 City Debt and
24 Reserves. Received ordered, printed and filed.

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MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Communication from City, County and Borough Offices?

COREY JOHNSON: None.

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Petitions and Communications?

COREY JOHNSON: None.

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Land Use Call-ups?

COREY JOHNSON: M50-M54 various applications.

CLERK: Coupled on a call of vote at this time I would ask for a roll call vote on all of today's Land Use Call-Ups.

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Quiet in the Chambers for a Roll Call Vote.

CLERK: Adams?

ADRIENNE ADAMS: Aye on all.

CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

ALICKA AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye on all.

CLERK: Ayala?

DIANA AYALA: Aye on all.

CLERK: Barron.

INEZ BARRON: I vote aye.

CLERK: Borelli?

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JOSEPH BORELLI: Aye.

CLERK: Brannon? Cabrera?

FERNANDO CABRERA: Aye.

CLERK: Chin?

MARGARET CHIN: Aye.

CLERK: Cohen?

ANDREW COHEN: Aye.

CLERK: Cornegy?

ROBERT CORNEGY: Aye.

CLERK: Deutsch?

CHAIM DEUTSCH: Aye.

CLERK: Diaz?

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Diaz?

CLERK: Okay. Dromm?

DANIEL DROMM: Aye.

CLERK: Espinal?

RAFAEL ESPINAL: Aye.

CLERK: Eugene? Gibson?

VANESSA GIBSON: Aye.

CLERK: Gjonaj?

MARK GJONAJ: Aye.

CLERK: Grodenchik?

BARRY GRODENCHIK: Aye.

CLERK: Holden?

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2 ROBERT HOLDEN: Aye.
3 CLERK: Kallos?
4 BEN KALLOS: Aye.
5 CLERK: King? Koo?
6 PETER KOO: Aye.
7 CLERK: Koslowitz?
8 KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Aye.
9 CLERK: Brannan?
10 JUSTIN BRANNAN: Aye.
11 CLERK: Lancman?
12 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Lan...
13 CLERK: Lander?
14 BRAD LANDER: Aye.
15 CLERK: Levin?
16 STEPHEN LEVIN: Aye.
17 CLERK: Levine?
18 MARK LEVINE: Aye.
19 CLERK: Maisel?
20 ALAN MAISEL: Aye.
21 CLERK: Menchaca? Moya? Perkins?
22 Powers?
23 KEITH POWERS: Aye.
24 CLERK: Reynoso?
25 ANTONIO REYNOSO: Aye.

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CLERK: Richards?
DONOVAN RICHARDS: Aye.
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CARLINA RIVERA: Aye.
CLERK: Rodriguez?
YDANIS RODRIGUEZ: Aye.
CLERK: Rose?
DEBORAH ROSE: Aye.
CLERK: Rosenthal?
HELEN ROSENTHAL: Aye.
CLERK: Salamanca?
RAFAEL SALAMANCA: Aye.
CLERK: Torres?
RITCHIE TORRES: Aye.
CLERK: Treyger?
MARK TREYGER: Aye.
CLERK: Ulrich? Vallone?
PAUL VALLONE: Aye.
CLERK: Van Bramer?
JAMES VAN BRAMER: Aye.
CLERK: Williams?
JUMAANE WILLIAMS: Aye.
CLERK: YEGER?
KALMAN YEGER: Aye.

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CLERK: Matteo? Cumbo?

LAURIE CUMBO: I vote aye.

CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

COREY JOHNSON: I vote aye. (long
pause).

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Today's Land Use
Call-Ups are adopted by a vote of 42 in the
affirmative, 0 in the negative. Quiet in the
chambers. Quiet in the chambers as we now hear from
the speaker Corey Johnson.

COREY JOHNSON: Uhm good afternoon.
First I would like to begin, if folks would be quiet
by honoring one of our nation's heroes, Specialist
Gabriel Conde, a US Service Member who was killed
during combat operation last week. He was only 22
years old and died just weeks before his deployment
was scheduled to end. We hold Gabriel's memory in
our hearts and we grieve with his family, friends,
fellow soldiers and the rest of our country. Second,
we honor Mark Natale one of the brave NYPD officers
who risked it all on 9/11/2001. Office Natale
succumbed to brain cancer that he contracted from
that faithful day down at Ground Zero. He was 55
years old. Our thoughts and prayers are with his

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2 loved ones and with the entire NYPD. We recently
3 celebrated Worker's Memorial Day, where we
4 commemorate the sacrifice so many workers make simply
5 doing their job. Moving forward at each Stated
6 Meeting of the City Council I will read the names of
7 workers who have died on the job here in New York
8 City. Mouktar Dealos, a sanitation worker who died
9 in November 2017 but was misclassified as a homeless
10 man by the company he worked for to avoid penalty.
11 Young-Kill Sim (SP?), a 62-year-old food market
12 worker who was crushed by illegally installed
13 equipment, George Staab, a 57-year-old Department of
14 Transportation electrician was fatally struck by a
15 car while performing routine bridge maintenance and
16 lastly we remember the NYPD officer who shot himself
17 out of an NYPD facility recently. His name has not
18 been released yet but we still hold him in our hearts
19 and in our prayers. Let us take a moment of silence
20 if folks could please rise in the chamber.

21 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: All rise. (long
22 pause).

23 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Thank you very
24 much. Before we begin with our agenda I would like
25 to acknowledge two outstanding public servants, two

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2 legends in this New York City Council who are now for
3 us sadly retiring but happily for them and for their
4 families. I mentioned at the last Stated Meeting,
5 Margaret Griffin of our Land Use Division and at this
6 Stated Meeting, Peg Toro of Administrative Services
7 (applause and cheering). So Margaret, Margaret
8 Griffin is really the unsung hero of our Land Use
9 Division and I see Gill Benjamin sitting up there who
10 was our Land Use Director for many years. Margaret
11 is the person that makes sure the Land Use Trains run
12 on time and our Land Use Trains run on time better
13 than the subway cars and for 28 years she has been an
14 incredible source of support, kindness and love for
15 so many of us at the Council and especially her
16 colleagues on the 16th Floor at 250 Broadway. Peg
17 Toro has been there for every single one of us in
18 this room (applause) every step of the way, always
19 supremely patient with our questions and concerns,
20 pensions, healthcare, buying back time, whatever the
21 concerns are, Peg tier 4, tier 3, tier 6, I think
22 Ramon is tier 1 (laughing). I'm joking he's not.
23 Peg's depth and breathe of knowledge is actually a
24 real loss to the City Council and to quote both
25 Camille's, Camille Kimchufad (SP?) and Camille

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2 Francis, Peg Toro is simply irreplaceable. So again
3 I want to thank them both. (applause). Hi Margaret,
4 it's good to see you. (applause). We also say good-
5 bye to another member of our team Kayla Howell who
6 works in Scheduling Advance. Kayla joined the City
7 Council when Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito hired her
8 as Director of Scheduling and Advance, before that
9 she was managing former President Bill Clinton's
10 schedule. So her life, she's done a lot in a short
11 amount of time and I was very happy to have Kayla on
12 my team and we wish her well as she moves on to the
13 Mayor's Office of Appointments. Margaret, Peg and
14 Kayla we thank you for your decades of service to our
15 City. The Council won't be the same without you and
16 we miss you already, one big final round of applause
17 for these amazing women who have served the City
18 Council! (applause). So jumping in to our Docket
19 for today, the Council will vote in a number of
20 Finance items. We are voting on five article 11
21 Property Tax Exemptions. Lavonia Regina in Council
22 Member Justin Brannan's District, Musha LuGrand (SP?)
23 in Council Member Andrew Cohen's District, 153
24 Manhattan Avenue in Council Member Mark Levine's
25 District, Grower Green in Council Member Antonio

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2 Reynoso's District and Leggett Avenue in Council
3 Member Diana Ayala's District. I want to thank
4 Rebecca Chasen from the Finance Division for her work
5 on these important finance items. Uhm we are also
6 uhm voting today on uhm a series of Land Use items.
7 We are voting on Montefiore Cemetery, the Council
8 will vote on a Bill that will allow a Cemetery
9 Corporation that owns land in Queens to use up to two
10 additional acres acquired before 1973 for cemetery
11 uses provided such land is across the street and such
12 cemetery corporation first obtains approval for such
13 from the City. This Bill is necessary to effectuate
14 an application by Montefiore Cemetery to convert land
15 that is used as a parking lot into additional burial
16 plots. This project is in Council Member Daneek
17 Miller's District. We miss Daneek, he is out because
18 he had surgery recently and that is why he is not
19 here today so we want to make that he is home,
20 recuperating, getting well so please reach out to our
21 friend and colleague if you haven't done that. We
22 are also voting on a very exciting and important
23 project in Council Member Donovan Richards District
24 to the NYPD's 116th police precinct. The Council
25 will vote on the site selection of the 116th Police

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2 Precinct in Southeast Queens. This is a major
3 milestones in addressing the longer than average
4 response times by the NYPD for residents in Southeast
5 Queens. The 105th Precinct manages over 350 miles of
6 roadway and residents rely on this precinct for
7 emergency response face longer than average response
8 times compared to the rest of the city. The addition
9 of the 116th police precinct will assume half of the
10 105th precincts territory to allow the NYPD to
11 respond faster to emergency events in Southeast
12 Queens, local civic leaders in Rosedale, Laurelton
13 and Springfield Gardens have advocated for this
14 additional NYPD presence over the last 40 years in
15 Council Member Donovan Richards' District. So I want
16 to congratulate him. He has worked on this since he
17 was first elected to the City Council, even before
18 that, when he was a staff member here in the Council.
19 So congratulations Donovan. St. Andrew's Community
20 Daycare Center, the Council will vote to approve the
21 site selection of a daycare facility in Council
22 Member Carlos Menchaca's District, 1618 Fulton
23 Street. The Council will vote on the Department of
24 Housing, Preservation and Developments Application
25 for the approval of an article 11 tax exemption to

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2 facilitate the development of 100 unit, 100%
3 affordable housing visit in Council Member Robert
4 Cornegy's District. That is a feat.
5 Congratulations. 1490 Southern Boulevard. The
6 Council will vote on HPD's application for approval
7 of an Urban Development Action Area Project (UDAAP)
8 to facilitate the development of a 10 story mixed
9 used building with 114 units of affordable senior
10 housing, on site supportive services and 45,000
11 square feet of community facility space to be
12 occupied by the LGBT Network. This project is
13 located in our Land Use Chair Rafael Salamanca's
14 District. I really want to uhm I really want to
15 thank him because he worked very hard, not just on
16 this project but a series of projects in his District
17 that he himself set aside more units for supportive
18 housing for formerly homeless individuals to help us
19 with the housing crisis and homelessness crisis here
20 in New York City and I really want to recognize his
21 leadership in that, I am really grateful Chair
22 Salamanca for everything you did on this project and
23 a series of other projects. Paul Robeson's Houses,
24 the Paul Robeson Houses is seeking an article 11 tax
25 exemption to facilitate the preservation of two 100%

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2 affordable buildings, again 100% affordable totally
3 81 units in Council Member Bill Perkins' District and
4 lastly Archer Green HPD is seeking Council approval
5 for an article 11 tax exemption to facilitate the
6 construction of a 350 unit mixed use development in
7 downtown Jamaica Queens. This affordable housing
8 development again is located in Council Member DanEEK
9 Miller's District. I want to thank the entire Land
10 Use Commission for their uhm work on this and I
11 especially want to thank our Land Use Director, Roger
12 Mann. Today the Council will vote on several
13 resolutions, calling on the State Legislature to
14 strengthen our Rent Laws. Below the state law on
15 rent regulation does not expire until next June. It
16 is possible that the State Legislature may take up
17 renewal of rent laws before the end of the session.
18 The Council is urging the state to make changes
19 highlighted in these resolutions which would help
20 preserve thousands of rent regulated units. I am
21 proud to sponsor a number of these resolutions.
22 Resolution number 326 would call on the State
23 Legislature to enact the appropriate Senate and
24 Assembly Bills in order to limit rent increases where
25 landlords are charging a preferential rent and would

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2 only allow an increase from a preferential rent to a
3 legal regulated rent upon vacancy of the unit, not at
4 renewal. Resolution 325 would repeal the URSTAT low
5 and allow New York City to regulate residential
6 rents. Resolution 327 would call on the state to
7 enact Legislation extended the Statute of Limitations
8 Rent Overcharges. Resolution 328 would call on the
9 state to enact Legislation which would require the
10 surcharge to cease once owners recoup the cost of
11 building wide improvements. Resolution number 332
12 sponsored by our housing chair Council Member Robert
13 Cornegy calls upon the State to enact the appropriate
14 Senate and Assembly Bills which would repeal vacancy
15 bonus. Resolution 331 sponsored by Council Member
16 again Robert Cornegy, our Housing Chair would call on
17 the State to enact Legislation that would repeal
18 vacancy decontrol. Resolution number 339 sponsored
19 by Council Member Keith Powers which stated that the
20 City Council supports State Legislation that would
21 set the percentage rent increase available to owners
22 of certain control departments to lesser of 7.5% or
23 the amount equal to the average of previous five rent
24 guidelines board increases and resolution 340
25 sponsored by Council Member Carlina Rivera would

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2 state that the City Council supports State
3 Legislation that would extend rent stabilization to
4 unregulated apartments. I want to thank the staff
5 who worked on this, Megan Chan, Katelyn Fahey and
6 Jose Condee. Finally we will vote today on a package
7 of fire and emergency safety bills. The Council was
8 prompted to introduce Legislation to address fire
9 safety after a series of Bronx fires in late December
10 and early January that resulted in 15 deaths and 29
11 injuries. In the aftermath we have worked to develop
12 Legislation to make sure tragedies like these do not
13 happen again. My Bill Introduction 599A would ensure
14 Fire Safety Guides are distributed in apartment
15 buildings and fire safety and prevention educational
16 materials as well as relevant trainings are provided
17 to building staff. Additionally the FDNY would be
18 required to submit annual reports on such outreach
19 efforts. Introduction 602A sponsored by Council
20 Member Joe Borelli, our Fire Chair would require that
21 all doors and residential occupancies be self-closing
22 by July 31, 2021 and it would also create a Class C
23 violation of the Housing Maintenance Code for failure
24 to keep and maintain self-closing door. Introduction
25 603A sponsored by Council Member Costa Constantinides

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2 would clarify the FDNY existing hydrant inspection
3 practice and require detailed reporting.

4 Introduction 604A sponsored by Council Members Robert
5 Cornegy and Chaim Deutsch would require that after
6 January 1, 2021 smoke alarms in residential
7 occupancies that are installed within 20 feet from a
8 fixed cooking appliance must comply with standards
9 for reduction of nuisance alarms. Next, Introduction
10 606A sponsored by Council Member Donovan Richards and
11 Chaim Deutsch would require that the FDNY in
12 consultation with the Office of Emergency Management
13 and the Mayor's Office for people with disabilities
14 they would have to develop a check list to assist
15 individuals with disabilities or limited mobility in
16 developing individualized emergency evacuation plans.

17 Council Member Ritchie Torres sponsored three Bills
18 in this Safety Package. In fact the tragic fires
19 that took place in Council Member Torres District
20 were the inspiration for many of these Bills here
21 today. Introduction 608A would require the posting
22 of notices within residential buildings regarding the
23 importance of closing doors when escaping a fire to
24 prevent the spread of that fire. Introduction 609A
25 would require the FDNY in consultation with the plan

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2 for educating children and parents about common fire
3 dangers and prevention measures. Such plans will
4 include outreach at schools, public service
5 announcements and information on preventative
6 measures be taken by parents. Additionally the FDNY
7 would be required to report annually on such efforts.
8 An Introduction 610A would require that all landlords
9 provide stove knob covers in tenants in units where
10 children under the age of 6 reside to prevent
11 children from playing with or using the stove which
12 we know can cause fatal fires. These three Bills by
13 Council Member Torres and this package of Bills are
14 common sense measures that collectively will
15 hopefully prevent future tragedies. I want to thank
16 the staff, Josh Kingsly, Megan Chan, William Hongech
17 (SP?), Jose Khandi (SP?), Rob Collandra (SP?), Sarah
18 Gastelum (SP?) and Jen Lee for their work on this
19 entire package of Bills. That concludes uhm my
20 remarks on today's Stated Agenda except there is one
21 thing that is not on here which I want to say, we are
22 also voting today on two nominations to the City
23 Planning Commission, it is Staten Island Day here at
24 the City Council because we are voting on two
25 gentleman who have served our City with distinction,

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2 with honor and ably for decades. We are voting on an
3 appointee by Mayor de Blasio, Allen Cappelli who
4 previously served on the MTA Board for Staten Island
5 and he currently serves on the Civil Service
6 Commission and he is a long-time friend of mine and
7 we are voting on the renomination but now by borough
8 President James Auto for a former member of this
9 body, Alfred Cerullo III who was a member here and
10 served with Council Member Koslowitz and he has been
11 on the City Planning Commission for 14 years, serving
12 I believe the City under five mayors and all five
13 Council Speakers. They are two fantastic men, they
14 are two wonderful New Yorkers who have done a great
15 job for our City and will continue to do a great job
16 for our City. They just two mentions, really, they
17 have just wonderful human beings, I am grateful that
18 they have put themselves forward to continue to serve
19 our City and I ask all of us to please vote in favor
20 for these two great gentleman and with that I
21 conclude my remarks, thank you Madam Public Advocate.

22 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you,
23 discussion of general orders beginning with Council
24 Member Vallone.

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PAUL VALLONE: Thank you Madam Advocate.

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Security Task Force, a package of Legislation that

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will finally look at our School Safety in our City.

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our current evacuation plans and ...

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SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Council member.

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PAUL VALLONE: Response protocols.

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SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I love you.

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PAUL VALLONE: Yes my Lord.

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2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: But we are going
3 to do Introduction of Bills at the end.

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PAUL VALLONE: You got it man.

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6 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Today. Thank you
7 very much. I am very, I am very excited about this
8 package as well and I think it is important that we
9 hear about this package, it is an exciting package we
10 will come back to you on the agenda for the
11 Introduction of Bills.

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MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: The next, the
13 next speaker on Discussion of General Orders, Council
14 Member Deutsch.

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16 CHAIM DEUTSCH: Thank you, thank you
17 Public Advocate. This past December horrific fire in
18 the Bronx you know, my colleagues District Council
19 Member Ritchie Torres, uhm claimed the lives of 13
20 people including 1-year-old baby. The fire started
21 because a toddler was able to reach the knobs on the
22 stove and turned them on and the fire began to spread
23 quickly when his mother ran out of the, ran out of
24 her apartment leaving the door wide open behind her.
25 A fire is always tragic when a particular uhm when we
know that we could do, we could have uhm have
measures to have those prevented. Intro 609 mandates

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2 the FDNY to come up with a plan to educate students
3 and their families about fire safety and prevention
4 and Intro 610 requires the installation of stove
5 knobs, covers in apartments where young children
6 reside. I thank Council Member Ritchie Torres as
7 well as Bronx borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. for
8 their partnership and leadership on these three
9 Bills. I also want to thank my colleagues for their
10 past support for the Get Along NYC Initiative which
11 successfully installed 150,000 smoke alarms in homes
12 across the five boroughs. We implemented this
13 program in 2015 after a terrible house fire in my
14 District that claimed the lives of seven young
15 brothers and sisters. This past December my
16 District, my District experienced another tragedy
17 with a house fire that killed a mother and her three
18 children. One thing we know for certain is that when
19 a functional smoke alarm is present in the home,
20 there is a 50% greater chance of survival in a fire.
21 I look forward to continuing to work closely with my
22 colleagues to ensure this critical life saving
23 program continues to operate. Finally I want to
24 congratulate all of my colleagues that are passing
25 Bills today, in particular, Fire Committee Chairman

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2 Joe Borelli and Council Members Cornegy, Richards,
3 Constantinides, and Speaker Johnson all of whom are
4 passing Fire Prevention Bills that will make New
5 Yorkers safer and smarter about Fire Safety. Thank
6 you.

7 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you Council
8 Member Borelli.

9 JOSEPH BORELLI: Thank you very much
10 Madam Public Advocate and I appreciate you
11 remembering all of our names all of the time but for
12 some reason I am hoping that this is the last time
13 that you are ever mentioning any of our public names
14 again, at a press conference or whatever. (laughing)
15 Too soon, too soon, maybe. I want to thank the
16 Speaker.

17 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Make sure the
18 clock is running on these remarks (laughing).

19 PAUL VALLONE: I want to thank you
20 speaker for giving me the opportunity to Chair this
21 Committee uhm and pass this package of Bills along
22 with Chair Cornegy of the Housing and Buildings
23 Committee. We are very blessed that we live under
24 the watchful eye of the FDNY who is the premiere Fire
25 Department in the United States of America if not the

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2 world. Uhm but we see incidents where fire happen
3 and the loss of life is tremendous uhm and tragic and
4 sadly preventable. And over the years, this Council
5 has enacted many, many times when building materials
6 have changed, structural engineering has changed and
7 we have made these changes uhm as a body and today we
8 are doing just that with both the package of Bills
9 coming out of our Committees and with my specific
10 Bill 602 which requires self-closing doors, it closes
11 any loopholes for private property owners in multiple
12 dwellings to not have these doors. I just checked
13 homedepot.com. They are a \$24 item that could save
14 countless lives in the event of a fire, so thank you
15 Mr. Speaker. I want to thank our Fire and Emergency
16 Management Committee Josh Kingsley, William Honjak
17 (SP?), Jen Lee and my Chief of Staff Frank Mashif
18 (SP?) for their work on this effort. Thank you.

19 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you Council
20 Member Richards.

21 DONOVAN RICHARDS: Thank you uhm Madam
22 Public Advocate, I wanted to speak about the Police
23 Precinct uhm for nearly 40 years communities in the
24 105th Precinct have asked for a new precinct focused
25 on Southeast Queens only to see their request for

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2 that. Finally thanks to the work of 116th Precinct
3 Task Force led by Bess DeBetham uhm Commissioner
4 O'Neill, the Mayor and our office the 116th Precinct
5 is moving along rapidly. As the speaker said, the
6 current 105th Precinct encompasses 12.7 square miles
7 with 355 miles of roadways including seven major
8 highways. This is more highway miles than a trip to
9 Boston or Washington DC but I am happy to say today
10 that we are one step closer to making the issue of a
11 long response times and a distant police presence a
12 thing of the past for the residents of Laurelton,
13 Rosedale and Springfield Gardens. Commitments for
14 the New 116th Precinct include \$7 million for the
15 construction of a safety city, a self-contained
16 education and administrative facility designed to
17 help school students learn about street and
18 pedestrian safety. We also got a commitment for a
19 lot of repaving for the area surrounding Rosedale
20 that has been in need of paving for a long time, any
21 minimum of 800 square feet of dedicated community
22 facility space located within the Precinct,
23 especially as we talk about community police
24 relations. Uhm we also have a community advisory
25 committee throughout that we will formed, that will

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2 focus on ensuring that it gets built and that through
3 the design and construction phase of this project
4 things are moving along on a good timeline. The new
5 116th Precinct will help improve response times and
6 most importantly ensure that our quality of life is
7 both sustained and improved. I would like to thank
8 the speaker, both chairs, Salamanca and Moya for
9 their partnership in getting this done and the
10 esteemed Council Land Use Staff lead by Raju Mann and
11 I want to thank John Douglas and my Deputy Chief of
12 Staff as well as Debony (SP?) Brown for her work on
13 this as well so thank you.

14 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you Council
15 Member Salamanca.

16 RAFAEL SALAMANCA: Thank you Madam Public
17 Advocate and Mr. Speaker. Today we are voting on an
18 exciting project with incredible potential in my
19 District 1490 Southern Boulevard. As we all know the
20 City is facing affordable housing crisis and in our
21 race to build and preserve 300,000 units, each and
22 every one us Council Members should be doing our part
23 in getting the City to this goal. To date I have
24 approved more than 4,000 brand new affordable housing
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2 units in my District. Today we will be voting on
3 another.

4 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Shh, shh, excuse
5 me, apologize Council Member, quiet in the Chambers
6 please. Thank you.

7 RAFAEL SALAMANCA: Thank you Madam.
8 Today we will be voting on another 114 affordable
9 units paired with new services to help some of our
10 most vulnerable populations and formerly homeless
11 seniors. The 1497 Boulevard Project will be 100%
12 affordable residents for seniors including a 30% set
13 aside for formerly homeless seniors, 20% more than
14 the mandatory minimum. The remaining units will be
15 available for up through 50% AMI. For this project
16 and other new developments coming to my District I am
17 going to start setting aside at least 15% for the
18 homeless, 5 more than the mandatory minimum and I
19 encourage and hope my colleagues will join me in
20 doing the same for future projects in their
21 Districts. I would like to thank Taipei (SP?)
22 Developers for their partnership on this project and
23 bringing in key groups to offer much needed programs
24 in my community. I am excited that the Jewish
25 Association serving the Aging will provide onsite

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support services for my seniors and thrilled that the development will include the ground floor community center partnering with local LGBTQ Leaders and groups short of the LGBT Community, LGBTQ Community in the Bronx can seek high quality services in their own borough. Thank you to the Land Use Team, Raju, Amy, Julie and Jeff for all of their time and efforts. Thank you.

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you Council Member Cornegy. Council Member Cornegy, going once, going twice, seeing none. Uhm report of Special Committees?

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: None.

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Reports of Standing Committees?

CLERK: Reporting of the Committee on Finance Preconsidered Resolution 333 Organization Funding.

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on general orders.

CLERK: Preconsidered LU 74 and Reso 342 through Preconsidered LU78 and Reso 346, Tax Exemptions.

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SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on general orders.

CLERK: Reported Committee on Fire and Emergency Management, Intro 599A, 603A, 608A, 609A, Fire Safety Package.

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on general orders.

CLERK: Report of the Committee on Housing and Buildings, Intro 602A, 604A, 606A and 610A Fire Safety.

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on general orders.

CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use, Intro 212A, Cemetery Uses.

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on General Orders.

CLERK: LU51 and Reso 347 Montefiore Cemetery.

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on general orders.

CLERK: LU60 and Reso 348, Sidewalk Café.

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled to be filed pursuant to a letter of withdrawal.

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CLERK: Excuse me LU61 and Reso 349 and
LU62 and Reso 350, 116th Precinct?

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
general orders.

CLERK: LU63 and Reso 351, Childcare
Center?

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
general orders.

CLERK: LU64 and Reso 352 through LU69
and Reso 355 Tax Exemptions and a UDEP in the Bronx.

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
general orders.

CLERK: Report of the Committee on Rules,
Privileges and Elections M35 and Reso 356, Approving
the Appointment of Alfred C. Cerullo, Planning
Commission?

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Very proudly
coupled on general orders.

CLERK: M39 and Reso 357 Approving the
Appointment of Allen P. Cappelli, Planning
Commission.

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Equally as
proudly coupled on general orders.

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CLERK: On the General Order Calendar,
Intro 720, Site Safety Training.

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Laid over.

CLERK: Resolution Appointment Various
Persons Commissioner of Deeds?

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled to
General Orders and at this time I am asking for a
roll call vote on all of the items on today's general
order calendar.

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Quiet in the
Chambers please for a roll call vote.

CLERK: Adams?

ADRIENNE ADAMS: Permission to explain my
vote?

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

ADRIENNE ADAMS: Thank you very much
Madam Public Advocate, I rise today to proudly
announce Intro 867, Legislation to represent
countless New Yorkers living in densely populated
communities who experience the difficulty of
traveling down two way streets jammed with parked
vehicles.

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Council, Council
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MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Council Member.

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Is this the
Introduction of the Bill?

ADRIENNE ADAMS: Yes.

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: We are wait until
the end of the Introduction of Bills. Today we are
just voting on the Bills in front of us. But thank
you we can hear from you soon, we will put you on the
list.

ADRIENNE ADAMS: Thank you.

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: How do you vote?

ADRIENNE ADAMS: I vote aye.

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

ALICKA AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye.

CLERK: Ayala?

DIANA AYALA: Aye.

CLERK: Barron?

INEZ BARRON: Permission to explain my
vote?

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

INEZ BARRON: Thank you. Uhm I first
want to say that I want to commend all of those who
are leaving, I wish you well, especially Peg and to

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2 the items that we are voting on I vote aye on all
3 with the exception of LU64 and accompanying the Reso
4 352. In my opinion, affordable is a dangling parti,
5 participle going back to our English days. If you
6 are wealthy you can afford anything. If housing is
7 coming in and it is within the range of the AMI of
8 the people who live there then it's affordable but if
9 there are units that are set aside that are not in
10 proportion to the AMI of the people who are presently
11 living there to, in my opinion it is displacing
12 people and based on the demographics of this area,
13 the top AMI of 120% coming into that development does
14 not match what is presently there so for that reason
15 I am voting no on LU64 and Reso 352, aye on all the
16 others. Thank you.

17 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

18 Continue Roll Call.

19 CLERK: Borelli?

20 JOSEPH BORELLI: Aye on all and I am
21 proud to vote for Allen. Yeah and Fred.

22 CLERK: Brannan?

23 JUSTIN BRANNAN: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Cabrera?

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FERNANDO CABRERA: Permission to vote on all items and resolutions today's general calendar?

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

FERNANDO CABRERA: Aye on all.

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

CLERK: Chin?

MARGARET CHIN: Uhm congratulations to my colleagues on their important Legislation, aye on all.

CLERK: Cohen?

ANDREW COHEN: Aye.

CLERK: Cornegy?

ROBERT CORNEGY: Aye.

CLERK: Cornegy? Deutsch?

CHAIM DEUTSCH: Permission to explain my vote?

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

CHAIM DEUTSCH: I have uhm, thank you, I will be introducing something soon, I vote aye on all.

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

CHAIM DEUTSCH: (SPEAKING SPANISH).

CLERK: Diaz?

RUBEN DIAZ: Aye.

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CLERK: Dromm?

DANIEL DROMM: Aye.

CLERK: Espinal?

RAFAEL ESPINAL: I vote aye.

CLERK: Eugene?

MATHIEU EUGENE: I vote aye.

CLERK: Gibson?

VANESSA GIBSON: With my warmest
congratulations to all of our colleagues passing very
important Legislation today, I vote aye on all.

CLERK: Gjonaj?

MARK GJONAJ: Aye.

CLERK: Grodenchik?

BARRY GRODENCHIK: Aye.

CLERK: Holden?

ROBERT HOLDEN: Aye on all.

CLERK: Kallos?

BEN KALLOS: I rise to vote aye.

CLERK: King?

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Council Member
King? I guess he isn't here.

CLERK: Koo?

PETER KOO: I vote aye and I also want to
congratulate all of my colleagues passing on the

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Bills and especially my labor Council Member
Salamanca.

CLERK: Koslowitz?

KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Congratulations to
Allen Cappelli and Fred Cerullo, I vote aye on all.

CLERK: Lancman?

RORY LANCMAN: Aye.

CLERK: Lander.

BRAD LANDER: I vote aye.

CLERK: Levin?

STEPHEN LEVIN: Aye on all.

CLERK: Levine?

MARK LEVINE: Aye on all.

CLERK: Cornegy?

ROBERT CORNEGY: Aye on all.

CLERK: Maisel?

ALAN MAISEL: Yes.

CLERK: Menchaca?

CARLOS MENCHACA: Aye.

CLERK: Moya?

FRANCISCO MOYA: Aye on LU call ups and
aye on all.

CLERK: Perkins?

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BILL PERKINS: Aye on all except LU64
Reso 352 I vote no.

CLERK: Powers?

KEITH POWERS: Aye on all and I want to
give a very big congratulations to my friend, Fred
Cerullo for his appointment, very well deserved and
very happy to be voting in support of him and
everything else.

CLERK: Reynoso?

ANTONIO REYNOSO: Madam Attorney General,
I mean Public Advocate I vote aye on all. (laughing,
applause in background).

CLERK: Richards?

DONOVAN RICHARDS: I vote aye.

CLERK: Rivera?

CARLINA RIVERA: Aye on all.

CLERK: Rodriguez?

YDANIS RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CLERK: Rose.

DEBORAH ROSE: Aye and congratulations to
the appointees Cerullo and Cappelli and good luck and
best wishes and I am really going to miss Peg Toro
(SP?).

CLERK: Rosenthal?

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HELEN ROSENTHAL: Permission to explain
my vote?

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MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

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HELEN ROSENTHAL: I vote aye on all and
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colleagues on their Bill but I really want to

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congratulate Fred Cerullo who I first met when he was

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a Council Member and who has been an amazing public

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servant his life, all his life. Thank you.

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MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

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CLERK: Salamanca?

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RAFAEL SALAMANCA: I would like to vote

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aye on all, congratulate my colleagues on the passage

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of their Bills and a big shout out congratulations to

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Council Member Richards on getting a new Precinct in

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his District.

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CLERK: Torres?

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RITCHIE TORRES: Uhm permission to

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explain my vote?

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MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

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RITCHIE TORRES: Uhm the Belmont Fire was

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a profound trauma for the District that I represent.

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It was the most destructive fire our City had seen in

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three decades and I just want to give my deepest

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2 gratitude to the speaker and my colleagues for acting
3 so swiftly in the wake of tragedy, identifying a
4 crisis and then Legislating lessons learned. We know
5 from the experience of the Belmont fire that if there
6 had been self-closing doors or safety knobs the fire
7 would have been prevented. And even though we cannot
8 turn the clock back we certain can Legislate lessons
9 learned so that tragedy is prevented in the future
10 and I want to thank my colleagues for acting so
11 decisively. I also want to pay a debt of gratitude
12 to my colleague Council Member Salamanca for
13 providing a space for the LGBT Community in the Bronx
14 which is among the most vulnerable in the City.
15 There continue to be LGBT Youth who are bullied at
16 school and evicted from their homes at the hands of
17 their own parents and to know that there will finally
18 be a refuge for that community. As a gay man who
19 lives in the Bronx and has been bullied and has gone
20 through some of those experiences, uhm I just deeply
21 grateful for your leadership on this issue. With
22 that said, I vote aye on all.

23 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

24 CLERK: Treyger?

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MARK TREYGER: Permission to briefly explain my vote?

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MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: So our, first of all I want to congratulate the Speaker and all of my colleagues on the passage of, of their Bills and congratulations to all of those for their appointments. Uhm our country is the only developed country in the world to not offer paid parental leave to emp, to employees. It is time to change that. I am proud to be a prime Co-Sponsor of Major Leader Laurie Cumbo's Resolution 311 to Extend Paid Family Leave Benefits to City Employees covered by Municipal Unions. Our city is far behind other cities and states when it comes to paid parental leave and family leave. Most are proud to pass my resolution today 311 calling for a 100% salary reimbursement rate for those who take paid family leave. To be clear, taking care of your newborn, raising a family, is not a sickness or disability and with that I vote aye on.

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CLERK: Ulrich?

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ERIC ULRICH: I vote aye and I ask unanimous consent to vote on the Land Use Calendar Items?

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MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

ERIC ULRICH: I vote aye.

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

CLERK: Vallone?

PAUL VALLONE: Aye on all.

CLERK: Van Bramer?

JAMES VAN BRAMER: I vote aye on all and just want to say also that Fred Cerullo is a class act and an amazing public servant and very, very proud to vote for him.

CLERK: Williams?

JUMAANE WILLIAMS: May I explain my vote?

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

JUMAANE WILLIAMS: Congratulations to all, all of my colleagues, uhm, uhm on all of their Bills. They want to just talk about for a time as I have traveled the state, not speaking if there is one issue where I have seen, the, least amount of leadership it is housing and homelessness across this state and I have said it before my current dreams and I will repeat it now, the Governor and the Leadership in Albany have been palpable failures when it comes to housing, when it comes to homelessness, right here in New York City we see what is happening with rent

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2 regulation. I will give credit for the Tenant
3 Protection unit that was created. We wouldn't need
4 that if the Governor and others had done their job
5 period. So I am happy that the City Council is doing
6 everything that they can when it comes to Rent
7 Regulation but it is not enough to pay lip service.
8 There are communities that are being ravaged, not
9 just in New York City as I am finding out but all
10 across the state our people who have found the
11 progressive jacket that they can put on now after the
12 election, if they are still there, uhm do the things
13 that are needed for communities to survive. So I am
14 going to vote aye on all with the exception of LU64
15 and accompanying resolution. While I am going to
16 abstain I do want to credit my colleague for getting
17 some section 8 units in there but I do think as we
18 move forward and funding, any City funding that
19 touches a project I think should dictate a broader
20 spread. I believe we must assist middle, middle
21 income families. We must assist those even at 120% of
22 AMI uhm because a teacher, a fire fighter, cop, makes
23 that much combined but if they are suffering I know
24 that people in the \$30,000 level, \$25,000 level, even
25 \$40,000 level are suffering and so we are going to

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2 try to get a couple of more units when we are doing
3 this project and so for that reason I didn't want to
4 vote no but I am going to abstain of those and aye on
5 all the rest. Thank you.

6 CLERK: Yeger?

7 KALMAN YEGER: Madam President may I be
8 excused to explain my vote?

9 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

10 KALMAN YEGER: Thank you I vote aye on
11 all and uhm I just want to briefly speak about two
12 uhm wise New Yorkers who we are approving their
13 appointments today to the City Planning Commission.
14 Fred Cerullo was a Council Member when I came to this
15 house in 1994 as a young aid to a freshman Council
16 Member. He uhm doesn't remember me but I remember
17 him. He is incredibly wise, generous, and a decent
18 human being whose history in this city is
19 extraordinary and he is going to do us proud and uhm
20 as Mr. Speaker earlier today at the Rules Committee
21 Allen Cappelli has been a mentor for so many people
22 who started out in Government at very young ages.
23 Uhm he was my mentor, my boss uhm for four years, uhm
24 my friend, my teacher, uhm he is an incredible human
25 being. He has done his borough so well on the MTA

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Board. He is doing to do us incredibly proud on the City Planning Commission, I proudly vote aye on all. Thank you.

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

CLERK: Matteo:

STEVEN MATTEO: With congratulations to everyone's friend Fred Cerullo, uhm Allen Cappelli I know they will represent us well on the City Planning Board, aye on the rest.

CLERK: Cumbo:

LAURIE CUMBO: I also want to share my congratulations to Fred Cerullo and Allen Cappelli and I vote aye.

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I was remiss in not wishing two people here today Happy Birthday, I want to wish Happy Birthday to one of our photographers here John McCartin (SP?). Uhm today is his Birthday and I want to wish uhm a Happy Birthday to my personal Chief of Staff, not the Council's Chief of Staff, my personal Chief of Staff Eric Botcher (SP?). Today is his birthday as well, so Happy Birthday uhm to both of them and a belated

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2 Happy Birthday to Mayor de Blasio whose birthday was
3 yesterday and with that I vote aye on all.

4 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

5 CLERK: Mr.

6 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Go ahead.

7 CLERK: Council Member King?

8 ANDY KING: I move permission for all
9 Land Use items, call ups, and are all accounted today
10 please?

11 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

12 ANDY KING: I vote aye on all. Thank
13 you.

14 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

15 Congratulations to the gentleman from Staten Island,
16 Fred Cerullo.

17 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: And Happy
18 Birthday to Antonio Reynoso.

19 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you and
20 Happy Birthday to all. All items on today's general
21 order calendar were adopted by a vote of 49 in the
22 affirmative, zero negative and zero abstentions with
23 the exception of Land Use 64 and resolution 352 which
24 was adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, two
25 negative and one abstention and the revised Land Use

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2 Call Up vote is 46, 49 in the affirmative excuse me
3 and zero in the negative. Introduction and reading
4 of Bills.

5 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: All Bills have
6 been referred to their respective Committee as
7 indicated on the Agenda.

8 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: So now a
9 discussion of resolutions and there is a number of
10 resolutions. For those who are voting negative or to
11 any of these resolutions please approach the desk or
12 for the purposes of the abstention please approach
13 the desk. Let's begin. Resolution 307, a resolution
14 calling up the New York State Legislature to pass and
15 the Governor to sign Legislation that would authorize
16 same day voter registration in New York allowing
17 eligible New York City residents to register to vote
18 and cast a ballot at the poll site on election day,
19 all of those in favor (numerous aye). All of those
20 opposed? Any abstentions? We also have 311
21 Resolution calling upon New York City to extend Paid
22 Family Leave benefits to City employees covered by
23 municipal unions, anyone wanting to speak on the
24 Bill? All of those in favor? (multiple ayes). All
25 of those opposed? Any abstentions? You guys have

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2 it. 312 Resolution calling upon the New York State
3 Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign
4 Legislation to amend the state paid family leave act
5 to provide workers in New York State with a benefit
6 equal to 100% of employees average weekly wage. Any
7 uhm anyone want to speak on the Bill? Council Member
8 Cumbo?

9 LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you we want to
10 extend Paid Family Leave Benefits to City Employees
11 covered by Municipal Unions. In 2016, Mayor de
12 Blasio signed a personal order that provided a Paid
13 Family Leave Program at 100% benefit to 20,000
14 managerial and supervisory employees, not covered by
15 a municipal union. We have to send a message loud and
16 clear that Paid Family Leave should never be confused
17 or substituted or associated with a sickness. We
18 have to make sure that we change the thinking so that
19 we can become a City that recognizes that all
20 families through the City of New York require and
21 need Paid Family Leave. We do not want Paid Family
22 Leave to be utilized as some bargaining chip where
23 over 140 unions could have no Paid Family Leave to
24 some semblance of it to some having a very
25 comprehensive plan. All family deserve Paid Family

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2 Leave and it should never be associated with paid
3 sick time. People should not have to negotiate a
4 sickness with making sure that they take care of
5 their child so I just wanted to have all of my
6 colleagues support this important initiative because
7 this is going to change the way we raise families in
8 the City of New York.

9 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Seeing no one
10 el... oh Council Member Levin?

11 STEPHEN LEVIN: Thank you madam public
12 advocate, I just wanted to join uhm my colleague
13 Laurie Cumbo in, in supporting this very important
14 resolution, uhm it is, impossible for us to call
15 ourselves the most progressive City in America if we
16 are leaving hundreds of thousands of city employees
17 behind when it comes to Paid Family Leave and as
18 Council Member Cumbo said, it should not be a
19 bargaining chip in the union negotiation. This is
20 something that the City should come in with at the
21 outset of every contract negotiation and say this is,
22 this is not a, an on the table for negotiation but
23 this is in fact, uhm a right that every uhm every
24 family has if they are a city employee. We are
25 requiring it on a state level or the private sector

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2 it is the very least that we can do to ensure that
3 public sector employees, particularly those that are
4 unionized have this right and so I want to uhm, uhm
5 also joint my colleague in encouraging my, the rest
6 of my colleagues to vote aye on this resolution.

7 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you Council
8 Member Williams?

9 JUMAANE WILLIAMS: Thank you uhm I want
10 to call my colleagues to.

11 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: We are discussing
12 resolution 312.

13 JUMAANE WILLIAMS: Oh my apologizes.

14 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Nevermind?

15 JUMAANE WILLIAMS: Oh no I do actually
16 uhm I do want to support that as well and uhm
17 following the words of my previous two colleagues,
18 even with this and I generally uhm try my best to
19 give credit where credit is due the Governor has
20 taunted fate and relieve uhm across the state. When
21 you take away the mirrors you find out that he
22 allowed a lot of people uhm to opt out including
23 cities, including agencies, so people who work for
24 Sunni don't have it and we see that UFT are
25 struggling and so hopefully when he is taking credit

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2 for something it is something worth taking credit
3 for. At the same time, I hope the Mayor stops using
4 this as a May, as a bargaining chip because he too is
5 tired of this as something that is champion while at
6 the same time pervading a union, a group of people
7 who actually very much need it, from preventing it so
8 I would like to just be on the record as supporting
9 as well.

10 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Seeing no one
11 else, all of those in favor of Resolution 312, all of
12 those who want to vote aye say aye? (multiple ayes).
13 Any opposition? Any abstention? The ayes have it.
14 Preconsidered Resolution 324, a resolution calling
15 upon the New York State Legislature to pass and the
16 Governor to sign A 5382a the Voter and Franchisement
17 Modernization Act of 2018. An act that establishes
18 an electronic personal voter registration process and
19 provides for online voter registration. Anyone
20 seeking to speak on this Bill? All of those in favor
21 of the Bill say aye (multiple ayes). Any uhm all of
22 those who vote no? Say no. Any abstention? The
23 ayes have it. Preconsidered Resolution 325 a
24 resolution calling on the New York State Legislature
25 to pass and the Governor to sign Senate 3179 and

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2 Assembly 5557 which would repeal the URSTAT law and
3 allow New York City to regulate residential rent.
4 Anyone seeking to speak on this Bill? All of those
5 in favor say aye? (multiple ayes). All of those
6 opposed? Any abstentions? The ayes have it.
7 Preconsidered Resolution 326, a Resolution calling
8 upon the State Legislature to pass and the Governor
9 to sign S6527 and Assembly 6285 which limits rent
10 increases on renewal of rent stabilized units where
11 preferential rent was being charged. All of those in
12 favor say aye? All of those opposed? Any
13 abstention? The ayes have it. Preconsidered
14 Resolution 327, a Resolution calling upon the State
15 Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign
16 Legislation extending the statute of limitations for
17 rent overcharges. All of those in, anyone seeking to
18 speak on the Bill? All of those in favor say aye?
19 (multiple ayes). Any opposition? Any abstentions?
20 The ayes have it. Uhm Preconsidered Resolution 328,
21 Resolution calling upon the State Legislature to pass
22 and the Governor to sign S4312. Legislation amending
23 the administrative code of the City of New York. The
24 Emergency Tenant Protection Act of 1974 and the
25 Emergency Housing Rent Control Law in relation to

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making the major capital improvement MCI rate increase a temporary surcharge. Anyone seeking to speak on the Bill? Uhm Council Member Gibson?

VANESSA GIBSON: Thank you Madam Public Advocate. I will be very quick. Uhm all of these resolutions in which we are being asked to support related to rent stabilization and really protecting the affordability of rent in the City are very, very important. As a former member of the State Assembly these Bills are certainly not new uhm these Bills have been carried by Assembly Democrats for many, many years and I really want to applaud the City Council and our Housing and Buildings Chair, Council Member Cornegy for their leadership and our speaker because we really have to make sure that vacancy decontrol, repealing URSTAT are really looking at the permanent rent increase that an MCI does provide means that rents are still rising uhm to unaffordability levels and I am grateful that this Council recognizes the important role that we play working with our colleagues in the State and hopefully as things change in the State Senate, maybe we will actually see these Bills passed and codified in Law. Uhm so I want to commend all of my

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2 colleagues and look forward to working with the State
3 to make sure that we really enact significant changes
4 in our housing infrastructure. Thank you.

5 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Seeing any other,
6 any other speakers? All of those in favor say aye?
7 (multiple ayes). Any opposition? Uhm any
8 abstention? The ayes have it. Preconsidered
9 resolution 329, a resolution calling upon the State
10 Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign,
11 Assembly 7404 in relation to requiring a new party to
12 file a certificate following the election at which
13 the party obtains party status. Anyone seeking to
14 speak on this Bill? All of those in favor say aye
15 (Multiple ayes). All of those opposed? Any
16 abstention? The ayes have it. Preconsidered
17 Resolution 330, a resolution calling upon the State
18 Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign 89758a,
19 Senate 7149 in relation to the political expenditures
20 of limited liability companies. Anyone seeking to
21 speak on this Bill? All of those in favor say aye?
22 (multiple ayes). Any opposition? Any abstentions?
23 The ayes have it. Preconsidered Resolution 331, a
24 Resolution calling upon the State Legislature to pass
25 and the Governor to sign, S3482 Assembly 433 in

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2 relation to repealing vacancy decontrol. Anyone
3 seeking to speak on this Bill? All of those in favor
4 say aye? (Multiple ayes). Any opposition? Any
5 abstentions? The eyes have it. 332 Resolution
6 calling on the State Legislature to pass and the
7 Governor to sign, Senate 1593, Assembly 9815 in
8 relation to repealing the vacancy bonus. Anyone
9 seeking to speak on this Bill? All of those in favor
10 say aye (Multiple ayes.). All those opposed? Any
11 abstention? The ayes have it. Preconsidered
12 Resolution 336, a Resolution calling upon the State
13 Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign,
14 Assembly 7623 Senate 840 and A9608B in relation to
15 authorizing ballot by mail, no excuse absentee ballot
16 voting and early voting. Anyone seeking to speak on
17 this Bill? All of those in favor say aye. (Multiple
18 ayes). Uhm you are waning guys. Any opposition?
19 (laughing). Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Uhm
20 Preconsidered Resolution 336, a resolution calling
21 upon the State Legislature to pass and the Governor
22 to sign A, uhm we did that. Uhm Preconsidered
23 Resolution 337, Resolution by this Council of the
24 City of New York, ratifying Council action and
25 Council et al versus Carter. New York Supreme Court

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2 Index Number 15498 of 2018 verified petition filed
3 April 17, 2018 a lawsuit filed to preserve the
4 separation of powers enshrined in the City Charter
5 and Council Member's free speech rights to express
6 their policy positions by filing a Mucus Briefs
7 (SP?). Anyone seeking to speak on this Bill? All of
8 those in favor say aye? (Multiple ayes.) Any
9 opposition? Any abstention? The ayes have it.
10 Preconsidered Resolution 338, a Resolution calling
11 upon the State Legislature to pass and the Governor
12 to sign, assembly 9923 in relation to improving the
13 format of ballot proposals to minimize confusion.
14 Anyone speaking to speak on this Bill? Uhm all of
15 those in favor say aye? (Multiple ayes). Any
16 opposition? Any abstention? The ayes have it.
17 Preconsidered Resolution 339 a resolution calling
18 upon the State Legislature to pass and the Governor
19 to sign. Senate 6925 Assembly 268 which will provide
20 Rent Controlled Tenants Relief from rent, from high
21 rent increases. Anyone seeking to speak on this
22 Bill? All of those in favor say aye? (Multiple
23 ayes.) Any opposition? Any abstention? The ayes
24 have it and lastly Preconsidered Resolution 340, a
25 Resolution calling on the State Legislature to pass

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2 and the Governor to sign Legislation that would
3 extend rent stabilization to unrelated apartments.
4 Anyone seeking to speak on this Bill? All of those
5 in favor say aye (Multiple ayes.) Any opposition?
6 Any abstention? The ayes have it again. Anyone
7 opposed to any of those Bills please approach the
8 desk and now to General Discussion. Council Member
9 Vallone, now you can introduce all of your Bills.
10 (laughing).

11 PAUL VALLONE: When you call on us we
12 rise and we speak Madam Advocate, that's what we do.
13 So uhm an incident in my District and I think it kind
14 of mirror images all of us when a parent comes up to
15 asks us that question, Is it safe for my child to go
16 to school? Was the one that really shook me and lead
17 to the Bills today for us to make sure that we do
18 everything we can so at 184 and Whitestone lead to
19 District 25 CEC meeting and then subsequently
20 conversations with all of us talking about what we
21 can do, do to be proactive today and not reactive and
22 these Bills that I am so proud. There are so many of
23 them going in today with my fellow Council Members
24 who for the first time looked top to bottom at safety
25 in our schools, at what we can do to make them as

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2 safe as possible, what procedures are in place, what
3 coordination can happen between the agencies and
4 finally give the parents the quest... the answers
5 they've been looking for. That's why today we are
6 introducing 921, 922, 923, and 924 which will create
7 a School Security Task Force, a package of
8 Legislation that will finally look at our School
9 safety. They will meet quarterly and safety
10 throughout our City by having NYPD, Department of
11 Education, Office of Criminal Justice recommend and
12 implement policy changes for all of our children in
13 all schools who will require reviews about current
14 evacuation plans, and crisis response protocols,
15 update infrastructure technologies including security
16 camera systems, developed, coordinated, preparedness
17 procedures for the Community and City agencies at
18 public and non-public schools, increase public
19 notification for school emergencies and train school
20 personnel to better handle all of our crisis. This
21 Legislative package would not be possible without the
22 support of our dear friend and other brother Speaker
23 Corey Johnson, Ramon Martinez or Beth Sullivan (SP?),
24 Chief of Staff Jonathan Shott (SP?) and Legislative
25 Director Amanda Czar. I invite all of my colleagues

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2 who have yet to sign on to sign on to the school
3 safety bills introduced by myself by today's Speaker
4 Johnson. Council Members Matteo, Brannan, Ampry-
5 Samuel, Constantinides, Deutsch, Rose and Menchaca.
6 And the last question is find me a parent whose
7 content with the level of security at their child's
8 school, I haven't found that one yet. Thank you
9 Madam Public Advocate.

10 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.
11 Council Member Adams? Do you want to do your
12 introduction?

13 ADRIENNE ADAMS: Thank you Madam Public
14 Advocate. I rise again. To proudly introduce Intro
15 867 Legislation to represent countless New Yorkers
16 living in densely populated communities who
17 experience the difficulty of traveling down two way
18 streets jammed with parked vehicles on either side
19 leaving minimal safe space for walking or driving.
20 I'm extremely proud of this Legislation which I
21 encourage my colleagues to sign on to. This Bill
22 will require the Department of Transportation to
23 conduct a Citywide traffic study of street widths,
24 taking into account traffic volume and factors that
25 narrow our streets. Based on the determination of

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2 that study, the DOT will evaluate and change street
3 traffic flow where appropriate including two way
4 street to one way street conversions. There are far
5 too many narrow streets in the City of New York
6 making it cumbersome and dangerous to navigate
7 especially in two way traffic. This problem is only
8 exacerbated in the event of snow conditions.
9 Numerous communities will benefit from this common
10 sense Legislation as it promises to decrease traffic
11 volume on narrow streets, increase roadway capacity
12 and enhance pedestrian safety. Thank you Laura Poppa
13 (SP?) and your team for your help. Thank you Madam
14 Public Advocate.

15 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

16 Council Member Kallos?

17 BEN KALLOS: Today I rise to reintroduce
18 Legislation that I was proud to work with our Public
19 Advocate Tish James, Council Member Daneek Miller and
20 actually our, a person I was proud to call our
21 President Barack Obama related to helping people save
22 for retirement. The sad truth is most people don't
23 actually have access to retirement vehicles through
24 their employers, they don't have 401k, good luck
25 getting one of those at McDonalds and so what we

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2 wanted to do together was say that the City of New
3 York should be able to open up our amazing pension
4 system and allow people in the private sector to save
5 for retirement and so that we could avoid our, what
6 we are looking at an over \$10 trillion retirement
7 deficit. That is the deficit between how much people
8 have saved for retirement and how many public dollars
9 it will take to care for them. Uhm incomes, and this
10 is something worked with Mayor de Blasio, Controller
11 Stringer, a previous speaker, AARP and so many
12 advocates from all over our nation. In comes Donald
13 Trump and despite a Republican value of personal
14 responsibility Steve Bannan on this top 10 list was
15 stopping us from getting this Bill done and so uhm
16 they, they passed reso, they passed Legislation in
17 Congress to block us from doing so, with that being
18 said that's not going to stop myself, our, our Civil
19 Service and Labor Chair Daneek Miller or our Public
20 Advocate Tish James who will continue to fight and
21 make sure that Congress does the right thing so that
22 we can help people save for their retirements. So I
23 please urge you to please sign on to Introduction
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MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

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Council Member Rodriguez?

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YDANIS RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Public

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Advocate and today I would like to speak and asking

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my colleagues to support two introductions 905 and

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than 1 million New Yorkers burial in the largest

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cemetery that we have in the Nation. A cemetery

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should not be a prison for the dead, it should be a

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place where those who lost a loved one, they should

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reflect and connect with those individuals. The

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distress situation of Heart Island is a matter of

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social justice, inequity. Heart Island is the site

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of the Nation's largest public cemetery that holds

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over 1 million bodies of the poor and the immigrants.

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It is a disgrace that these bodies are laid to rest

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without the dignity and respect that they deserve.

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The City's cemetery must not be run as a prison by

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the Department of Correction. It should be a

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transfer to a more appropriate agency and we must

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establish City Fare Rate Services to the island. And

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by the way, I'm not advocating for the Ferry to be

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going from a city island but we should talk about if

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those ferries should be going from Manhattan or any

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2 other locations. The decision of the family members
3 are part of society and should be not treated as a
4 second class citizens. We must not ignore the
5 immigration angle of this, especially given that we
6 are a sanctuary city. Many of those who have loved
7 ones on the Island may be undocumented. Having a
8 corrections officer follow you in such a private
9 moment is greatly unpleasant but I can't imagine how
10 it may be for someone who is undocumented that make
11 choose not to visit the island out of a fear of the
12 law enforcement. Although they have to be waiting
13 six months to schedule a visit to that cemetery.
14 This must not be allowed to happen in New York City,
15 a city that has opened his arm to the people from
16 around the World and and the poor. This coming
17 Wednesday we are going to be celebrating 150 year of
18 this cemetery and we are putting a tour together with
19 electives and also any of the other advocates. Thank
20 you.

21 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you Council
22 Member Cornegy?

23 ROBERT CORNEGY: I'll pass Madam Public
24 Advocate.

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MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you, thank you. Council Member Levin?

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STEPHEN LEVIN: Thank you very much uhm Madam Public Advocate. Uhm I uhm I want to uhm take this quick opportunity to mention Legislation that I am introducing today regarding lead poisoning in relation to lead based paint hazards in one and two family homes, uhm as you may know I worked in, in, in, lead poisoning issues prior to joining the Council. There are still way too many children throughout New York City that is suffering lead poisoning but at lower levels, I am excited that this Council is taking up, addressing those issues of, of children within the range that is not, currently uhm taking on by the City of New York but also looking at making sure that there are remediations in one and two family homes so that uhm every child in New York City not just those in larger buildings uhm have the opportunity uhm to not be poisoned in their homes and so I want to thank the Speaker for this package of Legislation I'm excited to be a part of it. Uhm I also want to acknowledge and thank uhm the great work that Margaret has done for many years at the Land Use division and shepherding through and working with so

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2 many Council Members on these major Land Use Projects
3 and the minor Land Use Projects but all of these
4 issues that we have spent so much time working on and
5 I would also like to acknowledge Peg Toro, uhm as, as
6 uhm I've, I've told this body before, my wife and I
7 uhm had to go through the process of IVF in order to
8 have our child and uhm IVF is a very difficult
9 process and involves a lot of navigating of the
10 health insurance aspects of it and uhm I could say
11 with absolute certainty that if it wasn't for Peg
12 Toro helping us navigate through that process uhm we
13 wouldn't have our daughter so I want to thank Peg for
14 all the work that she has done, uhm for my family and
15 for uhm and for all of the Council and Council Staff
16 that uhm that she has worked with over the years.
17 Thank you.

18 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.
19 Congratulations Peg and thank you. Council Member
20 Cumbo?

21 LAURIE CUMBO: I want to start off by
22 wishing all mother's a Happy Mother's Day. This is
23 going to be, thank you, thank you, (applause). This
24 is going to be my first Mother's Day and I am
25 thrilled (cheering) and I'm thrilled and I'm excited

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2 and I want to wish my mother a Happy Mother's Day and
3 I just admire mother's so much more now. You have to
4 wake up in the morning, you have to get yourself
5 dressed, you have to get your baby dressed, you have
6 to get the bottles. You have to change the diapers,
7 you have to make your food, you have to do the
8 dishes. Maybe you might try and do a little
9 exercise. You have to play with the baby, you have
10 to feed the baby, you have to breast feed and you
11 have to be out the door by 8:00 a.m. and 7 or 8 if
12 there is a Legislative breakfast. So I just want to
13 say hat's off to all the mom's here. You do
14 phenomenal work, to all the dad's that work in
15 partnership. This is an amazing time and so God
16 Bless all the Mothers and even those who have the
17 nerve to have two, three, four or five children. I
18 don't know how you do it. And then some have the
19 nerve to have grandchildren, God Bless You.

20 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Phenomenal.

21 LAURIE CUMBO: But I stand today not just
22 because we want roses and flowers and chocolates and
23 candy for Mother's Day, we want all of that too but
24 what we need is Legislation. And I am proud
25 (laughing). I am proud to work with Speaker Corey

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2 Johnson and also want to thank Lora Poppa (SP?) for
3 introducing this amazing package of Mother's Day
4 Legislation that is designed to help us in all
5 aspects of raising a family in the City of New York.
6 We are going to address issues around breast feeding,
7 while we recognize that this is nature's best milk
8 for baby it is so hard to do throughout New York City
9 and through this Legislative package we are going to
10 change that. We are also going to make sure that we
11 address issues around lactation rooms throughout the
12 Department of Education, Schools, Police Precincts,
13 City Jail Facilities and more. We are also going to
14 be addressing issues around mortality. Maternal
15 mortality is an issue that impacts particularly women
16 of color and we want to make sure that all women have
17 equal access to health and education as it pertains
18 to their mortality. And finally, just a few more, we
19 are going to address Bills around Campaign Funds to
20 be used for Childcare and Babysitting. I know that I
21 was fortunate to have my colleagues to help me during
22 my Campaign, particularly Corey Johnson watched my
23 baby but not everyone can have the Speaker watch
24 their son while they are campaigning. (laughing). I
25 also want to make sure that we address issues around

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2 allowing women to choose the sex or gender of the
3 doctor while they are receiving care within our jail
4 system and finally we are going to address issues
5 around Paid Family Leave, we are going to address
6 issues around unlicensed child care facilities and we
7 are also going to address issues around uhm childcare
8 and making sure that all of the City of New York has
9 access to childcare centers, UPK3 is great, Paid
10 Family Leave which we don't have and is coming is
11 going to be great but those years between 3 months
12 and 3 years are critical for so many families. So
13 Happy Mother's Day, help is on the way and I'm proud
14 to work with all of my colleagues to make this
15 possible. Thank you and Happy Mother's Day.

16 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.
17 Council Member Cumbo, Legislation is good but what
18 about a spa?

19 LAURIE CUMBO: Right.

20 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Council Member
21 Deutsch?

22 CHAIM DEUTSCH: Thank you, thank you
23 Madam Speaker. Everyone done laughing at Laurie's
24 jokes? Okay. So first of all I want to congratulate
25 Peg Toro for retir... uhm for your, on your

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2 retirement from the City Council to babysit for
3 Frannie, Steve Levin's little girl, so
4 congratulations on that and congratulations Steve, so
5 now you have someone watching your child, 24 hours.
6 Uhm anyway thank you Madam Speaker, today Council
7 Member Paul Vallone and I are introducing Intro 880
8 which is part of a package of Bills that aims to make
9 our City Public and non-public schools safer. Intro
10 880 requires the Department of Education and the NYPD
11 to work together to determine the feasibility and
12 installing security cameras outside and inside of
13 schools. Security cameras can be a deterrent against
14 crimes, protecting students, administrators and
15 visitors. They also provide a method particularly in
16 larger schools for security staff to easily survey
17 the grounds of a school and to ensure that everyone
18 is safe. In this age of rising school violence, we
19 must ensure that we as a Council are doing our part
20 to protect the 1.1 million public school children and
21 the hundreds of thousands of non-public school
22 students in New York City. Intro 880 and the entire
23 package of Bills is a, is a dramatic step forward in
24 that effort and I thank my colleague, Council Member
25 Paul Vallone for his leadership and partnership of,

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2 on, on Intro 880, so I urge my colleagues to please
3 sign on. Thank you.

4 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you Council
5 Member Gjonaj?

6 MARK GJONAJ: Thank you Madam Public
7 Advocate. As the representative of the Heart Island
8 area and someone with regular communication with
9 local leaders and community activist, with respect
10 for my colleagues to support Intro 906 and Intro 909,
11 I cannot support these Bills. Before worrying about
12 bringing the Island Ferry Service and turn it into a
13 park we must address the most immediate concern
14 regarding Heart Island, doing something about the
15 remains that are washing out into the Long Island
16 Sound. Dealing with the remains should be the only
17 priority at this time. We must give those buried
18 there the dignity that they deserve. Our community
19 does not need Ferry Service for Heart Island. What
20 our Districts need is Ferry Service for the living to
21 the Island of Manhattan. With all due respect to my
22 colleagues, I will fight to prevent to prevent the
23 focus of this issue from drifting off the real
24 concern of honoring the deceased and respecting their
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2 families. I ask my colleagues and anyone with
3 compassion to support me on this. Thank you.

4 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.
5 Council Member Barron?

6 INEZ BARRON: Thank you Madam Public
7 Advocate, first I want to call on my colleagues
8 attention to a Bill which I have introduced, I
9 believe it is 30A and it is a part of the lead Bills
10 and this one talks about a water filtration system in
11 the schools. But I also want to share with you a
12 brief Bio of Reverend Dr. James Cone who passed this
13 April 28th. He was a theologian, a minister, a
14 distinguished professor at Union Theological Seminary
15 and the author of 11 books. He was the first
16 African-American to earn a PhD in systemic theology
17 from Northwestern University. He was advocate and
18 fighter for racial justice and for decades he spoke
19 about the racial inequalities that persisted in the
20 form of economic injustice, mass and conservation and
21 police shootings. He proclaimed the Gospel as a
22 voice of the oppressed and marginalized. "The
23 Christian Gospel is a Religion of Liberation. A
24 Religion that says God created all people to be free
25 but I realize that for black people to be free they

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2 must first love their blackness." His 1969 book
3 Black Theology and Black Power is considered the
4 founding text of Black Liberation Theology. Black
5 Liberation Theology is a presentation of his
6 harmonlitical (SP?) position that is an
7 interpretation of the Christian Gospel from the
8 experiences and prospective of lives of people who
9 are at the bottom of society. The lowest economic
10 and racial groups. Dr. Daniel Jose Camacho says
11 "Cone's position is not simply about experience but a
12 direct assault on theologies entanglement with white
13 racism." He was critique, he was criticizing
14 whiteness before virtually anyone in the theology
15 academy realized what it was and the fact that it was
16 a problem. In November 2017, Dr. Cone won the
17 Grawemeyer Award in Religion with accompanying
18 \$100,000 prize for his book, The Cross and the
19 Lynching Tree which drew parallels between the
20 crucifixion of Jesus and lynching of black people in
21 the United States. Dr. James Cone said "I write
22 because writing is the way I fight. Teaching is the
23 way I resist doing what I can to subvert white
24 supremacy." He just recently passed and he did great
25 work and he will be sorely missed. Thank you.

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MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

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Council Member Chin?

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MARGARET CHIN: Thank you Madam Public

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Advocate. Uhm I wanted to call my colleagues

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attention to Intro 873 and 874, part of the larger

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It can cause irreversible damage to pregnant women

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banned the use of lead paint and in 1978, lead paint

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was banned nationwide. In 2004, local Law set a goal

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units in New York City only 45,000 of these units or

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3.1% have done this. Intro 873 will require

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landlords to permanently remove or permanently cover

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any lead paint within an apartment unit once it's

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become unoccupied five year after the passage of this

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law. Intro 874 will increase coordination between

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Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the

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2 Department of Buildings when construction work blows
3 lead particles into residential units and within
4 common area. It would also allow the Department of
5 Building to issue a stop work order if the unit has
6 received a notice of lead paint hazard. Some might
7 say this is a burden on building owners and landlords
8 and that it would cost too much but the true cost is
9 to our vulnerable children and families who have to
10 live with the real fear of lead paint in their own
11 home. Even though the Federal Government and the
12 City sets an allowable lead level in a person's blood
13 stream, no amount of lead in our children's blood
14 stream is safe. These two Bills will strengthen our
15 City's effort to make sure our homes are clean,
16 secure and free of harmful toxin. So I ask my, I ask
17 my colleagues to sign on to the whole package. Thank
18 you.

19 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Council Member
20 Koo?

21 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Madam Public
22 Advocate?

23 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

24 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Uhm before uhm
25 Council Member Koo speaks and I just want to say and

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2 I should have said this given that all of the members
3 are saying it, I think this package of Bills on lead
4 is very, very important and I look forward to the
5 hearings and I really want to give credit to Council
6 Member Bill Perkins who when he was in this body
7 earlier, uhm in his career, he was one of the major
8 proponents and champions on lead paint and the work
9 that was done and we are really building on something
10 that he started many years ago and I really want to
11 thank him and recognize him for the work that he did
12 all of those years ago. Thank you very much, Council
13 Member Koo.

14 PETER KOO: Thank you. Uhm thank you
15 Madam Public Speaker, uhm Public Advocate. Sorry. I
16 want to join my colleagues in thanking Margaret
17 Griffin for her service to the Land Use Committee.
18 Margaret thank you for your, you have a business Land
19 Use Committee on task and on schedule. And I also
20 would like to congratulate Peg Toro on her well-
21 deserved retirement. Peg has processed every single
22 person who has worked in my office including myself.
23 She is, she is an amazing professional who has always
24 made herself available to help answering questions.
25 She has always taken problems into her own hands to

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2 help troubleshoot complicated, administrative issues.
3 She is also a fellow Queens resident so I hope I will
4 see her soon again. Thank you.

5 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

6 Council Member Williams?

7 JUMAANE WILLIAMS: Thank you uhm first I
8 would like to bring my colleagues attention to Intro
9 925, Commuter Van Bills. Last term, thanks to this
10 body and particularly Council Member Miller and
11 others we did a bunch of Legislation of bringing up
12 vans to the forefront. Unfortunately when it comes
13 to enforcement there is a quirk in the Law where the
14 TLC cannot enforce the laws for vans over 20
15 passengers so many of us have this transportation
16 network are now experiencing vans with no license,
17 with no insurance over 20 passengers to skirt the
18 law. This Bill is meant to correct that to provide
19 TLC the ability to provide the safety measures that
20 are needed so I ask all of my colleagues to please
21 support that. I am going to, I'm horrified of a
22 Council without Peg Toro. I don't know if someone is
23 going to allow me to ask 40 questions over and over
24 again and still not do what I was told to do. So my
25 hope is that whoever comes in they understand that

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2 they have very, very big shoes to fill. Uhm the
3 Sergeant's Benevolent Association uhm recently had a
4 Tudor war with the CCRB. You are all a disgrace, you
5 sit on your ass and target the NYPD all while growing
6 up on the nipple of what is easy. You have no clue
7 what an NYPD officer does. You target us and
8 disparage our integrity. One day you will 9-1-1 when
9 evil is at uhm your door and Thank God for the NYPD.
10 Uhm now Ed Mullins who was the head of Sergeant's
11 Benevolent Association would make an awesome police
12 chief in the Janus south but we are going to do our
13 best to make sure that we don't go backwards. When I
14 think about him and people like David Clark who the
15 New York Chiefs have invited to be their keynote
16 speaker it is depressing to know that this is the
17 people we have to have honest discussions about
18 policing issues and my hope is some point uhm people
19 will understand the the fear that they are putting
20 into too many people in this city and in this state
21 and in this nation. Lastly, I want to congratulate
22 the Governor for New Jersey for passing their version
23 of the Dream Act, that is real leadership, that is
24 not lip service like we see here too often and uhm in
25 just a few minutes I'm going to up Cooney. They are

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2 going to be entertaining a Bill which like the Janus
3 decisions and unions can get rid of night paragon so
4 many people who know New York Public Research Group
5 Cooney may pass a piece of Leg, a rule now allowing
6 students to give funding to night and I hope it is
7 people will do their best to reject. I am a former
8 night paragon, got a lot of training there, I know a
9 lot of us did. Thank you.

10 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you and our
11 last speaker is Council Member Rose.

12 DEBORAH ROSE: Thank you. Uhm Madam AG
13 Public Advocate. I would like to piggyback on
14 Council Member Vallone's very important school safety
15 package. Uhm two of which are created, one of which
16 is created to create a school security task for. Uhm
17 that's Intro 912. With Council Member Cabrera, would
18 require that the task for review Infrastructure
19 Security Technologies and Into 872 with Council
20 Member Brannan, Matteo, Torres and I are requiring
21 that that Task Force review a public notification for
22 school emergencies and for the people who drive I am
23 introducing Intro 911 to suspend parking meter rules
24 on major holidays including but not limited to
25 Christmas, Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah, Ash Wednesday,

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2 Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Orthodox Holy Thursday,
3 Orthodox Good Friday, the first two and last two days
4 of Passover, Eld al-Fitr, Eld al-Adha, Asia Lunar New
5 York and the Hindu Festival of Denali and all state
6 and national holidays. I hope that you will support
7 all of these Bills which address the quality of life
8 and school safety issues that are of the utmost
9 importance to all New Yorkers.

10 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: There is going to
11 be no meter parking in New York City when Deb Rose is
12 done. (laughing).

13 DEBORAH ROSE: Lastly let me just say I
14 just ask my colleagues to co-sponsor Intro 900 which
15 would require the Department of Education to report
16 three times a year on the provision of special
17 education services to students with uhm individual
18 education plans or IEPs. Now the speaker to close.

19 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Good night and
20 good luck. The stated meeting of May 9, 2018 is
21 hereby adjourned.

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



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