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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Adrienne Adams
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shaun Abreu
Joann Ariola
Alexa Avilés
Diana Ayala
Charles Barron
Joseph C. Borelli
Erik D. Bottcher
Justin L. Brannan
Gale A. Brewer
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
Tiffany Cabán
David M. Carr
Carmen N. De La Rosa
Eric Dinowitz
Amanda Farías
Oswald Feliz
James F. Gennaro
Jennifer Gutiérrez

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

Shahana K. Hanif
Kamillah Hanks
Robert F. Holden
Crystal Hudson
Kristin Richardson-Jordan
Rita C. Joseph
Ari Kagan
Shekar Krishnan
Linda Lee
Farah N. Louis
Christopher Marte
Darlene Mealy
Julie Menin
Francisco P. Moya
Mercedes Narcisse
Sandy Nurse
Chi A. Ossé
Vickie Paladino
Keith Powers
Lincoln Restler
Kevin C. Riley
Carlina Rivera
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.
Pierina Ana Sanchez
Lynn C. Schulman
Althea V. Stevens
Sandra Ung
Marjorie Velázquez
Inna Vernikov
Nantasha M. Williams
Julie Won
Kalman Yeger

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen,
at this time please place all electronic devices to
vibrate. Mr. Majority Leader?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: [gavel] Good
afternoon and welcome to the Stated Meeting of
October 27th, 2022. I am Majority Leader Keith
Powers. I'd like to thank everyone for joining us
today. If you'd like to follow along, the agenda for
today's meeting is posted on the City Council
website.

COUNCIL CLERK: Please join us for the
Pledge of Allegiance.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Roll call.

COUNCIL CLERK: Abreu?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Ariola?

COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Avilés?

COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presente.

COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala?

COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Bottcher?
COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: [inaudible]
COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Brannan?
COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: I'm here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer?
COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers? Cabán?
COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present.
COUNCIL CLERK: Carr?
COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: De La Rosa?
COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz?
COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Farías?
COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present.
COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz?
COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aquí.
COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro? Gutiérrez?
Hanif? Hanks?
COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present.
COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Holden?
COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Hudson?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present.
3 COUNCIL CLERK: Joseph?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Here.
5 COUNCIL CLERK: Kagan?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Here.
7 COUNCIL CLERK: Krishnan?
8 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.
9 COUNCIL CLERK: Lee?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here.
11 COUNCIL CLERK: Louis?
12 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.
13 COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers?
14 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present.
15 COUNCIL CLERK: Marte?
16 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Here.
17 COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy? Menin?
18 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here.
19 COUNCIL CLERK: Moya?
20 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.
21 COUNCIL CLERK: Narcisse?
22 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present.
23 COUNCIL CLERK: Nurse?
24 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Here.
25 COUNCIL CLERK: Ossé?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Paladino?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Present.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Restler? Richardson

6 Jordan?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN:

8 Present.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Riley?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: [inaudible]

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Sanchez?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Schulman?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Stevens?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Bottcher?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Present.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Ung?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Velázquez?

1 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: Present.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Vernikov? Williams?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Present.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Restler?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: [inaudible]

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro? Gutiérrez?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presente.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Won?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Here.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Present.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Adams?

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll

19 now have today's invocation delivered by Pastor M.

20 Zidde Hammatheite from Wayside Baptist Church located

21 at 1746-60 Broadway in Brooklyn.

22 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

23 PASTOR M. ZIDDE HAMMATHEITE: Let us bow

24 our heads. Most gracious and everlasting God of a

1 father, we thank you as we have gathered together in
2 this august body for our City Council meeting. Thank
3 you for all the participants, the Council Members
4 that are present, and God as they have come to be
5 able to gather together the information required to
6 help move this city forward, we pray that you
7 continue to shower them with wisdom, knowledge, and
8 understanding. Give them the insight, the foresight,
9 and tested [sic] fortitude to continue to keep
10 striving that we have a better city in times like
11 this. This we pray in the name of he who died and
12 rose again. Amen.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We
15 now ask and we're going to call on Council Member
16 Sandy Nurse to spread the invocation on the record.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you,
18 Majority Leader, and thank you Reverend Hammatheite
19 for joining us today. As a result of the Reverend's
20 profound and dedication and love for the community, a
21 tribute to him was entered into the 112th
22 Congressional Record by Congressman Ed Towns November
23 17th, 2011. The Reverend served as a Board Member
24 for the Conference of National Black Churches, and is
25 honored to currently sit on the Leadership Council

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2 for Habitat for Humanity. In 2021, he was invited to
3 sit on Mayor Eric Adams' COVID Recovery Roundtable
4 Board and the Mayor's Office of Faith-based and
5 Community Partnership. We just want to thank you for
6 being here, and I make a motion for unanimous consent
7 to spread the invocation in full upon the record.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you,
9 Council Member Nurse, and thank you for being with us
10 here today. We'll now have the Adoption of the
11 Minutes by Council Member Althea Stevens.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I make a motion
13 that the minutes of the Stated Meeting of September
14 29th, 2022 be adopted as printed.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We're
16 going to have now messages and papers from the Mayor.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Communication
19 from City, County, and Borough Offices.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Petitions and
22 communications.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Land Use Call-
25 ups.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: M100 Innovative Urban
3 Village.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on Call-up vote.
5 I now ask the Clerk take a roll call vote on today's
6 Land Use Call-up.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Louis?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Permission to
9 explain?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Go ahead.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote on all Land
12 Use Call-ups and all items on the General Orders
13 Calendar. I vote aye. Thank you.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Abreu?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Ariola?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Avilés?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Bottcher?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan?
COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer?
COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers?
COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Cabán?
COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Carr?
COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: De La Rosa?
COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz?
COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Farías?
COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on
all.
COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz?
COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro?
COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Gutiérrez?
COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Hanif?

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COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Hanks?
COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Holden?
COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Hudson?
COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: I vote aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Joseph?
COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Kagan?
COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Krishnan?
COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Lee?
COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Marte?
COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy?
COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Menin?
COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Moya?
COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Narcisse?

1 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.
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3 COUNCIL CLERK: Nurse?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Aye.
5 COUNCIL CLERK: Ossé?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye.
7 COUNCIL CLERK: Paladino?
8 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye.
9 COUNCIL CLERK: Restler?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.
11 COUNCIL CLERK: Richardson Jordan?
12 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Aye.
13 COUNCIL CLERK: Riley?
14 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.
15 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?
16 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.
17 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca? Sanchez?
18 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.
19 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Schulman?
20 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.
21 COUNCIL CLERK: Stevens?
22 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.
23 COUNCIL CLERK: Ung?
24 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.
25 COUNCIL CLERK: Velázquez?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: Aye.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Vernikov? Williams?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Won?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Adams?

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Today's Land Use

16 Call-ups are adopted by a vote of 49 in the
17 affirmative and 0 in the negative. We'll now have
18 communication from speaker Adrienne Adams.

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority
20 Leader, and good afternoon everyone. This week marks
21 the 10th year anniversary since Superstorm Sandy
22 devastated many of our communities and our city. The
23 storm resulted in the deaths of 44 New Yorkers and
24 left thousands of people without power, stable homes,
25 and access to food and water. A decade later our

1 neighborhoods are still recovering. As a city we
2 must be more prepared for the coming storms. In the
3 past two years alone, we have been heavily impacted
4 by Tropical Storm Isaias, Hurricane Ida, among other
5 extreme weather events. We are continuously feeling
6 the effects of climate change, so it is critical that
7 we take the necessary steps to make our neighborhoods
8 more resilient and sustainable. Just yesterday, the
9 Council Committee on Resiliency and Waterfront
10 together with the Committee on Transportation and
11 Infrastructure held a joint oversight hearing on the
12 10th anniversary of Superstorm Sandy. In our
13 districts and throughout the City we're hosting
14 events to commemorate the anniversary, reflect on the
15 lessons learned and compel adequate planning for the
16 future. The Decennial Citywide Climate Adaptation
17 Plan required by a law the Council passed calls for
18 the City to outline measures for resiliency that
19 protects residents, property, and infrastructure. It
20 prioritizes the most vulnerable areas and parts of
21 the City historically harmed by a lack of
22 environmental justice. This plan was due on
23 September 30th, and has yet to be published, and
24 we're awaiting that plan just like all New Yorkers.
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1 As a city, we must advance efforts to make our city
2 more resilient and stronger and an actionable
3 transparent plan is essential. Our city is mourning
4 the loss of 47-year-old Carlos Santiago, a tow truck
5 driver who was killed earlier this month in a
6 horrific traffic accident. Carlos was helping a
7 fellow motorist who had a disabled car on the side of
8 the Long Island Expressway in Queens where they were
9 both struck by a drunk driver. As a council we send
10 love and condolences to his family, friends, and
11 community for their loss. Earlier this week, New
12 Yorkers celebrated Diwali, the Festival of Lights
13 that reminds us about the triumph of light over
14 darkness. It is an important celebration for our
15 Hindu, Jain and Sikh communities, and it is worthy of
16 being a school holiday. I support efforts to
17 officially place Diwali on the school calendar
18 because our students should not have to choose
19 between their faith and their education. On November
20 1st, the Council will be hosting a Diwali celebration
21 right here in the Council Chambers, and I invite you
22 and your constituents to join us for a night of fun,
23 culture and community. Thank you to Council Members
24 Brewer, Farías, Gennaro, Krishnan, Lee, Rivera,
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1 Schulman, Ung, Williams, and Won for co-hosting this
2 celebration. In just a few days, colleagues, we will
3 be celebrating Halloween. I hope everyone enjoys the
4 holiday whether you're trick-or-treating in your
5 neighborhood, watching a scary movie, or just
6 dressing up for fun. Have a safe time and a great
7 time if you're celebrating. And finally, I'd like to
8 acknowledge that November is National Native American
9 Heritage Month. It's a time when we honor the
10 history, contributions, and cultures of indigenous
11 peoples. It is important that we recognize that we
12 are currently in the homeland of the Lenape. As a
13 city and country we must commit to meeting the needs
14 of our indigenous communities and addressing the
15 disparities they continue to face as a result of
16 historically being subjected to disenfranchisement
17 and other genocidal harm from colonization. Now,
18 let's move on to our Stated agenda. Today we are
19 voting on several legislative Land Use and Finance
20 items. We will be voting on the following Land Use
21 items: Ninth Street rezoning will rezone a mid-block
22 section of Ninth Street in the Gowanus area of
23 Brooklyn within Community District Six in Council
24 Member Hanif's district. It will also include a text
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1 amendment to designate an MIH area and a mixed-use
2 district. The project will facilitate the
3 development of a five-story residential building with
4 an estimated 22 units, 25 percent of which will be
5 affordable under the MIH program. This outcome
6 represent a compromise that balances citywide housing
7 needs with community priorities by simultaneously
8 advancing affordable housing and industrial
9 preservation in the aftermath of the previously
10 approved Gowanus neighborhood rezoning to create 85
11 units of housing, 3,000 of which will be affordable.
12 Gateway site 26A in phase five and UDAP amendment, an
13 HPD application that will facilitate a new eight-
14 story mixed-use building with 191 affordable senior
15 housing units and community facility in Council
16 Member Barron's district. In addition, an amendment
17 to the Fresh Creek Urban Renewal Plan will facilitate
18 the development of nine four-story buildings with
19 approximately 560 affordable housing units. Finally,
20 we will be voting on several related HPD UDAP and tax
21 exemption applications in the Morrisania and Morris
22 Heights sections of the Bronx. Morrisania Open Door
23 will facilitate the development of approximately 23
24 affordable homeownership units in Council Member
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1 Stevens' district. Morris Heights NCP will
2 facilitate the construction of two six-story
3 residential buildings with approximately 28
4 affordable home ownership units in Council Member
5 Sanchez and Stevens districts. Morrisania Claremont
6 Village Open Door will facilitate the development of
7 two family buildings with a total of 14 new units in
8 Council Member Riley and Council Member Stevens
9 districts. It will include seven affordable home
10 ownership units through the Open Door Program and
11 seven affordable rental units. Additionally, we will
12 also be voting on a transparency resolution approving
13 new designations and changes of certain organizations
14 receiving funding in the expense budget. Lastly, the
15 Council will vote on the following pieces of
16 legislation: Introduction 258A, sponsored by Council
17 Member Rita Joseph, would require the Mayor to
18 designate an agency or office in coordination with
19 the Department of Transportation and Department of
20 Parks and Recreation to report on feasible locations
21 for public bathroom facilities across this city.
22 This bill would also require that the agencies or
23 offices incorporate public and Community Board input
24 regarding locations suitable for public bathrooms.
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1 Introduction 291A, sponsored by Council Member Carina
2 Rivera and Majority Whip Selvena Brooks-Powers, would
3 require the Department of Transportation and the
4 Department of Parks and Recreation to develop a
5 citywide agency under-- a citywide greenway master
6 plan with the goal of achieving a comprehensive
7 network of greenways. Under the legislation, these
8 agencies would create a working group tasked with
9 identifying locations for possible development into
10 greenways, establishing greenway design guidelines
11 and identifying opportunities for integrating green
12 infrastructure and creating a list of early action
13 greenway projects. The bill would also require that
14 these agencies report annually on the implementation
15 of the greenway plan and engage with Community Boards
16 on all proposals. Thank you staff Elliott Lin [sp?].
17 Next, the Council will be voting on a package of rat
18 mitigation and sanitation legislation. New York City
19 is currently experiencing a severe rat infestation
20 problem, one that has impacted all communities. The
21 increased number of rodents result in more property
22 damage, food contamination and disease transmission,
23 as well as an overall impact on New Yorker's quality
24 of life. The Council is focused on improving the
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1 health and safety of our neighborhoods, and this
2 legislative package would bolster efforts to address
3 the surge of rodents throughout this city.

4 Introduction 414A, sponsored by Council Member Chi
5 Ossé, would require the Department of Health and
6 Mental Hygiene to issue an annual report on the
7 City's efforts in rat mitigation zones, submit the
8 report to the Speaker of the Council and the Mayor,
9 and make the report publicly available online. The
10 report would describe the metrics that the Department
11 of Health uses to measure the efficacy of rat
12 mitigation in each zone as well as their outreach
13 effort. Introduction 442A, sponsored by Council
14 Member Erik Bottcher, would require that before
15 permitting authorizing certain construction work that
16 is subject to rodent extermination is issued the
17 applicant certified that a licensed exterminator was
18 retained to effectively treat the premises for rodent
19 extermination. Introduction 459A, sponsored by
20 Council Member Shaun Abreu, would require that the
21 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene designate rat
22 mitigation zones throughout the City. This bill
23 would also allow the Department of Sanitation to
24 determine the times during which buildings must set
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1 out their garbage and recycling for collection.

2 Introduction 460A, also sponsored by Council Member

3 Abreu, would require buildings which receive two more

4 rodent-specific maintenance codes or two or more

5 rodent-specific health code violations place their

6 refuse in rodent-proof containers for at least two

7 years. The bill permits the Department of Sanitation

8 to waive this container requirement wherever it would

9 cause an undue hardship or public safety hazard.

10 Thank you to our staff Jessica Steinberg Ablin [sp?].

11 Finally, as we conclude Domestic Violence Awareness

12 Month, it is important that we continue to address

13 gender-based violence and support its survivors with

14 the care and services they need to heal. To end

15 cycles of violence and address the trauma that it

16 causes, we must work to create a safe environment

17 where survivors have access to stability, resources,

18 and assistance that promote their health and safety.

19 That is our collective responsibility in government,

20 and with today's Support Survivors legislative

21 package, the Council is advancing the City's services

22 for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence.

23 The following bills are sponsored by our Women and

24 Gender Equity Committee Chair Tiffany Cabán:
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1 Introduction 153A would require the Office to End
2 Domestic Violence and Gender-based Violence, or
3 ENDGBV, in consultation with the Department of Social
4 Services and community-based organizations to
5 establish a program to provide survivors of domestic
6 and gender-based violence with a low-barrier grant
7 and supportive services that help them with expenses
8 related to maintaining housing. The bill would also
9 require ENDGBV to report on the program on an annual
10 basis. Introduction 154A would require ENDGBV to
11 establish an online portal and written resource guide
12 of available services for survivors of domestic and
13 gender-based violence in New York City. The portal
14 and guide would be available in the designated
15 citywide languages. The guide would also be
16 available in braille. The portal would also include
17 a link to other relevant city-run websites and
18 portals that provide information on services for
19 survivors in the city along with the description of
20 the types of such resources. The bill would also
21 require ENDGBV to conduct outreach on the portal and
22 guide and ensure the portal is secure and
23 confidential to protect the privacy of survivors.
24 And Resolution 111 would call upon New York State to
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2 pass legislation that would provide domestic violence
3 survivors and their families with job-protected paid
4 leave similar to that of New York State's Paid Family
5 Leave Law to be used for any activities relating to
6 their actual or perceived status as a domestic
7 violence survivor or family member of a domestic
8 violence survivor. And we thank our staff members
9 Brenda McKinney and Anastasia Zimmerna [sp?]. Thank
10 you all for your attention. Now, I turn it back into
11 the hands of our Majority Leader.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you,
13 Speaker Adams. We're going to now move into
14 discussion of general orders. We'll first hear from
15 Council Member Rivera followed by Council Member
16 Barron.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you so much
18 for the opportunity to speak on my bill with Majority
19 Whip, Intro 291, and I want to also thank the Speaker
20 for commemorating 10 years since Hurricane Sandy and
21 everything our city has gone through and is still
22 recovering from. I know in my own district eight
23 feet of water in many areas, and in a really
24 unprecedented project called East Side Coastal
25 Resiliency in which we are actively rebuilding a

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2 greenway among amenities that are a part of a beloved
3 park, and I know there are many long term protections
4 that have to take place and be implemented across the
5 five boroughs. So I'm looking forward to being a
6 part of that continued fight and effort. With
7 greenways, this is something that should be a
8 citywide plan, and all of us here today I know we
9 believe for our city we need a future where New
10 Yorkers of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities from
11 every neighborhood and every borough can easily find
12 open space and safely acts of transportation. The
13 city last issued a greenway plan in 1993 under Mayor
14 Dinkins, but today, 30 years later, we are going to
15 pass the citywide Greenway Plan bill. That will
16 create a comprehensive master plan, a vision for the
17 future of greenways in New York City, and
18 historically it's been low-income neighborhoods and
19 communities of color that have seen the least
20 investment in greenway infrastructure. This
21 legislation disrupts that pattern. It ensures every
22 neighborhood and every borough is involved in the
23 development of a master plan for the city that works
24 for all New Yorkers. This bill requires community
25 engagement and an outreach plan to build it out and

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2 to identify new greenways to link the existing
3 network and will be supported by groundbreaking city
4 and federal funding that was announced by our Senator
5 Schumer. So together we can deliver New Yorkers a
6 greenway master plan for future generations that
7 leaves no neighborhood behind and finally be the city
8 that is leading on green infrastructure, and a city
9 that puts pedestrians and cyclists first. So, thank
10 you for your support. I encourage everyone to vote
11 Aye.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
13 now hear from Council Member Barron followed by
14 Council Member Hanif.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you my
16 colleagues. I rise to encourage you to vote for a
17 project in my district in the Gateway facility for
18 our seniors, not 20 percent affordable, not 40
19 percent, not 60 percent, not 80 percent, not 95
20 percent, not 99.9 percent, but 100 percent
21 affordable.

22 [applause]

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: And I want to
24 thank you for that, 100 percent affordable, and we
25 negotiated. I want to thank Reverend David Brawley

1 from the Saint Paul's Community Baptist Church. They
2 negotiated with us. It's important when we're
3 getting housing for our seniors that they don't put
4 them all in studios. We fight for the dignity of our
5 seniors. You don't want anybody to come visit you
6 and sit with you and see your whole house. When they
7 sitting with you they see your bedroom, your kitchen,
8 your living room. No, our seniors demand dignity, so
9 give 'em a one-bedroom so at least you can hide the
10 bedroom from the guest and let them be in an
11 apartment. So they had it like 70/80 for studios and
12 20 percent for one-bedrooms. We got them to do 50/50
13 for the respect of our seniors. Finally, my
14 colleagues, I don't want to disappoint you and not
15 say anything controversial, but capitalism has gone
16 mad, and has gone mad in the housing arena. Don't
17 settle for the MIH of 20 and 25 percent
18 affordability. That is not suitable, and listen to
19 the name of the system, capitalism, which means the
20 priority is capital, profit over people, greed over
21 need. So all you Socialists, don't hide. Raise your
22 hand if you're a socialist. Okay. Hi, Speaker.
23 Anyway, so don't hide. Thank you very much--

1 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: [interposing]
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3 Thank you Council Member Barron.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: for the pieces
5 [sic].

6 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Congratulations
7 on your deal. We're now going to go to Council
8 Member Hanif followed by Council Member Brooks-
9 Powers.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Today, with the
11 support of Community Board Six and Borough President
12 Antonio Reynoso, I will be voting in favor of the
13 Ninth Street Rezoning. I've always been a strong
14 advocate for increasing affordable housing,
15 particularly deeply affordable housing in our
16 district. With the recent modifications I believe
17 this proposed development will balance the complex
18 land use goals in our community and take a
19 comprehensive approach to Land Use. The approved
20 zoning district which is two blocks outside of the
21 recently approved Gowanus rezoning will transform a
22 current parking lot into housing that includes
23 affordable units while also addressing the concerns
24 about harmful impacts to the industrial business
25 zone. The IBZ is home to almost 300 businesses and

1 over 3,500 jobs for working class people in Brooklyn.
2 Preserving manufacturing and industrial space broadly
3 in Gowanus is critical to ensuring working class New
4 Yorkers have access to good paying jobs in their
5 community. As a lifelong District 39 resident, I
6 know well that our community lacks deeply affordable
7 housing, and I know far too many working class
8 residents have been prohibited from finding a home in
9 our community. This is why it has been a priority of
10 my office to ensure all 56 points of agreement in the
11 Gowanus Neighborhood Plan are followed in the
12 promised 3,000 units of affordable housing are
13 brought to this neighborhood. I appreciate all the
14 community members, elected officials, and advocacy
15 organizations who have voiced their thoughts on this
16 application, and I look forward to continuing to
17 build a comprehensive land use vision for our
18 district together. I urge my colleagues to vote yes.

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20 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We
21 now go to Council Member Brooks-Powers followed by
22 Council Member Joseph.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you.
24 I am excited to partner with Councilwoman Rivera on
25 Intro 291 today which would require the

1 Administration to protect and enhance our city's
2 greenway system. The City has about 400 miles' worth
3 of greenways and these greenways like the popular
4 Jamaica Bay greenway are safe scenic rights of way
5 that provide New Yorkers ways to commute, exercise
6 and enjoy the natural beauty of the City. Our
7 greenways are also important as we work to combat
8 climate change. Greenways can help absorb storm
9 water and run-off and prevent flooding. This network
10 also helps keep temperatures down by fighting back
11 against the urban heat effect. However, our
12 greenways often fail to connect with one another, and
13 some neighborhoods are deprived of access to the
14 City's greenway network. By requiring the creation of
15 a master plan and mandating community engagement on
16 greenway development, we are working to ensure the
17 City equitably maintains and invests in this vital
18 infrastructure as we move towards and environmentally
19 sustainable future. This transformative piece of
20 legislation will help to increase the use of micro-
21 moto [sic] transportation and make open spaces more
22 accessible to all New Yorkers, and I'm proud to
23 sponsor it. I also want to thank Council Member
24 Joseph for her advocacy on the bathroom bill. Now
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1 more than ever public space is so important to New
2 Yorkers, especially in the wake of the pandemic.
3 Public restrooms are a crucial feature of our public
4 space and access to safe, clean restrooms is too
5 limited across the City. Public restroom access is
6 good for everybody regardless of who they are or
7 where they live. And so I'm so excited to see these
8 two pieces of legislation come through the
9 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee as our
10 first legislation to come through this committee this
11 year, and that's because we wanted to be thoughtful
12 and have transformative legislation coming out of it
13 for all New Yorkers, and I'm so proud to stand with
14 my colleagues on this.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
17 hear from Council Member Joseph and finally Council
18 Member Stevens.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you,
20 Majority Powers. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank
21 you, Majority Whip Brooks. Today's extremely
22 exciting day. I'm thrilled that I'll be passing my
23 first bill, Intro 258, which marks an important first
24 step towards ensuring all New Yorkers have access to
25 public restrooms. Our bill would require the

1 Department of Parks and DOT to publish a report
2 feasible locations to install a public restroom in
3 every zip code across the five boroughs. Every New
4 Yorker can think back to a time when they were out
5 and about in the neighborhood and they had nowhere to
6 go. The City lacks public restroom is a universal
7 problem, but in particularly affects the elderly,
8 deliveristas [sic], cab drivers, women, pregnant
9 women, children and individuals with underlying
10 health conditions. While other modern cities have
11 taken steps to prioritize public restroom access, New
12 York, the greatest city in the world, continues to
13 lag behind. Currently we rank 93rd out the 100
14 largest US cities in the numbers of public restrooms
15 per capita. With today's passage of Intro. 258 our
16 city is saying loudly and proudly that we recognize
17 that the status quo is not good enough, and we're
18 going to work to bring bathrooms to every
19 neighborhoods across the five boroughs. I want to
20 give a big thank you to Manhattan borough Mark Levine
21 for his partnership on this legislation. He has been
22 an outspoken champion on this issue for years. I'm
23 grateful to work with him to see public bathrooms
24 installed across the city. Thanks to also Teddy
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2 Seigel [sp?] of Got To Go, a terrific young advocate
3 who's been an invaluable spokesperson for our effort.
4 Thanks as well to our incredible Speaker Adrienne
5 Adams for her leadership for this body and allowing
6 this bill to get voted on as well as Majority Whip
7 Brooks-Powers who shepherd this bill through the
8 Transportation Committee, and all of my colleagues
9 who will vote today. Thank you.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. Now
11 we'll hear form Council Member Stevens.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: As we're in the
13 process of reimagining housing in New York City,
14 ensuring equitable housing and accessibility of home
15 ownership is essential in the process of-- in the
16 process for our community. This is why I'm
17 encouraging all of my colleagues to vote in support
18 of the Morris Heights NCP cluster Morrisania Open
19 Door Project. Historically, District 16 has been
20 oversaturated with shelters and rental units, and
21 that is why I'm excited for this project and for the
22 projects and the members of the West Bronx as we are
23 going to be putting folks on the path to generational
24 wealth with home ownership. This investment for our
25 community is vital, and I look forward to future

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2 opportunities to bring homeowner-- affordable home
3 ownership to the great members of Community District
4 16.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. Do we
6 have any other members signed up? Seeing none, we'll
7 remove to the report of special committees.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Reports of
10 standing committees.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
12 on Finance Pre-considered Reso 363, transparency
13 reso.

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General
15 Orders.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
17 on Land Use LU's 110 through 112, Ninth Street
18 Rezoning.

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with
20 modifications and referred to the City Planning
21 Commission pursuant to Section 197D at the New York
22 City Charter.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 113 and Reso 369 and
24 LU 114 and Reso 370, Gateway site 27A and phase five.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General
3 Orders.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 160 and Reso 356A,
5 7918 164th Street rezoning.

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with
7 modifications and referred to the City Planning
8 Commission pursuant to Section 197D of the New York
9 City Charter.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 119 and Reso 371 and
11 LU 120 and Reso 372 Morrisania Open Door.

12 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 121 and Reso 373 and
14 LU 122 and Reso 374, Morris Heights NCP.

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General
16 Orders.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 123 and Reso 375 and
18 LU 124 and Reso 376, Morrisania Claremont Village
19 Open Door.

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General
21 Orders.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Lu 125 and Reso 377
23 Gateway.

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General
25 Orders.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
3 on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management, Intros
4 414A, 442A, 459A, and 460A, rat mitigation package.

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

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
8 on Transportation and Infrastructure, Intro 258A,
9 report on public bathrooms.

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

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro 291A Citywide
13 Greenway Plan.

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on
15 General Orders.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
17 on Women and Gender Equity, Intros 153A and 154A,
18 programs for survivors of domestic and gender-based
19 violence.

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled and
21 General Orders.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: General Orders Calendar
23 LU 110 and Reso 378 through LU 112 and Reso 380,
24 Ninth Street Rezoning.

1 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General
2 Orders. I now ask that the Clerk take a roll call
3 vote on all of the items coupled on today's General
4 Orders Calendar.
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6 COUNCIL CLERK: Ariola?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I vote aye on
8 all except for Intro 442A, 459A, 460A, and 153A.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Avilés?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye on all.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: May I be excused
15 to explain my vote?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Go ahead.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I want to vote no
18 on the Ninth Street project, Council Member Hanif.
19 However, I want to acknowledge that she did an
20 excellent job and sometimes developers can be very
21 stubborn, and I know she tried to get the best deal
22 possible, but sometimes they're just stubborn,
23 they're not going to move. I know she was able to
24 get them down, but for five units out of 21 being
25 affordable, I want to be consistent and voting for

1 projects. And this is why the MIH needs to be
2 changed, so the affordability is not 20 and 25
3 percent, but should be much higher. But I want to
4 commend you for your efforts, but in principle, I
5 will vote no on that project and aye on all the rest.
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7 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Bottcher?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Permission I
9 can explain my vote?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Go ahead.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: I want to
12 thank everyone who helped get me to today. We're
13 passing my first bill today. I'm very excited that
14 it's a-- it's a bill that's going to address a big
15 issue in New York, and that is rat proliferation in
16 New York City. Look, New York's never been an easy
17 place to live. It's, you know, it's kind of a rat
18 race if you know what I'm saying. But we've got to
19 do more to address the rat problem in New York City.
20 Construction sites have been contributing to that.
21 And what we're seeing with this bill is that if you
22 build a building, you've got to hire an exterminator,
23 because you're digging up the ground, you're
24 unearthing stuff that's there. You're creating
25 places for rats to find harborage and shelter. So

1 before you get your building permits, you're going to
2 have to hire an exterminator. It's common sense. I
3 want to thank the other members of the Rat Pack,
4 Council Members Ossé, Nurse, and Abreu, and I really
5 feel good about this package of rat legislation.
6 We've got a lot more to do, but I think this is going
7 to put a big-- put us forward on this issue. Thank
8 you. I vote aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Brannan?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Permission
16 to explain my vote?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Go ahead.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: So, I
19 first want to congratulate my colleagues, Council
20 Members Bottcher, Ossé, Abreu, and Nurse and so many
21 others for their work on this package of legislation.
22 This is a major quality of life issue for everyone.
23 So again, I appreciate the work that you each have
24 put into moving forward the Rat Action Plan, so
25 congratulations to you. I also want to commend

1 Council Member Cabán for her work on these import--
2 her important pieces of legislation. I served as a
3 part of the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic
4 Violence and I know how important it is to ensure
5 survivors have supportive services and resources to
6 obtain safe housing and also to ensure survivors have
7 knowledge of those resources. So I'm so grateful to
8 Council Member Cabán for her efforts to move this
9 legislation forward and to help survivors get the
10 help they need. And I proudly vote aye on all,
11 especially the greenway plan. I thank the committee
12 staff, Elliott, Jessica, Chima, Kevin, Rick, and Sam
13 for all of their work in making today possible.
14 Thank you.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Cabán?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Sorry, and
17 also Sidney and Renee. I don't want to get in
18 trouble from my staff. Thank you.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Council
20 Member Cabán?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Permission to
22 explain my vote.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Go ahead.
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you. first
3 of all, I want to thank my colleagues and all of the
4 folks that made this possible, but you know, this
5 session the Committee on Women and Gender Equity has
6 been uncovering the barriers to accessing services
7 that survivors face, and we've heard from courageous
8 survivors who testified telling us their personal
9 stories, identifying institutional and policy-based
10 factors that contributed to a lack of access for the
11 services we owe them. And you know, a couple of
12 things are important here. The link between domestic
13 violence and homelessness is well-established with
14 domestic violence as a leading contributor of family
15 homelessness, not just here but nationally. And not
16 only that, but survivors could not have been more
17 explicit in naming an undeniable truth. They said it
18 loud and clear. This will materially make them and
19 our city safer from violence. And so a vote for this
20 package is a vote for safety, and we can't just be a
21 city that punishes people for violence. We can't
22 just cynically exploit the pain of survivors to
23 direct more money to policing and incarceration. We
24 actually have to meet survivor's needs, and that's
25 what this package does, you know, especially that

1 first program that addressed the economic precarity
2 [sic] that we have heard from survivors is a central
3 barrier to their leaving dangerous situations and
4 accessing services. So this is really powerful and a
5 first of its kind really in the country, along with
6 that online portal and written resource guide that is
7 truly accessible because we know that we do have a
8 lot of services, but they're housed in different
9 places, they're hard to access. Maybe there are
10 language issues, and so this makes it so that they
11 can take advantage of what does exist while we
12 continue to build out more resources. So, really
13 proud to vote aye on all, but especially to vote aye,
14 you know, against violence and for safety. And also,
15 congrats to the Rat Pack. Thank you.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Carr?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I'd just like to
18 disclose on the record that we're funding CUNY in
19 this transparency resolution and my spouse is a
20 student at CUNY. And with said, I'll be voting no on
21 Introductions 153A, 442A, 459A, and 460A. Aye on the
22 rest.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. De La Rosa?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.
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COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Dinowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Farías?

COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: I vote aye on
all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz?

COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Permission to
explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Go ahead.

COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: You know, I love
comedy. One of my favorite movies is called Rat Race.
It's a funny movie with the actor from Mr. Bean. I
can't remember his name. So I love the movie Rat
Race, but I don't like to see rats racing in our
streets, in our subways, in vacant lots. So I want
to congratulate the Rat Pack on their well-needed
[sic] legislation. I vote aye on all. Thank you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Gutiérrez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Hanif?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Hanks?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Holden?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all except for Intro 153A, which I vote no.

COUNCIL CLERK: Hudson?

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all with the exception of LU 110-112 for which I abstain, and I'd like to disclose on the record that my domestic partner is employed by Planned Parenthood.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Joseph?

COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all. I'm not explaining.

COUNCIL CLERK: Kagan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Aye on all, and I would like to say for the record that my daughter is a CUNY students and we are financial-- CUNY transparency resolutions. That's for the record. Aye for all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Krishnan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Lee?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Marte?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Menin?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Moya?

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Narcisse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye on all.

Get rid of the rats.

COUNCIL CLERK: Nurse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Aye on all. Not going to explain. I just want to congratulate Council Members Abreu, Ossé and Bottcher for your work. I don't know why there's opposition to these bills, but just congratulations to passing them.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Ossé?

COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Permission to explain my vote.

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Go ahead.

COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: You hear that? Did you hear that? I'm not saying that the passing of this package is going to get rid of all of those sounds, but it's a step in the right direction. We still need full containerization, citywide

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2 containerization here in New York City to combat the
3 rodent infestation that resides in all of our
4 neighborhoods, or most of our neighborhoods. I vote
5 aye on all. I'm really proud to be a part of the New
6 York City Council's first Rat Pack that is taking
7 this seriously, as we could all tell, in combatting I
8 guess the rising rodent infestation in New York. So,
9 thank you to Speaker Adams for your support in this
10 legislation. Brooklyn Borough President Antonio
11 Reynoso for his partnership and support on this
12 legislation. We have a lot more work to do, but we
13 are really laying down the ground work for when we
14 get to a place of citywide trash containerization.
15 Thank you.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Paladino?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: I vote aye on
18 all except for 442A, 459A, 460A, and 153A in which I
19 vote no.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Restler?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I vote aye on
22 all and just congratulate my colleagues who did some
23 really good work on the package of bills. Proud to
24 support it.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Richardson Jordan?

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN:

Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Go ahead.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: So, first, I definitely want to say that I'm really excited my fellow Sanitation Committee members and passing the legislation for the rat mitigation zones. It's an honor to cosponsor and honor to vote for them in committee and an honor to vote for them again now. We should be looking at a data-driven solution for addressing the rats. And then second, I just wanted to say congrats to Chair Cabán and to my Women and Gender Equity Committee for the survivor's package. I am personally myself a survivor of domestic violence who personally myself could have well been homeless if not to have been blessed to be able to stay with my parents. So being able to have some support for those who are survivors of domestic violence, particularly in the space of housing and economic support is very close to my heart, and I'm very glad that we're passing that legislation as well. I am aye on all. Thank you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Riley?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I was trying to
3 think of a rat joke, but I couldn't think of one.
4 So, aye on all.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Congratulations
7 to my colleagues. I vote aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca? Sanchez?

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

11 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Go ahead.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you. I
13 also want to join in congratulating our colleagues,
14 in particular Council Member Carlina Rivera and
15 Brooks-Powers on the greenway plan. In my district,
16 the Harlem River greenway has been a piece of
17 advocacy for over two decades, something that we've
18 been trying to get done and we haven't been. So I
19 look forward to your partnership [inaudible]. The
20 baby is going to cry. [inaudible] And I also just
21 want to congratulate Chair Joseph on the bathroom
22 legislation. This is, you know, secretly, as she has
23 said in her own words, one of the biggest barriers
24 that some of our homeless neighbors have, you know,
25 and they're forced to interact with PD and they get

2 summonses and all this. So, our city taking a step
3 to bring back [inaudible]. Thank you. [inaudible].
4 Aye on all.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you, Council
6 Member. Schulman?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Stevens?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Ung?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Velázquez?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: Aye on all.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Vernikov?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Permission to
16 vote on the Land Use call-ups?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Go head.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all,
19 except no on 442A, 459A, 460A, and 153A. Thank you.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Williams?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I just like to
22 disclose for the record that I'm a student at CUNY,
23 and I enthusiastically vote aye on all.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Won?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all with
4 the exception of Intro 258, Intro 291, Intro 442,
5 459, and 460. Thank you.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Abreu?

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

9 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Go ahead.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: As someone who has
11 lived through an eviction as a child and who built a
12 career as a tenant's rights attorney protecting and
13 comforting desperate families on the brink of
14 homelessness, I cannot in good conscience vote for
15 the Ninth Street rezoning. Usually we fight to force
16 developers to build more affordable units. This
17 week, we cut that in half. It's time for our
18 wealthiest districts, which have lagged well behind
19 the rest of the city, to start building their fair
20 share of affordable housing. I respectfully abstain
21 on Land Use items 110, 11, and 12, and vote aye on
22 the rest. Thank you.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Borelli?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Permission to
25 explain briefly?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Go ahead.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: So I just wanted
4 to answer two questions that were asked today, two
5 things that were posed. The first, the actor that
6 played in Rat Race who's famous for Mr. Bean his name
7 is Rowan Atkinson, Rowan Atkinson who's also in a
8 great show called Blackadder. The other question is
9 why there'd be any opposition to some of the rat
10 bills, and I want to say this. If I lived where many
11 of you lived in districts where you're plagued with
12 some of these problems, I would be voting with you,
13 and frankly I'm very happy that these bills are
14 passing, and I'm very happy that this will make a
15 significant impact in the majority of districts in
16 the City of New York, but not all districts. So some
17 of the rules that we're making today are minor
18 inconvenience. Some of them are more major
19 inconvenience to people who live in other parts of
20 the City that aren't plagued with this problem. Some
21 of us live in bedroom communities, and now we'll face
22 violations for putting our pales out too early when
23 there was no problem with putting our pales out too
24 early. Other stuff along similar lines. So, I'm
25 really happy it's passing, but if you guys do want to

1 kill some animals-- wait for it. If you guys want to
2 kill some animals, we have a deer problem on Staten
3 Island where not only are they problematic, but
4 they're giving Lyme disease to the kids in my
5 district and the kids in David Carr's district and
6 Kamillah Hanks' district at record numbers, and we're
7 trying to get some support for culling the herd,
8 which is a polite way of saying kill them, and I
9 suspect though that because they're cute, there'll be
10 some opposition to them, but nonetheless they are a
11 real problem for us. So, I vote aye on all except
12 442A, 459A, 460A, 153A, and Reso 111. Thank you very
13 much.
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15 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I vote aye.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Adams?

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: I want to congratulate
19 all of my colleagues who are passing legislation for
20 the very first time today. I am especially proud of
21 the legislation that is moving forward that is
22 affecting quality of life for all New Yorkers as well
23 as instances of domestic violence and gender-based
24 violence. I congratulate this Council for passing
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1 this great legislation today. With that, I do vote
2 aye on all.
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4 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: All items on
5 today's General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote
6 of 50 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0
7 abstentions with exception of Intro 442A adopted by a
8 vote of 45 in the affirmative, 5 in the negative, 0
9 abstentions; Intro 459A adopted by a vote of 45 in
10 the affirmative, 5 in the negative, and 0
11 abstentions; Intro 460A adopted by a vote of 45 in
12 the affirmative, 5 in the negative, and 0
13 abstentions; Intro 153A adopted by a vote of 44 in
14 the affirmative, 6 in the negative, 0 abstentions;
15 Land Use items 110, 111, 112 and accompanying
16 resolutions adopted by a vote of 47 in the
17 affirmative, 1 in the negative, 2 abstentions;
18 Introduction 258A adopted by a vote 49 in the
19 affirmative, 1 in the negative, and 0 abstentions;
20 Introduction 291A adopted by a vote of 49 in the
21 affirmative, 1 in the negative, and 0 abstentions;
22 and the revised Land Use Call-ups vote is 50 in the
23 affirmative and 0 negative. We will now move to the
24 introduction and reading of bills.
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2 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been
3 referred to committees as indicated on today's
4 agenda.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
6 now move into the discussion of Resolutions. Would
7 anybody like to speak on today's Resolution? Okay,
8 thank you. We'll now have a voice vote on today's
9 Resolution. If you wish to vote against or abstain
10 from today's Resolution, please notify the
11 Legislative Documents Unit by email or by approaching
12 the dais before the vote. I'll now read today's
13 Resolution into the record. Resolution 111 calls on
14 New York State to pass legislation that would provide
15 domestic violence survivors and their families with
16 job-protected paid leave, similar to that of New York
17 State's Paid Family Leave Law to be used for any
18 activities relating to the actual or perceived status
19 as domestic violence survivor or family member of
20 domestic violence survivor. Will all those in favor
21 please say aye?

22 COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: All opposed say
24 nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. We'll now
25 move into General Discussion. We will start with

1 Council Member Hanif followed by Council Member
2 Ariola.
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4 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: I just wanted to
5 highlight two bills being introduced today that I'm
6 cosponsoring and encourage my colleagues to sign
7 onto. The first is Intro 790, led by Council Member
8 Brewer, which would allow asylum seekers to obtain
9 IDNYC cards by making certain federal documents
10 eligible as proof of identity. This is absolutely
11 critical for these folks, being able to access a
12 number of City benefits that they need to be able to
13 thrive in their new home. The second is Intro 806,
14 led by Criminal Justice Chair Rivera and Speaker
15 Adams, which will create jail population review
16 teams. These teams would bring together stakeholders
17 including DOC, DOP, MOCJ, CHS, and public defenders
18 twice a month to review and identify cases where
19 detained people can be safely released into the
20 community. This is critical to our goals of de-
21 carceration and closing Rikers by 2027. Thank you.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
23 now go to Council Member Ariola followed by Council
24 Member Kagan.
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Thank you,
3 Majority Leader. On June 10th, middle school
4 students Ryan Wong and Daniel Persad [sp?] left their
5 homes with the intention of going to school. What
6 happened that day to change their minds and direction
7 will always remain a mystery. Some say it may be the
8 beautiful weather that caused to young students to
9 vary from their original plan and decide to skip
10 school and go to the shore with some friends.
11 Unfortunately, Ryan and Daniel did not return safely
12 home, and instead drowned after falling into Jamaica
13 Bay in an area where swimming was prohibited.
14 Shortly after meeting with the school community and
15 hearing about the harrowing events that took place
16 when the school learned that the students had
17 drowned, I wondered how soon the parents were
18 notified that the students had not been marked
19 present at school that day. After further inquiry, I
20 came to learn that every school within the DOE has
21 their own policy of absentee notification. Most
22 schools have an automated system that alerts parents
23 and guardians of a child's absence from school.
24 However, there is no set time for that notification.
25 I found schools who notify absenteeism at noon, some

1 after dismissal time, and many at 6:00 p.m. or later.
2 In a world where both parents and guardians are more
3 often than not working and unable to constantly check
4 apps like Life360 to see where their child is, early
5 notification from the school that a child has not
6 been marked present is important so that the process
7 of finding that child can begin. The timely alert
8 could be life-saving. I saw it in my own district on
9 June 10th and that is why I'm introducing Resolution
10 361 calling on the DOE to institute early
11 notification of students' absence, which will allow
12 the parent or guardian to respond in a proper and
13 timely fashion. Resolution 361 calls for the DOE to
14 issue a policy that notification of a student's
15 absence should be no later than 9:00 a.m. for
16 elementary school students and second period for
17 middle and high school students so that the
18 caregivers can know the earliest--

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20 SERGEANT AT ARMS: [interposing] Time.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: time that their
22 child has not been marked present. This policy can
23 save lives and protect your child from whatever other
24 dangerous situation they may be facing. I ask my
25 colleagues to support on Resolution 361 and to sign

1 on and support it. I'd also like to wish my hometown
2 of Howard Beach a happy 125th anniversary. Ten years
3 ago we were devastated by Superstorm Sandy. Two
4 years ago, the COVID-19 pandemic completely shut down
5 our community, and this year we celebrate the
6 community with an after carnival to signify its
7 anniversary and comeback.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you,
10 Council Member.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Thank you for the
12 [inaudible].

13 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: thank you,
14 Council Member Ariola. We'll go to Council Member
15 Kagan followed by Council Member Barron.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Thank you Majority
17 Leader. Every 10 years after census, state, city and
18 federal districts face redistricting, and I want to
19 talk about it today. According to the City Charter,
20 the criteria to [inaudible] districts are very
21 simple. All districts will be compact, should
22 include communities of interest, that you have
23 similar demographics, and similar socioeconomic
24 status. I proudly represent more than 170,000
25 people, residents of South [sic] Brooklyn. And don't

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2 get me wrong, Bay Ridge is a great, beautiful
3 neighborhood, but it is very, very different and very
4 distant from Coney Island and Marlboro Houses. It's
5 many poor [sic] NYCHA buildings. And according to
6 the new lines, these two neighborhoods, Marlboro
7 Houses and Bay Ridge are connected through a 5.5
8 miles long tunnel, two blocks very [inaudible]. how
9 far is it to residents of both Bay Ridge and Marlboro
10 Houses [inaudible] decision by the district in
11 connection was to cut Mitchell-Lama Housing
12 [inaudible] into pieces and to give three out five
13 buildings in that housing complex to 48th district. I
14 am very grateful to many of my amazing colleagues and
15 to community leaders from all over south Brooklyn for
16 expressing outrage. I learned that similar absurd
17 and incompetent decisions by the Commission were made
18 about more than 12 Council districts in New York
19 City. I stand together in solidarity. If all of my
20 colleagues who filed objections to Council Speaker
21 and to the Districting Commission demanding justice
22 to communities and to neighborhoods we represent.
23 Thank you so much.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
3 now hear from Council Member Barron followed by
4 Council Member Brewer.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, my
6 colleagues. There's an African proverb that says,
7 "Take care of those who may have lost their teeth,
8 because they took care of you when you were
9 teething," and that is the protection of our seniors.
10 I have a bill Intro 787 that would make it more
11 difficult for a landlord to evict an elderly or a
12 senior person. They would have to provide
13 information to the Commission on Human Rights, and
14 the Commission will evaluate that information to base
15 and make the basis whether the eviction is
16 reasonable, affordable to the senior, and whether all
17 of legal apparatuses were followed for those seniors.
18 In addition to that, this would also require the
19 landlord and the City to help the senior provide--
20 provide the senior with legal assistance. We should
21 make it very difficult for people to evict our
22 seniors. Often times they're taken advantage of
23 because they may not have computer skills. They may
24 to understand everything, and they may have some
25 difficulties navigating this complicated system. So

1 this bill, and I hope we all sign on to it, would at
2 least say you're going to have to really go through a
3 lot to evict our seniors, and they have to be
4 assisted legally or else the eviction will be
5 nullified. So I encourage all of you to help our
6 seniors, because you know the bottom line, capitalism
7 has gone mad.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you, Council
10 Member Barron. We'll hear from Council Member Brewer
11 followed by Council Member Mealy.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very
13 much. I do want to say to the family of Joseph Ancona
14 [sp?] who was killed when he got caught in an MTA
15 train door at Columbus Circle. How sad we are. He
16 was 20 years old. He had become a member of Local
17 One Stage Hands at the Metropolitan Opera at such an
18 early age, very talented, and it's a very sad story.
19 I know it'll be investigated, but our condolences to
20 his family and to the MET and to Local One. I'm here
21 to talk about Intro 790 which Council Member Hanif
22 mentioned it, but it is true that when you come
23 across the border, you end up with federal papers,
24 not the usual documentation, and I know that as a
25 practice, to the credit of the Mayor's Office,

1 they're allowing ID-- municipal ID to be gotten with
2 these papers, but we want to codify it, because
3 those-- ID is helpful when you still can't get your
4 regular ID. That's a long story with the Federal
5 Government. Number two, two Resolutions that also,
6 as you can imagine, ask for funding from the Federal
7 Government for the wonderful asylum seekers and also
8 standards to be met for children seeking asylum.
9 Thank you very much.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. And
12 finally we'll hear from Council Member Mealy.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Yes, I want to
14 take this opportunity to ask my colleagues to sign on
15 to Intro 787 and all of us will be a senior one day,
16 and I-- one day, yes-- requesting that we will start
17 building some housing for seniors, and this
18 legislation would make sure that you can't just throw
19 out seniors out to the curve. And I want to make
20 sure everyone know this the Domestic Violence Month.
21 Love should never hurt. So please know that. And I
22 just want to thank all my colleagues who prayed for
23 me while my mother was in the hospital, and I want to
24 thank the Speaker Office. I shouldn't have to call
25 the Administration to get a bed for anyone. It took

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2 24 hours to get my mother a bed, and it was so sad,
3 that if I wasn't there to advocate-- and I want to
4 make sure that people do the right thing, but it's so
5 sad that you had to do extra things to get people
6 taken care of. So I'm looking forward to being an
7 advocate with Mercedes to make sure this does not
8 happen to other senior, to make sure that they should
9 never have to stay in an emergency room for 24 hours.
10 So, thank you.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We
12 have Council Member Narcisse.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Now, I heard
14 you loud and clear, and as a nurse, I would say it's
15 not acceptable, and whatever we can do together, and
16 especially when it come to our seniors, and I heard
17 CM Barron just mention, yes, they invested time for
18 us, we standing on their shoulder, and whatever we
19 can do from housing to taking care of the seniors, I
20 want. Thank you.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you.
22 Seeing no other members signed up, I'll now call on
23 Speaker Adrienne Adams to-- oh, sorry. I have to
24 read just a revised vote count. Just updating a vote
25 count. Today's vote of Intro 442A was adopted by a

2 vote of 44 in the affirmative and 6 in the negative.

3 Intro 459A adopted by a vote of 44 in the

4 affirmative, 6 against, and Intro 460A adopted by a

5 vote of 44 in the affirmative and 6 against. I'll now

6 call on Speaker Adrienne Adams to close out today's

7 Stated Meeting.

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority

9 Leader. The Stated Meeting of October 27th, 2022 is

10 hereby adjourned.

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