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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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B E F O R E: Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker

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A P P E A R A N C E S

Reverend Dr. Charles Oliver Galbreath, Senior
Pastor, Clarendon Road Church located at
3304 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn, NY 11203

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone
3 check for the Stated Meeting held in the Chambers on
4 July 13, 2023, recorded by Jazel Rivera (phonetic).

5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen,
6 at this time, please silence all electronic devices.
7 Again, silence all electronic devices.

8 Sergeant, are the recordings running?

9 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Yes.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: [GAVEL] Good
11 afternoon and welcome to the Stated Meeting of July
12 13, 2023. I'm Majority Leader Keith Powers. I'd like
13 to thank you for joining us here today and welcome
14 everyone who is watching from afar.

15 If you'd like to follow along, the agenda
16 for today's meeting is posted on the City Council
17 website.

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

20 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

21 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Roll call.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Abreu.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: (NO RESPONSE)

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Ariola.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Here.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Aviles.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: (NO RESPONSE)

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Here.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Bottcher.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Here.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Here.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Caban.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Present.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Carr.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Here.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: De La Rosa.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Farias.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: Present.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Presente.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Gutierrez.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: Presente.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Hanif.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Hanks.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (NO RESPONSE)

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Hudson.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Here.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Joseph.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Here.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Kagan.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Present.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Krishnan.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Lee.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Louis.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Marte.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Here.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Menin.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Moya.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: (NO RESPONSE)

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Narcisse.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Nurse.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Here.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Osse.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: Present.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Paladino.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: (NO RESPONSE)

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Restler.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Richardson Jordan.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Here.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Riley.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Sanchez.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Schulman.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Stevens.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Ung.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Velazquez.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Present.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Vernikov.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Williams.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: (NO RESPONSE)

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Won.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: (NO RESPONSE)

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Present.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Vernikov.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Present.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Adams.

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Majority Leader, we have a
8 quorum.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
10 now have today's invocation delivered by Reverend Dr.
11 Charles Oliver Galbreath, the Senior Pastor of
12 Alliance Tabernacle which is located at 3304
13 Clarendon Road in Brooklyn.

14 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

15 REVEREND DR. GALBREATH: Let us look to
16 God.

17 God of our weary tears, God of our silent
18 tears, God who has brought us thus far along the way,
19 God of us all, we thank you and honor you for this
20 day. We pray that you would endow us with your power,
21 presence, and protection. Cast your caring eye on
22 this Council, its Members, their family, and Staff.
23 We pray that you would bless each Member and their
24 Staff with wisdom, justice, mercy, and love. Rest

2 your radiating gaze not just upon them but all of New
3 York City and all of your people.

4 Now God, help us in the words of Proverbs
5 to speak up for those who cannot speak for
6 themselves, for the rights of those who are
7 destitute. Help us to speak up and to judge fairly,
8 to defend the rights of the poor and the needy. Help
9 us in the words of Dr. King to not merely be
10 thermometers that record the ideas and principles of
11 popular opinion but rather thermostats that transfer
12 the mores of society.

13 God, please remind us that our budgets
14 are moral documents. Help us in the words of Jesus to
15 proclaim good news to the poor, freedom to the
16 captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and freedom
17 to the oppressed.

18 God, while our City faces challenges, we
19 also know that the challenges may be great but God is
20 also great. Where there is sickness, would there be a
21 healing? Where there is violence, would you show up
22 as the Prince of Peace? Where there is financial
23 uncertainty, would you show up as a God who provides.
24 Where there are those who are in need, would you show
25 up as a rock in a weary land?

2 We pray, God, that you would anoint our
3 heads with oil. We declare that our latter shall be
4 greater than our past, and we declare that no weapon
5 formed against us shall prosper, and as I say in
6 Brooklyn, point blank, period.

7 We lift this up in respect to all the
8 various religious traditions and those who do not
9 share religious traditions, but I, personally, pray
10 this in Jesus' name. Amen and amen.

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you for
12 those words. Thank you for being with us here today.

13 I'd now like to ask Council Member Farrah
14 Louis to spread the invocation on the record.

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

17 I am honored to have esteemed Dr.
18 Reverend Charles Galbreath, Senior Pastor of Alliance
19 Tabernacle, formerly known as Clarendon Road Church
20 in my District in East Flatbush Brooklyn providing
21 the invocation and blessing our activities in
22 Chambers today. Pastor Galbreath, thank you for being
23 here.

24 Pastor Charles is an instrumental figure
25 in my community and beyond. Also known as a young hip

2 pastor known for the powerful catchphrase "no weapon
3 formed against me shall prosper, pointblank, period,"
4 he serves as the Associate Dean and Partnering
5 Professor at Alliance Theological Seminary in New
6 York City. He's a District Executive Committee Member
7 and Vice-President of the Association of African
8 American Church for the Christian and Missionary
9 Alliance Denomination.

10 In the 45th Council District, Pastor
11 Charles is a strong and active Community Board member
12 in East Flatbush for Community Board 17. He also
13 serves on the Advisory Board for CUNY Downstate and a
14 Treasurer for the 67 Precinct Clergy Council, also
15 known as the God Squad. His activities in my District
16 range with outreach needs for our neighbors, programs
17 for spiritual enrichment and public safety, and he's
18 even a mentor for many who are seeking to both expand
19 their spiritual and civic engagement levels.

20 Beyond his outstanding participation in
21 ministry and community engagement, I've known
22 Reverend Galbreath before I started the crazy world
23 of politics, before I became a Council Member. His
24 deep understanding of faith comes through a history
25 of theological training and preparation as the son of

2 a preacher and pastor, graduating Magna Cum Laude
3 from Nyack College and earning his PhD from Fordham
4 University's Graduate School of Religion and
5 Religious Education. His dedication to scholarship
6 and community is continual.

7 Thank you, Pastor Galbreath, for bringing
8 forth compassion, wellness, and unity in my District,
9 Central Brooklyn, and beyond.

10 With that, I now make a motion for
11 unanimous consent to spread the invocation in full
12 upon the record. Thank you.

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you,
14 Council Member Louis.

15 I will now call on Council Member
16 Jennifer Gutierrez for the adoption of the minutes.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: I make a motion
18 that the minutes of the Stated Meetings of June 8,
19 2023, and June 22, 2023, be adopted as printed.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you,
21 Council Member.

22 We'll now have Messages and Papers from
23 the Mayor.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Communication for
3 City, County, and Borough Offices.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Petitions and
6 Communications.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Land Use Call-
9 Ups.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: M171, Madison Square
11 Garden Special Permit.

12 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on Call-Up vote. I
13 now ask that the Clerk take a roll call vote on
14 today's Land Use Call-Up items.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Abreu.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: (NO RESPONSE)

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I request
19 permission to vote on all items on today's agenda.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you. I
22 vote aye on all items on today's agenda and vote to
23 approve Intros 229-A, 878-A, 893-A, and 894
24 notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor. Thank
25 you.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Mealy.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I request
4 permission to vote on all items on today's agenda.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Thank you. I vote
7 aye on all items on today's agenda and vote to
8 approve Introduction numbers 229-A, 878-A, 893-A,
9 894-A notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor,
10 and I just want to thank my 41st Council District for
11 re-electing me, and, before I go, I just hope
12 everyone don't let the summer heat blow your fuse,
13 and I vote aye on all. Thank you.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Abreu.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: (NO RESPONSE)

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Ariola.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Aviles.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: I request
20 permission to vote on all items on today's agenda.

21 Hello.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Hold on one
23 second.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Can you hear me?

25 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Yeah, go ahead.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Okay, I'm so
3 sorry. I vote aye on all items on today's agenda and
4 vote to approve Introduction numbers 229-A, 878-A,
5 893-A, and 894-A notwithstanding the objections of
6 the Mayor. Thank you all.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Ayala.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Bottcher.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I request
19 permission to vote on all items on today's agenda.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye
22 on all items on today's agenda and vote to approve
23 Introduction numbers 229-A, 878-A, 893-A, and 894-A
24 notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor.

2 I'd also like to say that I'm proud to be
3 introducing legislation today to generate a yearly
4 report on drownings and encourage my Colleagues in
5 the Council to sign on. Thank you.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Caban.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Carr.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: De La Rosa.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Farias.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: I vote aye on all.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Gutierrez.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: Aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Hanif.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Hanks.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (NO RESPONSE)

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Hudson.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Joseph.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Kagan.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Krishnan.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Lee.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Louis.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Marte.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: (INAUDIBLE)

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Menin.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Moya.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: (NO RESPONSE)

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Narcisse.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Nurse.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Aye.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Osse.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: Aye.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Paladino.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Restler.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Richardson Jordan.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Riley.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Sanchez.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Schulman.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Stevens.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Ung.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Velazquez.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: (NO RESPONSE)

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Vernikov.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Williams.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Won.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: (NO RESPONSE)

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers.

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I vote aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Adams.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Today's Land Use

15 Call-Ups are adopted by a vote of 46 in the

16 affirmative, zero negative.

17 We'll have Communication from Speaker

18 Adrienne Adams.

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority

20 Leader, and good afternoon, everyone.

21 Before we begin, I want to take a moment

22 to remember the lives of New Yorkers who died while

23 on the job over these past few weeks. We are mourning

24 the death of 38-year-old Michael Rodriguez, a City

25 worker in my District who was killed in a car

2 accident involving a drunk driver last week. He
3 worked for the Department of Environmental Protection
4 as a Sewer Maintenance Worker, and our City was made
5 better by his dedicated public service.

6 Our City also lost 35-year-old Bassam
7 Khatib, a deli owner from Staten Island who was
8 killed during an attempted robbery at this store. Our
9 thoughts are with their families and loved ones.

10 Earlier this month, we lost 14-year-old
11 Waleed who tragically died on the shores of Rockaway
12 Beach. The pain of losing a child is heart-wrenching,
13 and we're saddened by his loss, and we are praying
14 for his family during this difficult time.

15 As the summer continues, I want to remind
16 all New Yorkers and visitors to please take
17 precautions and to swim in our City's beaches only
18 when a lifeguard is present. It is incumbent upon us
19 as a City to provide more free swimming lessons for
20 New Yorkers and especially for our children so that
21 everyone can access this life-saving skill. I'm glad
22 that we are taking steps to improve access as a City.

23 Over last weekend, a series a senseless
24 shootings in Southeast Queens and Brooklyn has shaken
25 our communities. Our entire City is grieving the loss

2 of 86-year-old Sheik Hamod Saeidi who was killed
3 while walking in his neighborhood of Richmond Hill.
4 Three other neighbors were injured by this deplorable
5 act of violence, and our hearts are with their
6 families as well. While I personally didn't have the
7 honor knowing Hamod, what I have learned is that he
8 was a caring family man who loved his community.
9 Hamod was a father of six children, 30 grandchildren,
10 and 31 great-grandchildren. He was a pillar in the
11 Yemeni community. While his loss will stay with us
12 forever, his life and legacy will never, ever be
13 forgotten. I met Hamod's family earlier this week at
14 a vigil in his memory hosted by our Queens Borough
15 President. The family I believe is joining us today.
16 We salute the Hamod family, and we are heartily sorry
17 for your loss. Please accept our prayers for your
18 beloved Sheik Hamod Saeidi.

19 Last weekend's shootings are a reminder
20 of the work we must continue to do as a City to make
21 our communities safer. We must continue to make
22 necessary investments as well as pursue federal
23 legislation in partnership with our colleagues in
24 Washington to codify laws that stop the proliferation
25 of illegal weapons in our communities.

2 Now, I'd like to discuss the CityFHEPS
3 voucher bills that this Council enacted to tackle the
4 record high homelessness and eviction crisis. I want
5 to be clear, these bills are about helping the
6 lowest-income New Yorkers facing homelessness and
7 housing insecurity. They've always been about these
8 New Yorkers, and it has been disconcerting to see it
9 misconstrued that somehow these bills would open the
10 program to people in our city who are not in greatest
11 need. No one wants to live in poverty and experience
12 the challenges it creates. This package of bills is
13 focused on ensuring the City does all it can to help
14 these New Yorkers access housing security to avoid
15 homelessness. These bills are the most significant
16 policy reforms to address homelessness within our
17 City in years. The fact that we're responsible for
18 advancing solutions of this significance is something
19 to be very proud of. There are over 50,000 long-term
20 New Yorkers in our shelter system, creating record
21 levels. These bills are aimed at removing barriers to
22 access vouchers as a pathway out for them. We know
23 that other barriers remain and must be a focus of our
24 collective efforts to address. Whether it's source of
25 income discrimination or building and preserving more

2 housing, this Council has been committed to advancing
3 these efforts together with the Administration and,
4 even in the face of challenges, we must continue that
5 pursuit.

6 New York City is also in the midst of an
7 intense eviction crisis that risks putting more New
8 Yorkers into homelessness. Over the last 18 months
9 and since the State eviction moratorium expired,
10 there have been over 178,000 eviction notices filed
11 in the City of New York. These bills are also aimed
12 at removing barriers faced by the lowest income of
13 these New Yorkers to accessing vouchers that can help
14 them avoid losing their homes and becoming unhoused.
15 The claim that using vouchers to prevent evictions
16 would create more competition for voucher holders in
17 shelters is absolutely incorrect. Every New Yorker at
18 the lowest income levels that we can help avoid
19 eviction through the use of CityFHEPS vouchers is
20 another crisis averted and another person we've
21 prevented from entering the shelter system in the
22 first place. In fact, this proactive approach stops
23 forcing people into shelters by making them eligible
24 for vouchers and relieves the added competition for
25 those seeking housing with vouchers in a limited

2 housing supply. There is no need to pit lowest-income
3 New Yorkers who are facing homelessness and housing
4 insecurity against one another.

5 Now let's talk about the costs. Too
6 often, government fails to account for the
7 comprehensive cost that results from harmful outcomes
8 to its constituents, and homelessness is no
9 different. The impacts of slipping into homelessness
10 for a family or individual are immense. They're not
11 only borne by those directly affected but entire
12 communities and our whole city. There are the shelter
13 costs, which are immense. Housing a family of two in
14 an emergency hotel shelter for one year costs more
15 than housing that same family in a two-bedroom
16 apartment using a CityFHEPS voucher for five years.
17 Yet, there are also the educational, health, justice
18 system, and other costs that are created when people
19 become and remain homeless. The City's largest
20 homeless shelter provider, Win, conducted an analysis
21 of the bills that accounted for these comprehensive
22 costs building on the work of Community Service
23 Society. It found that the bills and their upfront
24 investment in vouchers would be more than offset by
25 the savings from the averted cost of homelessness,

2 saving the City over 730 million dollars each year.
3 During a time of record homelessness, it is critical
4 that we respond with the urgency and strength needed
5 to address the scale of this crisis. We know there
6 are many challenges that contribute to our record
7 homelessness, and solving them will require many
8 solutions that we must collectively advance. The
9 thousands of vacant supportive housing and NYCHA
10 units must be a priority for us to utilize.

11 We also have to ensure adequate support
12 and staffing for the agencies responsible for
13 confronting these challenges, whether through
14 housing, homeless services, eviction prevention,
15 voucher discrimination enforcement, or other human
16 services. The housing crisis and shortage of housing
17 is one of the biggest challenges that the Mayor and I
18 have both acknowledged and worked collaboratively to
19 address. We must continue those collective efforts
20 because until we have enough housing in our City, we
21 will continue to face immense housing pressures that
22 feed these problems. This includes all types of
23 housings including truly affordable housing and
24 supportive housing that has languished from a lack of
25 investment.

2 These bills passed with a veto-proof
3 majority because this Council recognizes the scale of
4 challenges contributing to homelessness. We are
5 willing to do whatever it takes to keep New Yorkers
6 in their homes and avoid evictions and more quickly
7 transition from shelters. I'm very proud of this
8 Council for its commitment to advancing these
9 solutions today, and we will need to do far more to
10 address the housing crisis. My hope is that after
11 today we can put aside our differences with the
12 Administration on this issue to advance the countless
13 issues related to it that demand our attention and
14 collaboration. New Yorkers need us to do this. Our
15 City needs us to do this.

16 Next week marks the 20th anniversary of
17 the assassination of former Council Member James E.
18 Davis. The shooting on July 23, 2003, right here in
19 this very Chamber was one of the most harrowing
20 experiences that this Body has ever experienced.
21 Council Members Jim Gennaro, Gayle Brewer, and
22 Charles Barron as well as several Staff Members were
23 all here when the shooting occurred, and they can all
24 attest to the great public servant that Council
25 Member Davis was. Colleagues, our Members' Lounge was

2 dedicated in his memory, and I want to take this time
3 to remember him today ahead of the 20th anniversary
4 of his death.

5 July is Disability Pride Month, a time
6 when we celebrate and uplift the history,
7 contributions, and experiences of New Yorkers with
8 disabilities. This month commemorates the signing of
9 the Americans with Disabilities Act, the historic
10 legislation that promotes inclusivity and
11 accessibility in our country. This Council has
12 prioritized legislation and efforts to support people
13 with disabilities in our City, and we will continue
14 to strengthen and expand those policies.

15 Two weeks ago, more than 1 million Muslim
16 New Yorkers celebrated Eid al-Adha. This holiday is a
17 time to reflect on the importance of values like
18 community, compassion, and charity. I hope everyone
19 who celebrated had a joyful, peaceful, and blessed
20 holiday. Eid Mubarak.

21 There are several other holidays of
22 importance that I want to recognize this month.
23 Monday, was Bahama's Independence Day. This year
24 marks the 50th anniversary of Bahama's independence

2 from Great Britain so please join me in celebrating
3 our City's Bahamian community.

4 July 20th is Columbian Independence Day.
5 Our City is home to a large Columbian community that
6 has contributed so much to our communities. I hope
7 our Columbian community here in New York City has a
8 happy and safe celebration.

9 July 26th is Tish'a B'Av, a day of
10 fasting, prayer, and reflection observed by our
11 Jewish communities. Although this is a somber day
12 that highlights the destruction of temples and
13 tragedies inflicted on Jewish people throughout
14 history, it also serves as a reminder that we must
15 come together to protect and uplift each other in
16 this City.

17 Next, please join me in wishing a very
18 happy early birthday to Council Members Rita Joseph,
19 Tiffany Caban, and Minority Leader Joe Borelli.

20 [APPLAUSE]

21 I also want to announce that today is the
22 last Stated Day for our very own, my former Counsel
23 under the Landmarks Committee for last session, our
24 very own Angelina Martinez-Rubio, [APPLAUSE], Deputy
25 General Counsel of the Planning and Land Use

2 Division. During her time in the Council, Angelina
3 served as Counsel to the Subcommittee on Zoning and
4 Franchises and the Subcommittee, my former Committee,
5 the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Dispositions, and
6 Public Sitings. She advised myself and other Council
7 Members on numerous projects throughout the five
8 boroughs including the citywide text amendments for
9 Open Restaurants, the Soho Noho Rezoning, Innovation
10 Queens, and so many others. After five years of
11 outstanding work in the Council, Angelina will be
12 moving on to a new opportunity in public service, and
13 we wish her all the best. [APPLAUSE]

14 Today is also the last Stated Meeting for
15 Malak Nassereddine, Assistant Deputy Director of the
16 Infrastructure Division in Council's Legislative
17 Division. Malak has been with the Council for six
18 years and previously served as Counsel for the
19 Transportation and For-Hire Vehicles Committees where
20 she guided the work of our Taxi Medallion Task Force.
21 Thank you, Malak, for your work in this Council.

22 On behalf of the entire City Council, we
23 thank you both for your dedication, and we wish you
24 all the best of luck. Thank you for your service to
25 the City of New York. [APPLAUSE]

2 Finally, Colleagues, we are celebrating
3 Council baby number six, and I am so happy to share
4 that we have a new member of our extended Council
5 family, hardy congratulations to Council Member
6 Crystal Hudson and her family on the birth of their
7 beautiful baby daughter. Congratulations Crystal and
8 Sasha.

9 Now we can move on to our Stated Agenda.

10 First, we'll vote on the following Land
11 Use items.

12 1656 West 10th Street Rezoning will
13 facilitate a new six-story residential building with
14 ground floor community facility space. It will
15 include 24 housing units, approximately six
16 affordable units under MIH Option 1, and 10 accessory
17 off-street parking spaces in Council Member Yeger's
18 District.

19 We're also voting on two applications in
20 Council Member Paladino's District. 189-10 Northern
21 Boulevard Commercial Overlay. As a result of the
22 applicant having withdrawn this application, the
23 Council will be voting to file this Land Use item to
24 remove it from our calendar.

2 43rd Avenue Demapping. An application for
3 demapping and disposing a portion of 43rd Avenue with
4 an existing encroachment. The Council will be voting
5 on a resolution to disapprove this application.

6 Lastly, we will vote on the following
7 pieces of legislation.

8 First, Introduction 853-A sponsored by
9 Council Member Joann Ariola requires the Department
10 of Transportation to install mile-markers along the
11 designated sections of Cross Bay Boulevard, Beach
12 Channel Drive, and Rockaway Point Boulevard, all of
13 which are major arteries around the Rockaways. The
14 new signage will help motorists who are stranded or
15 experience car issues and need to communicate their
16 location to support services. Thank you to our Staff
17 Members, Mark Chen (phonetic), Sam Breidbart, John
18 Basill (phonetic), and Kevin Kotowski.

19 Next, Introduction 645-B sponsored by me
20 will strengthen the pathway to civil service for
21 justice-involved New Yorkers by requiring the
22 Department of Citywide Administrative Services to
23 administer civil service exams in the City's
24 forthcoming borough-based jails. This bill would
25 authorize DCAS to waive the civil service exam fee

2 for justice-involved individuals and require the City
3 to provide information and support to justice-
4 involved New Yorkers who wish to learn more about the
5 exam process. It is critical that we continue to
6 expand equitable access to opportunities for all New
7 Yorkers to enter our City's workforce. This is a bill
8 that I first introduced in my State of the City last
9 year, and I'm very proud that the Council will be
10 passing it today. Thank you to our Staff Members, Rie
11 Ogasawara and Elizabeth Arzt.

12 Introduction 1074-A sponsored by Council
13 Member Crystal Hudson would prohibit the use of City
14 resources to detain any person for seeking,
15 obtaining, providing, or facilitating gender-
16 affirming care in New York or outside New York in
17 circumstances where it would've been lawful had it
18 happened in our state. This bill would also prohibit
19 the use of City resources to cooperate with an
20 investment of a person on the grounds that such
21 person is known or believed to have sought, obtained,
22 provided, or facilitated gender-affirming care
23 outside of New York when their conduct would have
24 been lawful had it occurred here. Thank you to our
25 Staff Member Chris Pepe.

2 Introduction 887-B sponsored by Public
3 Advocate Jumaane Williams would require the
4 Department of Correction to report quarterly about
5 the housing placements of transgender, gender non-
6 conforming, non-binary, or intersex individuals
7 within DOC's custody. Thank you to our Staff Members,
8 Jeremy Whiteman (phonetic) and Natalie Meltzer
9 (phonetic).

10 Next, we will vote on two bills that aim
11 to reduce New Yorkers' exposure to lead and increase
12 enforcement of existing lead laws. Lead-based paint
13 remains a public health hazard, especially for
14 children. The package we're voting on today will
15 strengthen implementation of lead prevention and
16 reduction efforts as we continue to take critical
17 action to ensure that families are safe and healthy.

18 Introduction 200-A sponsored by Council
19 Member Rafael Salamanca would require the Department
20 of Health and Mental Hygiene to submit a semi-annual
21 publicly available report on the number of objections
22 filed by multiple dwelling owners to DOHMH lead
23 abatement orders. The report would be required to
24 specify the reasons why any objections are found to
25 have merit including faulty testing or paint sampling

2 or an exemption based on the dwelling construction
3 date. Thank you to our Staff Member once again, Chris
4 Pepe and Sara Sucher.

5 Introduction 193-A sponsored by Council
6 Member Carlina Rivera would categorize lead-based
7 paint that is peeling or on a deteriorated surface in
8 the common areas of a residential building as an
9 immediately hazardous violation. The bill also
10 strengthens inspection requirements for common areas
11 when there are children living in the building. Thank
12 you to our Staff Members Mark Chen and Taylor Zelony.

13 Next, we will vote on some of the
14 legislative actions that are part of the Council's
15 Mental Health Roadmap envisioned by Mental Health
16 Committee Chair Linda Lee. Chair Lee, Majority Leader
17 Keith Powers, Council Member Bottcher, and I released
18 this Roadmap with advocates last year to improve
19 mental health outcomes in our City. It focuses on
20 addressing existing challenges in the City's mental
21 healthcare landscape and strengthening the
22 infrastructure and investments in evidence-based
23 solutions at the community level. Last month, we
24 passed several of the legislative items from the
25 Roadmap, and, today, we're voting on the rest of the

2 proposals in the Roadmap. We look forward to
3 continuing this work in partnership with service
4 providers, advocates, community members, and all
5 stakeholders. I especially want to thank Chair Lee
6 for her leadership in moving this Roadmap forward.

7 Introduction 1021-A sponsored by Majority
8 Leader Keith Powers would require the Mayor to
9 establish four new crisis respite centers in the city
10 to provide individuals with mental illness with
11 better access to community-based peer-run facilities
12 that are alternatives to emergency hospitalization.

13 Introduction 1022-A sponsored by Council
14 Member Kevin Riley would require the Mayor to
15 establish five new Clubhouses for individuals with
16 serious mental illness. The Clubhouse model
17 emphasizes community and provides wraparound services
18 and opportunities for social connection including
19 group activities, peer support, job readiness skills,
20 and transitional employment opportunities.

21 Lastly, we're voting on two bills
22 sponsored by the architect of the Mental Health
23 Roadmap, Mental Health, Disabilities and Addiction
24 Committee Chair Linda Lee.

2 Introduction 1018-A would require the
3 Office of Community Mental Health in conjunction with
4 the New York Police Department, New York City Fire
5 Department, and other relevant agencies to provide a
6 publicly accessible annual report to the Council on
7 the Mayor's Involuntary Removals and Transport
8 Directive. Information shall include the number of
9 and legal basis for the removals conducted, the
10 number of 9-1-1 calls that resulted in removals,
11 information on the locations of removals, and where
12 individuals are transported, and demographic
13 information of those removed and transported.

14 Introduction 1019-A would require OCMH to
15 maintain access to an interactive map of the
16 locations, contact information, and payment
17 information including insurance accepted of mental
18 health service provided. Thank you to our Staff
19 Members, Sara Sucher and Christy Dwyer.

20 Lastly, we will vote on the veto override
21 for our CityFHEPS voucher legislation.

22 Introduction 229-A sponsored by Council
23 Member Tiffany Caban allows for full utilization of
24 the full cost of CityFHEPS vouchers by prohibiting
25 the Department of Social Services from deducting a

2 utility allowance from the maximum amount of a
3 voucher except in limited circumstances.

4 Second, Introduction 229-A sponsored by
5 Council Member Tiffany Caban would prohibit the
6 Department of Social Services from deducting a
7 utility allowance from the maximum amount of a
8 CityFHEPS voucher except in limited circumstances.

9 Finally, Introduction 893-A sponsored
10 Pierina Sanchez removes certain Department of Social
11 Services criteria that determine eligibility for
12 CityFHEPS and gives New Yorkers the ability to
13 demonstrate risk of eviction by presenting a rent
14 demand letter.

15 Introduction 894-A also sponsored by
16 Council Member Sanchez changes the eligibility for a
17 CityFHEPS voucher from 200 percent of the federal
18 poverty level to 50 percent of the area median income
19 and eases work and source-of-income requirements that
20 make it difficult for New Yorkers to pursue
21 employment and housing at the same time. Thank you
22 very much to our Staff Members David Romero and
23 Aminta Kilawan.

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2 Thank you very much for your attention,
3 and now I will turn it back over to our Majority
4 Leader.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you,
6 Speaker Adams.

7 We're now going to move into Discussion
8 of General Orders. We will begin with Council Member
9 Rivera followed by Council Member Riley.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you so much.
11 Good afternoon. Today, we will vote on a piece of
12 legislation that I am glad to have sponsored.
13 Introduction 193 will create an immediately hazardous
14 violation for the existence of lead-based paint in
15 any common area of a multiple dwelling where a child
16 under the age of six resides if such paint is peeling
17 or is on a deteriorated subsurface.

18 New York City has some of the strongest
19 laws and programs designed to address the ongoing
20 crisis of lead exposure, but without adequate
21 enforcement and comprehensive regulations, our
22 communities are quite literally being left in the
23 dust. Despite decades of significant advances and the
24 fact that childhood lead poisoning is completely
25 preventable, too many children are still exposed to

2 lead and progress has plateaued. Building common
3 areas allow neighbors to gather and interact,
4 promoting community, support systems, and a sense of
5 belonging, and by addressing lead exposure risk in
6 common areas we move one step closer to a more
7 healthy New York City. It is well-documented that
8 lead can cause long-term, irreversible, negative
9 health impacts and can reduce a child's learning
10 capacity and academic achievement. According to City
11 data in 2021, 2,557 New York City children under six
12 years of age were identified with dangerous blood
13 lead levels, and 81 percent of children under six
14 identified with dangerously high blood levels are
15 Asian, black, or Latino. 88 percent of children with
16 elevated blood lead levels reside in moderate-to-
17 high-poverty neighborhoods, and, as of March 2023, 45
18 percent of all lead-related court cases in New York
19 City were in the Bronx.

20 This legislation builds on decades of
21 progress, and we know there is more work to do. I
22 thank the Cooper Square Committee, the Lead Dust Free
23 NYC Coalition, and the New York City Coalition to End
24 Lead Poisoning among so many other groups who worked
25 with my office to craft this bill, my Team, Committee

2 Staff, and all who are committed to ensuring a future
3 free of lead. Thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
5 now hear from Council Member Riley followed by
6 Council Member Caban.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority
8 Leader.

9 Now more than ever we must eliminate the
10 stigma on mental illness and expand access to
11 holistic care for those grappling with mental health
12 challenges. Supportive resources are crucial to New
13 Yorkers in need. Understanding we are facing
14 challenges across City agencies and staffing, new
15 models of supportive peer care are crucial to
16 covering those in need.

17 The Council is committed to addressing
18 our City's mental health crisis and by expanding
19 resources and support to uplift New Yorkers coping
20 with serious mental health illnesses. With the
21 passing of my legislation, Intro. 1022-A, our City
22 will establish five new Clubhouses, safe havens that
23 provide wraparound services for individuals facing
24 serious mental illnesses. We will expand access to
25 these services by widening the scope to treat

2 disorders included but not limited schizophrenia,
3 mood disorders such as bipolar or major depressive
4 disorders, anxiety disorders, or PTSD. This bill
5 makes pathways for interagency connection with
6 service provided such as Department of Health and
7 Mental Hygiene and the Mayor's Office of Community
8 Health.

9 As a strong advocate for mental wellness,
10 I am proud to partner with my Colleagues in
11 government, community-based organizations, and
12 advocacy groups to strengthen our City's commitment
13 to addressing our City's mental health crisis.

14 Thank you to our Speaker, Chair Lee, my
15 Colleagues who co-sponsored this legislation, and
16 the advocates and stakeholders for making this effort
17 to pass Intro. 1022-A today. Thank you.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
19 now go to Council Member Caban followed by Council
20 Member Paladino.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Thank you. First,
22 thank you to all of the advocates who made this
23 possible again, and I want to also begin by saying
24 how proud I am to stand with my Colleagues, Deputy
25 Speaker Ayala, Chair Sanchez, and, of course, Speaker

2 Adams. As I said before, Madam Speaker, your rock
3 solid, unwavering leadership on this issue will be
4 felt by many struggling families throughout the five
5 boroughs, and today's show of strength could not have
6 happened without your backbone, your commitment, and
7 your refusal to be bullied.

8 And let's be clear, what we are pushing
9 through today is a commonsense, cost-effective
10 legislative package that will move struggling New
11 Yorkers from the shelter system into permanent
12 housing more efficiently, period, and any claims that
13 it is fiscally imprudent or logistically impractical
14 are at best flagrant errors and at worst outright
15 lies. Then again, the Mayor's veto comes as no
16 surprise given the rest of his disastrous approach to
17 housing. Imposing annual rent hikes via his
18 handpicked board, starving the Department of Housing
19 Preservation and Development of staff through
20 repeated budget cuts including 43 million dollars in
21 FY 2024's adopted budget when compared to last year's
22 modified budget, forcing New Yorkers facing eviction
23 to represent themselves in court by allocating less
24 than 5 percent of what the Right-to-Counsel providers
25 say they desperately need, forcibly removing

2 thousands of our homeless neighbors only to place a
3 grand total of three in permanent housing, not 3,000,
4 not 300, not three dozen, just three. The Mayor's so-
5 called City of Yes appears to be a City of Yes to big
6 real estate and a big fat no to working-class and
7 low-income New Yorkers, and so today, Mr. Mayor, not
8 this time. With our vote, the Members of the people's
9 elected Council are putting our foot down so thank
10 you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Now,
12 we'll hear from Council Member Paladino followed by
13 Council Member Sanchez.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Good afternoon,
15 everybody.

16 Demapping this site on 43rd Avenue
17 between 222nd Street and 223rd Street would have a
18 negative impact on our community. The existing
19 retaining wall encroaches on public land, undermines
20 the design, obstructs pedestrian access, and
21 conflicts with the current conditions of the
22 neighborhood. The property owner should rebuild the
23 wall within his own property lines consistent with
24 the character of the community instead of seeking to
25 legalize an unlawful encroachment. Privatizing public

2 land for two homeowners to benefit should not take
3 precedence over our neighborhood's well-being. I urge
4 all of my Colleagues to please vote yes on Land Use
5 231 and accompany Reso. 720, which will disapprove
6 this demapping, protect our community's integrity,
7 and sustain the environment for all our residents.
8 Thank you very much.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
10 now hear from Council Member Sanchez followed by
11 Council Member Lee.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you so
13 much, Majority Leader. Good afternoon.

14 I am so incredibly proud of this moment
15 for our City Council. I thank you so much for your
16 steadfast leadership, Speaker, and to our Deputy
17 Speaker, Council Member Caban, and everyone who will
18 stand with us today in affirmatively voting for this
19 package of CityFHEPS voucher reforms. I just thank
20 you from the bottom of my heart.

21 This package of legislation represents
22 comprehensive solutions to help people stay in their
23 homes while providing those in shelter a stronger
24 pathway to secure permanent housing, and one thing
25 that I have struggled with in terms of the reporting

2 and the conversation and all of the discussion that
3 there has been over the past weeks is the human
4 element of what we are doing here today. Let me tell
5 you about Maria, a mother of four, who lives in my
6 District who works while her children are in school
7 and while she has childcare, but at the end of the
8 month cannot make ends meet and has a structural
9 issue with being able to afford the community that
10 raised her and where she is attempting to raise her
11 children. That is who 893 helps.

12 Isabelle (phonetic) is a senior on fixed
13 income. She just retired. She earns 800 dollars per
14 month from Social Security, and at the end of the
15 month she struggles to pay that 1,200 dollars per
16 month. By the way, 1,200 dollar per month in a rent-
17 stabilized unit is much, much less expensive than a
18 new voucher that you would get, a new apartment that
19 you would get after being evicted, after being in
20 shelter, and finally becoming eligible after months
21 in shelter.

22 Finally, the kids at IS206 in my
23 District. I represent some of the schools with the
24 highest percentage of children who are living in
25 temporary housing. So to those amazing, vibrant,

2 resilient, happy children who go to IS206 after
3 commuting from a shelter in Queens to get to school,
4 this is for them.

5 Thank you so much for standing with these
6 families. This package of legislation is the right
7 thing to do, and I am thankful.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
9 now hear from Council Member Lee followed by Council
10 Member Barron.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Good afternoon, Madam
12 Speaker, Majority Leader, and Colleagues. As Chair of
13 the Mental Health, Disabilities and Addictions
14 Committee, I am proud that today the City Council
15 will vote to pass four pieces of legislation that are
16 part of the Mental Health Roadmap including two of my
17 own.

18 Intro. 1018-A will require the Mayor's
19 Office of Community Mental Health to provide an
20 annual report to the Council with information
21 regarding the Mayor's Involuntarily Transport
22 Directive. I love data. I think it's important for us
23 to collect that data and know what it is so that we
24 can pivot, see where we can make improvements, and
25 also have the information necessary to address any

2 further issues. This Roadmap recognizes the need to
3 limit the decades-long intersection between mental
4 healthcare and the criminal justice system, and
5 Intro. 1018-A ensures that the Council provides
6 crucial oversight to deliver community-based services
7 to individuals in need of mental health treatment.

8 The second bill, Intro. 1019-A, will
9 require OCMH to create and maintain an interactive
10 map of the locations, contact information, and
11 payment information of mental health services
12 providers included in New York City's Mental Health
13 Database, and, as someone who ran social services in
14 mental health programs, it is very confusing at times
15 to figure out where to go to seek help and services.
16 We are a resource-rich City, and it can be
17 understandably confusing when navigating so many
18 different government programs and entities.

19 The Mental Health Roadmap, I just want to
20 reiterate, remains a holistic, multipronged approach
21 that focuses on adequate investments into more
22 effective preventative and responsive evidence-based
23 models, models that ensure that people are plugged
24 into resources and served as New York City improves

2 the continuum of care and combats the mental health
3 crisis after years and years of disinvestment.

4 I thank my Staff, the Council Committee
5 Staff as well as the dedicated efforts of my
6 Colleagues on the Mental Health, Disabilities and
7 Addictions Committee, and the leadership of Speaker
8 Adams for helping me bring this legislation to the
9 floor. Thank you so much.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
11 now hear from Council Member Barron.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Shame on you,
13 Mayor. How dare you with a budget of 107 billion
14 dollars not want to be concerned about, as you said,
15 Mayor, you are guided by God in dealing with policy,
16 well, the Bible says you should be concerned about
17 the least of these, and God has always been on the
18 side of the oppressed, on the side of those who are
19 in most need, but not you, Mayor. Here you come,
20 plenty of money, but you don't have money for those
21 who are at risk of eviction and the homeless. The
22 only thing you want to do for the homeless is remove
23 their personal items, things that they cherish, so
24 that your millionaire backers can have a city that
25 they feel more comfortable investing in. Shame on

2 you, Mayor. This is ridiculous that we got to
3 override something that is so fundamentally basic to
4 human rights, a place to live. You don't want to
5 expand vouchers, rental assistance to those most in
6 need. You know, but for the grace of God there go
7 you. One day you might be in this kind of need, and I
8 hope there's a Council around that'll remember what
9 you've done to those who are in need most. This is a
10 shame, a disgrace. This is an attack on your
11 morality, your values. The Bible also said where
12 one's treasure is, so lies ones heart. You're a
13 heartless Mayor because your treasure is not for
14 those who are in need most, the homeless and those
15 who are at risk of being evicted. This Council is
16 doing the right thing today, and I hope we continue
17 to stand up to this Mayor.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Do we have any
19 other Members signed up right now to speak?

20 Okay, seeing none, we'll now move into
21 the Report of Special Committees.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Reports of
24 Standing Committees.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
3 Civil Service and Labor, Intro. 645-B, civil service
4 exams in Department of Correction facilities.

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

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
8 Criminal Justice, Intro. 887-B, gender identity
9 reporting in Department of Correction facilities.

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

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
13 General Welfare, motion to file M163, M164, M165, and
14 M166, and Mayor's Veto, Messages of Intros 229-A,
15 878-A, 893-A, and 894-A.

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
18 General Welfare, Intros 229-A, 878-A, 893-A, and 894-
19 A, rental assistance vouchers.

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Pursuant to rules 9.10 and
21 9.60, coupled as a separate question.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
23 Health, Intro. 200-A, objections to lead abatement
24 orders.

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

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro. 1074-A, gender-
5 affirming care.

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

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
9 Housing and Buildings, Intro. 193-A, lead-based paint
10 hazards.

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

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
14 Land Use, LU 230 and Reso 719, 189-10 Northern
15 Boulevard Commercial Overlay.

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled to be filed
17 pursuant to a letter of withdrawal.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 231 and Reso 720, 43rd
19 Avenue Demapping.

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Motion to disapprove.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 237 and Reso 721 and LU
22 238 and Reso 722, 1656 West 10th Street Rezoning.

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
25 Mental Health, Disabilities and Addiction, Intros

2 1018-A, 1019-A, 1021-A, and 1022-A, a Mental Health
3 Roadmap and legislative package.

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

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
7 Transportation and Infrastructure, Intro. 853-A,
8 intermediate reference location signs.

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

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

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

14 Before we move into the vote on General
15 Orders, we will now consider the four bills vetoed by
16 Mayor Adams. These bills are Introductory numbers
17 229-A of 2022, 878-A of 2023, 893-A of 2023, and 894-
18 A of 2023 out of our General Welfare Committee. The
19 question before the Council now is shall these bills
20 pass, the objection of the Mayor notwithstanding. I
21 will now call on the Clerk to conduct a roll call
22 vote on the four bills that were vetoed by Mayor
23 Adams.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Abreu.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Ariola.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: No.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I proudly vote aye.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Bottcher.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye, and I
14 just want to say certainly thank you to the Speaker,
15 Council Member Ayala, and others. I do think that
16 some of those who are working in this field, like
17 Christine Quinn and others, who are experts in how
18 you keep people out of shelter, these are the folks
19 who are supportive of these four bills. Obviously,
20 the one that is mostly supported by the Mayor and the
21 City Council is the 90-day rule, but the other three
22 make sense. The question I would suggest before the
23 Mayor goes to court, great dollars to corporation and
24 counsel, public dollars, etc., to sit down with the
25 Christine Quinns, the people who do the work, City

2 Council Members, and figure out how all together we
3 can figure out affordable housing, keep people out of
4 shelter, and make sure they're able to stay in their
5 apartments. Thank you.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Caban.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Carr.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: No.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: De La Rosa.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Yes.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Farias.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: I vote aye on all.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all, and

18 also as a former tenant lawyer who worked with a lot
19 of families who were previously homeless, I just have
20 to say I'm very, very, very proud of all of my
21 Colleagues. Thank you so much. Aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Gutierrez.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: Aye.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Hanif.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Hanks.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (NO RESPONSE)

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: No.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Hudson.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Proudly vote aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Joseph.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Kagan.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: No.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Krishnan.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Lee.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Louis.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Marte.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.

23 Menin.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Moya.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Narcisse.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Nurse.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I happily vote aye.

7 Thank you to all the Colleagues and the Coalition
8 members who put so much time and energy into making
9 this actual solutions package. Thank you so much.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Osse.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: An emphatic aye and
12 thank you for your leadership, Speaker Adams, and all
13 the advocates involved.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Paladino.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: No.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Restler.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Proud to vote aye
18 on this one, and I also want to express deep
19 gratitude to the leadership in this Council for
20 overriding this veto, for pushing such a bold package
21 that will actually deliver real housing solutions for
22 homeless New Yorkers so thank you to the Speaker,
23 thank you to the Deputy Speaker, and to Council
24 Members Sanchez and Caban, and the amazing coalition
25 behind this. Thank you.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Richardson Jordan.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Aye.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Riley.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Just permission to
8 say something briefly.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you. I just
11 want to say this legislation is much needed and
12 passed the Council with a veto-proof majority already
13 so to turn this issue into a saga while so many
14 struggle to pay rent and face eviction and languish
15 in the shelter system is shameful, but, as a Council,
16 we persisted, and I am very proud that we remain
17 focused and unwavering, and I do hope there is
18 continued collaboration or at least some sort of
19 realization of the housing crisis that we are in and
20 that we can do something together. I proudly vote
21 aye. Thank you to all.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Sanchez.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Permission to
24 explain.

25 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I just want to
3 thank from the bottom of my heart the advocates, Win,
4 Make the Road, Homeless Services United, Legal Aid
5 Society, VOCAL, New Destiny Housing, New York
6 Immigration Coalition, and, of course, the incredible
7 team, the Staff Members, whose names aren't on these
8 bills but who were instrumental, Sam Cardenas, my
9 Chief-of-Staff, Kadeem Robinson, my Legislative and
10 Communications Director, my entire office, Aminta,
11 David Romero, Andrea Vazquez, Jeff Baker, Jeremy
12 Johns, so many folks. With that, (SPEAKING SPANISH)
13 District 14, for everyone who has come into the
14 office in tears asking me for help, this is for you.
15 I vote aye.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Schulman.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Stevens.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Ung.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Velazquez.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Aye.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Vernikov.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: No on all.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Williams.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Won.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: No.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: No.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers.

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I vote aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Adams.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: I just want to thank
14 Deputy Speaker Ayala for truly bringing personal
15 experience into every piece of this legislation. Many
16 of us have family members who have been in the
17 shelter situation. We can bring personal experience
18 to this. This is a personal matter for many of us.
19 The fact that we have to override a veto is
20 incomprehensible to me. Deputy Speaker Ayala, I want
21 to say thank you for always sharing your personal
22 experience of living in shelter, of being a part of
23 the population that we in this Council are fighting
24 with every fiber of our being to help in this moment.
25 I proudly vote aye on all.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: These bills are
3 passed with a vote of 42 in the affirmative, eight in
4 the negative, and zero abstentions [CHEERING] Hold
5 on, please. Hold your [CHEERING] [GAVEL] Folks,
6 please hold your applause.

7 Madam Speaker, the City Council votes to
8 override the Mayor's veto with more than two votes
9 voting in the affirmative.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Okay, we're going to move
11 on.

12 Thank you, Majority Leader Powers. I
13 would now ask the Clerk to take a roll call vote on
14 all of the remaining items on today's General Order
15 calendar.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Abreu.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye on all.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Ariola.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye on all with
20 the exception of Intro. 193-A.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote no on LU
3 237 and accompanying Reso 721, no on LU 238 and
4 accompanying Reso 722, and aye on all the rest.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Bottcher.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Caban.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Aye.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Carr.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: No on Introduction
15 193-A and aye on the rest.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: De La Rosa.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Farias.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: I vote aye on all.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Gutierrez.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: Aye.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Hanif.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Hanks.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (NO RESPONSE)

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Hudson.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Joseph.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Kagan.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: No on 193-A and aye

16 on everything else.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Krishnan.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Lee.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Louis.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Marte.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Menin.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Moya. Council
4 Member Moya.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: (NO RESPONSE)

6 COUNCIL CLERK: We'll come back. Narcisse.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Nurse.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Majority Leader,
10 permission to explain my vote for two seconds?

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you. I just
13 wanted to acknowledge this weekend in my District a
14 young man, Cesar Martinez, was shot by the active
15 shooter who also shot four other individuals in
16 Queens and just wanted to extend my thoughts to his
17 family. He was shot outside of our public library in
18 Cypress Hills in the Arlington Branch, and one of our
19 community members found him and called 9-1-1, and I
20 just want to uplift the family today. I spoke with
21 his mom, Denise, and grandmother, Anna, and just want
22 to send love their way.

23 With that, I vote aye on everything else.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Osse.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: Aye on all.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Paladino.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye on all
4 except for 193-A.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Restler.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Richardson Jordan.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Aye.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Riley.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Sanchez.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Schulman.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Stevens.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Ung.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Velazquez.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Hold on one
23 second. Could you please silence your phone?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Aye.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you, Council Member
3 Velazquez. Vernikov.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all
5 except no on Intro. 193-A. Thank you.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Williams.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye on
8 all.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Won.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all with the
13 exception of Introduction 193. Thank you.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I don't know. I
16 kind of like hearing the little kid cry better than
17 some of you... I'm kidding, I'm kidding.

18 Permission to vote on all Land Use Call-
19 Ups in addition to the General Orders.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye on all
22 except 193-A. Thank you.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Powers.

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I vote aye.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Adams.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye on all.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Moya.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: (NO RESPONSE)

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All items on
6 today's General Orders calendar are adopted by a vote
7 of 50 in the affirmative, zero negative, and zero
8 abstentions with the exception of Introduction 193-A
9 adopted by a vote of 43 in the affirmative, 7
10 negative, and zero abstentions. Land Use items 237
11 and 238 and accompanying Resolutions adopted by a
12 vote of 49 in the affirmative, 1 negative, and zero
13 abstentions, and a revised Land Use Call-Ups vote of
14 47 in the affirmative and zero negative.

15 We'll now move on to the Introduction and
16 Reading of Bills.

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been
18 referred to Committees as indicated on today's
19 agenda.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. There
21 are no Resolutions on today's calendar so we'll now
22 move into the General Discussion.

23 We'll start with Council Member Gennaro
24 followed by Council Member Barron.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you, Mr.
3 Leader. I just want to bring to my Colleagues'
4 attention some bills and resos that I'm bringing
5 forward. I'm not usually a big one for resos, but we
6 got a problem with regard to funding from the federal
7 bipartisan infrastructure law that provides for
8 funding for removing lead service lines which remain
9 a threat in New York City so this Reso 714 calls upon
10 the State Department of Health and the State
11 Environmental Facilities Corporation to fairly
12 provide grants and to remove all the rules that are
13 in existence now that prevent New York City from
14 getting its fair share of funding. We're going to be
15 making some noise on this, and we're looking for
16 support on that.

17 Reso 715 calls upon the Water Board,
18 which operates in secret a lot, to notify our Offices
19 at least 30 days before any public hearing so that
20 we, meaning our Offices, can share this information
21 with our constituents and Community Boards and make
22 sure that they are able to participate by having the
23 knowledge that these hearings on the Water Board and
24 water rates are going.

2 Intro. 1122, which would allow for the
3 consolidation of reporting requirements for Local Law
4 87. That's a Benchmarking and Energy Audit bill that
5 I did a long time ago. The reporting for that will
6 trip over some of the reporting that has to go on for
7 Local Law 97. It's kind of a housekeeping bill, but
8 it's going to mean a lot for people that have to file
9 all the reports associated with Local Law 97 and
10 Local Law 87.

11 In the 22 seconds I have left, I just
12 want to thank the Speaker in a very, very special way
13 for recalling the memory of our beloved fallen
14 Colleague, James Davis. He was a really sweet guy and
15 he sat in my row, and he was just a beloved Member of
16 this Council, and I'm happy that the Council saw fit
17 to recognize him today so God bless. That's it. Thank
18 you.

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Hold
20 on, Council Member Barron. We have to do a revised
21 tally of the votes.

22 All items on today's General Orders
23 calendar were adopted by a vote of 49 in the
24 affirmative, zero negative, zero abstentions with the
25 exception of Introduction 193-A adopted by a vote of

2 42 in the affirmative, 7 negative, and zero
3 abstentions, and Land Use items 237 and 238 and
4 accompanying Resolutions adopted by a vote of 48 in
5 the affirmative, 1 negative, and zero abstentions.

6 I now call on Council Member Barron
7 followed by Council Member Brewer.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Don't start the
9 clock yet. I'm sure the Speaker wouldn't mind because
10 my beautiful African queen wife is here. My wife of
11 40 years, of 36 years on the Board of Education, Inez
12 Barron, so I just wanted to acknowledge that.

13 [APPLAUSE] I told her when I asked her to marry me,
14 no was not an option. I wasn't accepting it so I'm
15 thankful for 40 years of happily, no, the first two
16 years was World War 1 and World War 2, I lost them
17 both. The last 38 years have been happiness and
18 bliss. Love her.

19 (INAUDIBLE) to fix the clock.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We welcome
21 Council Member Barron, and also the clock's rolling.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Anyway, I want to
23 acknowledge James Davis first. He was one who was
24 very active in our community. He led a lot of Stop

2 the Violence, Love Yourself marches, and I want him
3 to continue to rest in peace.

4 With that, I want to say about our
5 retirees. We celebrated today the retirees. We got a
6 victory in the courts. The courts agreed with us.
7 They agreed with this bill that I'm putting forward
8 saying that these retirees have a right to choice,
9 and don't believe these union leaders saying they
10 won't be able to collectively bargain. If they don't
11 do that, they don't need to be the leaders. Don't
12 believe that this is an illegal bill. This has been
13 the same kind of legislation, the same kind of policy
14 that lasted for 57 years and the City paid for it so
15 now all of a sudden the City doesn't want to pay for
16 it. Pitting active workers versus the retirees is
17 bogus. It's not true. The City has money for both,
18 and I want to encourage you to turn in your 1099s,
19 that's my bill, support the retirees bill on a real
20 serious, turn in your 1099, don't be afraid of the
21 unions, don't be afraid of the Mayor. These are the
22 folks who were in the streets for you, crossing
23 guards, lunchroom attendants, teachers, sanitation
24 workers. We got a victory in court, and we should
25 follow that because the people elected us, this judge

2 didn't, the people did, and we should follow the suit
3 of this judge. Sign on to the bill, right on to the
4 retirees.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We'll now hear
6 from Council Member Brewer followed by Council Member
7 Kagan.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you. I too
9 want to remember James Davis. It was a hot day in
10 July. I also want to thank the officer who shot his
11 assailant. He stood right there and point blank with
12 lots of people in the balcony had a perfect shot. It
13 was quite a day, but there were some heroes and he
14 was certainly one of them.

15 I want to mention three interns. We have
16 Tonay Rodrego (phonetic) who is a (INAUDIBLE) student
17 going to Deerfield Academy, we have Jenna McCormick
18 (phonetic) who is a Hunter College Roosevelt scholar,
19 and Gregory Seawald (phonetic) who is Marist College,
20 and they are some of our 29 summer interns. I think
21 they're in the balcony, and I just want to say thank
22 you very much.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
24 now hear from Council Member Kagan followed by
25 Council Member Carr.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Thank you. Today, I
3 am privileged to introduce a bill, 1124, which will
4 require Commissioner of Information Technology and
5 Telecommunications to submit four quarterly reports
6 to the Mayor and the Speaker of the Council on the
7 number of complaints received by 3-1-1 Customer
8 Service Center about abandoned properties and also
9 the number of these complaints by Council District.
10 This is a critical problem affecting numerous
11 abandoned properties across New York City that became
12 eyesores in so many of our neighborhoods. The
13 presence of abandoned buildings poses structural
14 risks and gives rise to a host of health and safety
15 hazards. The infestation of rats and rodents
16 attracted by neglect and lack of proper maintenance
17 cause property damage and increase the risk of
18 disease transmission. Moreover, squatters using these
19 buildings exacerbates the situation, often leading to
20 hazardous conditions that can danger the squatters
21 themselves and, of course, neighboring communities so
22 I encourage all of my Colleagues to co-sponsor this
23 legislation. Thank you so much.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
3 now hear from Council Member Carr followed by Council
4 Member Narcisse.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Thank you, Majority
6 Leader. I want to add my thanks and congratulations
7 that the Speaker offered to Angelina Martinez-Rubio
8 earlier. She's been a great Colleague here at the
9 Council, and I look forward to continuing to work
10 with her as she starts her new chapter. Nothing but
11 the best for her moving forward.

12 I want to call my Colleagues' attention
13 to Introduction 1120 which I'm introducing with
14 Council Member Farah Louis. This would require that
15 DOT assess any speed camera location for a speed
16 reducer, which is a speed hump, speed cushion, or
17 elevated crosswalk and, if it meets the standards for
18 installing them, install within 125 feet of the
19 pertinent camera, and then to report by the end of
20 the following year on any data related to whether or
21 not that camera is still justified as a result of the
22 installation of the speed reducer. They'd have to do
23 100 a year chosen at their discretion. This is based
24 on an incident in my District where I asked DOT to
25 study for the installation of speed cushions in front

2 of PS26 in the neighborhood of Travis in my district.
3 They approved it but said that it had to be at least
4 1,000 feet from the speed camera, far from the
5 proximity of the actual school building, which was
6 the whole point of the request so I don't want there
7 to be any obstacles for why we should be installing a
8 needed speed cushion, speed hump, or elevated
9 crosswalk. That should be the priority. We definitely
10 want our streets around our schools and in other
11 places to be safe so I ask my Colleagues to sign onto
12 this legislation. Thank you so much.

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
14 now hear from Council Member Narcisse followed by
15 Council Member Ariola.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you,
17 Majority Leader. Thank you, Madam Speaker, for your
18 leadership. You lead by example, and I appreciate for
19 taking a stand for what the City Council came here to
20 do.

21 Intro. 1125 would remove all criminal and
22 civil penalties for jaywalking. Jaywalking laws have
23 been enforced in an overwhelmingly racist manner for
24 years. In some years, over 90 percent of tickets were
25 issued to people of color. This selective enforcement

2 should end, and Intro. 1125 will end it. Let's face
3 it. No one has ever said thank god they caught that
4 jaywalker and we all do it. If we park our car across
5 in the middle of the street, we do not go at the
6 corner to cross. Police should focus their attention
7 on violent criminals and enforcing laws that
8 negatively affect the quality of life of New Yorkers,
9 not playing crossing guard in only some parts of our
10 City. I urge everyone to cross carefully, of course,
11 as a nurse, I want safety, and look both ways, yield
12 to vehicles, and protect yourself while crossing, but
13 let us remove this antiquated law which does little
14 to protect us and only contributes to racial bias in
15 policing so I wanted to bring attention to all my
16 Colleagues to help remove that.

17 Of course, Intro. 1127, 1128, we still
18 have the concern about air quality in our City of New
19 York, and I say, Inez Barron, thank you for your
20 leadership, as I see you, and thank you so much, and
21 have a nice, blessed, and safe, drink water because
22 it's hot and humid. Thank you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
24 now hear from Council Member Ariola.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Thank you.

3 District 32 has had a number of very sad happenings
4 in this month. We've had the loss of some young
5 lives, Ava Conklin who's 19 who was struck and killed
6 tragically by a vehicle while waiting for her sister
7 to get off a bus. We've had a number of drownings. My
8 neighboring Council Member, Selvena Brooks-Powers, I
9 urge you all to sign onto her bill, Intro. 1119, as I
10 will as well. We have a 14-year-old that lost their
11 life and a 19-year-old, these are both drownings, who
12 is hanging by a thread fighting for their life. In
13 addition, we had a shooter who rode a scooter from
14 Council Member Nurse's District throughout my
15 District and into Council Member Williams' District.
16 The family of Sheik Hamod Ali Saeidi, I know you're
17 here, I know you can hear me, I give you my deepest
18 condolences on the loss of such a wonderful, kind
19 man, and you know that we all stand in prayer with
20 you. In addition, there were others who were wounded
21 and they are still in critical condition so our
22 prayers remain there.

23 Finally, I'd like to just thank the NYPD
24 for their swift capture of the alleged shooter and he
25 is in custody. Thank you.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Do we
3 have anyone else signed up to speak on General
4 Discussion today?

5 Okay...

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I do, Riley.

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Oh, sorry.
8 Council Member Riley.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Just real quick.
10 Just want to alert everyone that we have some youth
11 entrepreneurs out there today. Oh, all right, I'll be
12 quiet. My bad. Go ahead. I can do it? Thank you.

13 We've got some youth entrepreneurs out
14 there today. Last year, Council Members Stevens,
15 Williams, Louis, and myself advocated for a million
16 dollars to partner with partners uplifting our
17 daughters and sons. Throughout the entire year, these
18 youth entrepreneurs have been working hard so I just
19 encourage everybody in City Council who can hear my
20 voice to please go out there and support these youth
21 entrepreneurs because they've been working extremely
22 hard. That's it. Thank you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We
24 have Council Member Gutierrez.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: I'll be fast,
3 but I just wanted to invite all of my Colleagues and
4 everyone to the Council's first Columbian
5 Independence event next week. Thank you to the
6 Speaker who is sponsoring. This is very exciting as
7 the Council's first Columbian Council Member, y'all
8 are welcome, come celebrate with us. (INAUDIBLE)
9 Thank you.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Seeing
11 no one else, I will now call on Speaker Adrienne
12 Adams to close today's Stated Meeting.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority
14 Leader. The Stated Meeting of July 13, 2023, is
15 hereby adjourned. [GAVEL]

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