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**THE COUNCIL
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
CITY HALL
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OFFICE OF THE MINORITY LEADER**

February 7, 2025

Michael McSweeney
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
Executive Office
141 Worth Street
New York, NY 10013

To the Clerk of the Council of the City of New York:

We the undersigned members of the Minority (Republican) Delegation of the Council of the City of New York, hereby designate and appoint Joann Ariola as Minority Leader of the Council of the city of New York, pursuant to Rule 4.10 of the Rules of the Council of the City of New York for the term concluding on December 31, 2025, and do hereby certify the following:

1) That effective January 31, 2025, CM Joe Borelli of Staten Island resigned from the Council, vacating his Council seat and the position of Minority Leader.

2) That a meeting of the Republican Delegation was held on Friday, February 7, 2025 at 12:00pm, upon the call of a majority of the members of the Delegation (as defined in Rule 1 of the Bylaws of the Republican Delegation) issued to all members of the Republican Delegation on February 3, 2025. Notice of said meeting (attached) included the election of the Minority Leader as the business to be conducted.

3) That a quorum of the total members of the Delegation (three (3) of five (5) members, constituting a majority) was present at the Delegation meeting held on Friday, February 7, 2025.

3) That CM Joann Ariola was elected the temporary Chairman of said meeting, and CM Vickie Paladino was elected the Temporary Secretary of said meeting.

4) That upon a motion duly made by CM Paladino and duly seconded by CM Marmorato, CM Joann Ariola of Queens was nominated for the position of Minority Leader.

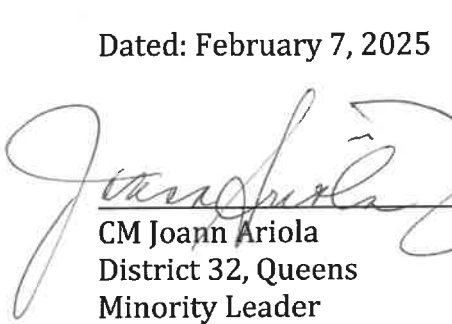
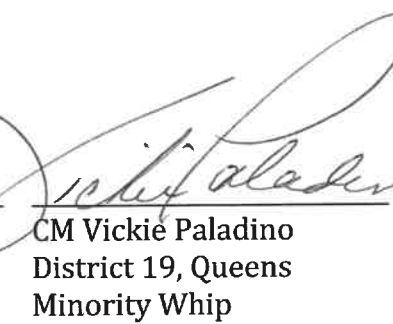
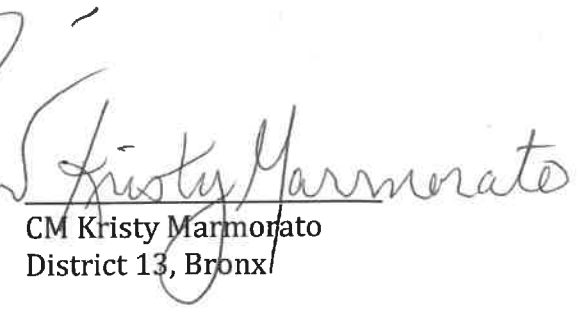
5) That no other nominations having been made, the vote on the motion to elect CM Joann Ariola the Minority Leader was three (3) in the affirmative, none (0) in the negative, with two (2) members absent.

6) That a majority of the total membership of the Republican Conference (as defined in Rule 1 of the Bylaws of the Republican Delegation) did elect CM Joann Ariola the Minority Leader, as required by Rule 2(B) of the Bylaws of the Republican Conference, for the term ending December 31, 2025.

7) That CM Joann Ariola, upon her election as Minority Leader, did appoint CM Vickie Paladino of Queens as the Minority Whip.

8) That there being no further business for the Conference, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated: February 7, 2025

		
CM Joann Ariola District 32, Queens Minority Leader	CM Vickie Paladino District 19, Queens Minority Whip	CM Kristy Marmorato District 13, Bronx



NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL

February 3, 2025

Fellow Republican Council Members,

We are writing to you to notify you that on Friday, February 7th, 2025, at 12pm, there will be a meeting of the Republican Delegation of the New York City Council (minority delegation) for the purpose of electing a new Minority Leader to replace former Council Member Joseph Borelli held in the Minority Leader's Office at City Hall.

We are sure that you are aware of the underlying facts. Former Council Member Borelli has now resigned from his seat on the New York City Council effective January 31, 2025. The New York City Council Office of General Counsel and its parliamentarian, Jeffrey Campagna, has issued a memorandum on February 3, 2025 holding that "...it is clear that a quorum of the Republican conference has not met to select a new minority leader, {therefore}, the certification {of Council Member Carr as the Minority Leader purportedly on January 28, 2025} is not valid and the Council cannot accept it." A copy of the memorandum is attached for your convenience.

In the event you are unable to attend personally, the following link is available so that you may attend virtually:

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/iDAJi0RdTbiKOK6YgEGcYw>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Should you have any questions, please contact Council Member Joann Ariola.

Very truly yours,

Honorable Joann Ariola
District 32

Honorable Vickie Paladino
District 19

Honorable Kristy Marmorato
District 13