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Majority Leader

COREY D. JOHNSON  
Speaker

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- KAREN KOSLOWITZ
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- STEPHEN T. LEVIN
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A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

Jessica Greer Morris  
Executive Director of Girl Be Heard

Richard Morris  
Husband of Jessica Greer Morris

Charlie Morris  
Son of Jessica Greer Morris

Jacqueline J. Lewis  
Senior Minister at Middle Collegiate Church

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[gavel]

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Hello, hello.

Ceremonial is about to begin, everyone welcome to New York City Hall. I am Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo and if my colleagues that are here today could please join me for what is going to be a very celebratory ceremonial hear today with an organization that we all know and love and support in one way or another within our perspective districts. Today the New York City Council is deeply proud to honor Girl Be Heard, if everyone from..

[applause]

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes, if everyone that is here representing Girl Be Heard could please come forward, it is in our, our honor to recognize you here at City Hall, please come forward.

[applause]

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes, everyone that's here with Girl Be Heard we are so proud to have you here, please come forward. I see family members, I see friends, I see colleagues, I see..

[off mic dialogue]

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Oh, we want... we want you all to be a part of this herstical moment

1  
2 here at City Hall, all of these dynamic men and women  
3 who are here today.

4 [off mic dialogue]

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I know I just  
6 want to... we still love you. Wow. Girl Be Heard rolls  
7 very deep I see, very deeply. There we go. Again,  
8 welcome everybody, everybody's a bit giddy which is  
9 great and exciting here in City Hall. Today the New  
10 York City Council is deeply proud to honor Jessica  
11 Greer Morris.

12 [applause]

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: ...for  
14 demonstrating outstanding leadership for over ten  
15 years as the Executive Director of Girl Be Heard.  
16 Girl Be Heard is an incredible organization that she  
17 co-founded to develop, amplify and celebrate the  
18 voices of young women in New York City through  
19 socially conscious theatre making and for any of you  
20 that have been here at City Hall Girl Be Heard has  
21 utilized their voice to champion so many issues here  
22 at City Hall. We would not be able to pass so much  
23 incredible legislation without the dynamic voices of  
24 the young women that are here today because they have  
25 utilized all of their talents in order to make sure

1  
2 that the issues that matter most to New York City are  
3 amplified at the highest level. I am proud to  
4 represent the bright lights of Broadway in my Council  
5 district to see the theatre as something that is so  
6 quintessentially New York City being used to elevate  
7 the voices of young women is absolutely inspiring.  
8 Jessica Greer Morris's personal accomplishments are  
9 too numerous to name here, she was named by Newsweek  
10 as one of the 150 fearless women who shake up the  
11 world..

12 [cheering]

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: That's right...

14 [cheering]

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: She is a human  
16 rights advocate, playwright performer and producer,  
17 her work has been performed off Broadway at the White  
18 House, at the U.S. Mission to the United States, at  
19 the TED Women conference and at the New York Fringe  
20 Festival. Talk about accomplished but I think even  
21 more important than her own accomplishments is what  
22 she has done on behalf of and in service to others.  
23 This is especially true with regard to her work as  
24 co-founder and Executive Director of Girl Be Heard.  
25 Originally called the project girl performance

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2 collective and rebranded as Girl Be Heard in 2013,  
3 this exemplary organization has been putting on  
4 workshops and performances for over a decade now.  
5 These programs and workshops create a safe,  
6 supportive environment for young women to learn and  
7 grow and have their voices heard, something we can  
8 all agree is sorely needed in today's world. Miss  
9 Greer Morris has truly distinguished herself and her  
10 service to others, New York City is so fortunate to  
11 have her and I'd like to call her up to receive this  
12 proclamation because she is a true New Yorker and  
13 exemplifies the very best of this city and what I  
14 love about her the most is that she when she comes to  
15 City Hall she always allows the young women in the  
16 program to speak for the organization and that's the  
17 greatest accomplishment is when those that are  
18 participating in your program can speak volumes  
19 louder than the Executive Director or the Board of  
20 Trustees or any of the other higher ups could ever  
21 do. The young women that have come through this  
22 program have gone on to do remarkable things and will  
23 continue to change the world. So, without further  
24 ado, we are going to call Jessica up to receive this  
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2 proclamation that is going to be read on the record  
3 by the Clerk who is right behind me.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council City of New  
5 York Proclamation. The New York City Council is proud  
6 to honor Jessica Greer Morris for more than ten years  
7 of outstanding leadership as the Executive Director  
8 of Girl Be Heard, an organization she co-founded to  
9 develop, amplify and celebrate the voices of young  
10 women through socially conscious theatre making and  
11 whereas Miss Greer Morris is a human rights advocate,  
12 playwright, performer and producer who's theatrical  
13 work has been performed off Broadway, at the White  
14 House, the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, the  
15 TED Women Conference, and the New York Fringe  
16 Festival. Newsweek named her as one of the 150  
17 fearless women who shake up the world. For more than  
18 a decade she has been shaking up the status quo by  
19 utilizing her skills as, as a storyteller to champion  
20 social justice to inspire fellow activists and to  
21 encourage younger generations of women to become  
22 change makers themselves and whereas in 2009 Miss  
23 Greer Morris was invited by Ashley Marinaccio to get  
24 involved with an ensemble at the EstroGenius  
25 festival. After they co-produced a show about teen



1  
2 girls in Niger Miss Greer Morris gave up other  
3 theatre commitments to become the Executive Director  
4 of the project girl performance collective, a group  
5 that began taking on social issues impacting women  
6 and girls abroad. She teamed up with 100 youth  
7 advocates from 25 countries through the man up  
8 campaign which she helped launch at the 2010 world  
9 cup in South Africa in a shared commitment to ending  
10 violence against women in their communities. From the  
11 start she recognized the power of storytelling and  
12 theatre to inspire and mobilize, to instruct and  
13 educate and to harness the collective energy that  
14 gets results and whereas to expand their workshops  
15 and performances beyond the EstroGenius festival,  
16 Miss Greer Morris and Miss Marinaccio chose to create  
17 a not for profit organization with Miss Greer Morris  
18 serving as the founding Executive Director, Miss  
19 Marinaccio is the founding Artistic Director and  
20 Jackie Shapiro as it's founding Board Chair, they  
21 found rehearsal space and opened doors at the United  
22 Nations. Nonprofit status was obtained in 2011 but  
23 due to the recession and limited bandwidth the co-  
24 founders did not go on payroll until 2013, the year  
25 the organization was rebranded as Girl Be Heard. And

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2 whereas Girl Be Heard's programs and workshops create  
3 a safe, supportive environment for young women to  
4 discuss the issues they care about and to learn how  
5 to work together as an ensemble. The curriculum  
6 fosters healthy confidence, self, self-aware women  
7 who are engaged in their schools and communities. And  
8 whereas a few of the organization's award winning  
9 productions have included America's Dirty Secret,  
10 which exposed the hardships of navigating the welfare  
11 system, food pantries and foster care in the wake of  
12 the 2009 recession; trafficked which focused on the  
13 experiences of survivors of sex trafficking;  
14 displaced which dealt with the refugee crisis and  
15 embodied which, which illuminates girl's struggles  
16 with body image. Other titles include Child Bride and  
17 Nine Millimeter America. And whereas in 2003 Dena  
18 Adrians, the organization's founding Director of  
19 Education introduced Girl Be Heard's program into a  
20 formal curriculum which is now taught by 22 teaching  
21 artists in 12 title one schools, two community-based  
22 settings and detention centers in New York City and  
23 abroad. The theatre company has toured Bermuda,  
24 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, England,  
25 Switzerland, Taiwan and Trinidad and Tobago. In 2016,

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Girl Be Heard became an official NGO of the United Nations Office of Public Information. And whereas Miss Greer Morris has truly distinguished herself in her work and is worthy of the esteem of all New Yorkers. Now therefore be it known that the New York City Council gratefully honors Jessica Greer Morris for her outstanding service and enduring contributions to our community; Corey Johnson, Speaker for the entire council, Laurie Ann Cumbo, Majority Leader, Carlina Rivera, Co-Chair of Women Caucus, Margaret S. Chin, Co-Chair of Women's Caucus, Steven Levin, Council Member of the 33<sup>rd</sup> district of Brooklyn and Helen Rosenthal, Chair of the Women's Committee.

[applause]

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: That was phenomenal, I mean just last week we had the women's world cup championship here for playing soccer and doing all these wonderful things and here you all are here today and I know that one day that young women that are going to be sitting in these seats are going to say that they were a part of Girl Be Heard and that's why they're here today. So, we just want to acknowledge very quickly some of the staff; I see

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2 Louis is here, Barbara, Kim, Lilly, Dominique and  
3 Maria, I see the founding and present board members  
4 Jackie, Michelle, Lisa, Ravi, Jamila, Jade, Rowenda  
5 [sp?], Alexandra, Chelsea, Joann and I'm going to mix  
6 it up a little bit because usually when we have a  
7 dynamic and incredible man here we say behind every  
8 dynamic man is an incredible woman but we're going to  
9 mix it up because today behind every dynamic woman is  
10 an incredible husband somewhere that's either to the  
11 left, to the right, to the back, holding your hand  
12 way in the back, holding down the family, holding  
13 down the fort so if we could just have your husband  
14 and your son Richard and Charlie come up and if the...  
15 look at him all the way in the back, isn't that  
16 great? Yeah it is great. And if you both would just  
17 say a little something on this auspicious occasion.

18 RICHARD MORRIS: Every year and I, I see  
19 what, what she's... what Jessica has done and how she's  
20 dedicated herself 24/7 to improving the lives and  
21 really stepping in and, and it's not just sort of the  
22 organization and getting people through and, and  
23 creating the shows and the curriculum but it's really  
24 becoming a mentor, a leader, a support for, for, for  
25 people who are in need, bringing them through things,

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2 you know really as part of our family so this whole  
3 organization has really been a part of our family and  
4 it's really been very moving year in and year out.

5 [applause]

6 CHARLIE MORRIS: My father said it best.  
7 I would just like to say we're very proud of you mom.

8 [applause]

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: That's the best  
10 and now the moment that we have all been waiting for,  
11 we are so honored to have you here Jessica and it is  
12 humbling just to see the work that you've done and  
13 the ripple effect that it has had throughout this  
14 city. Everybody please bring your hands together for  
15 Jessica.

16 [applause]

17 JESSICA GREER MORRIS: Oh my gosh, this  
18 is the best party I've ever been to like better than  
19 any birthday, our wedding was pretty good but like  
20 this is unbelievable, I feel like this is the show  
21 this is your life and I have everyone around me who I  
22 love who has made me the woman I am today so thank  
23 you so much and I can't even look at you Karen  
24 Koslowitz because you knew me when I was a young,  
25 hungry, grassroots organizer way back when, you saw

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2 me pregnant with my twins 16 years ago, I like love  
3 so much... so many of you that I can't even begin to  
4 tell you, I hate having my back to you but I was told  
5 I only have two minutes so I do have remarks right  
6 behind Debi Rose if you don't mind sharing them. I  
7 didn't want to forget anyone, and I have so many  
8 people to thank so just bear with me if you will.  
9 First of all, I really want to accept this  
10 proclamation with humility and delight. I am  
11 hallelujah happy to be receiving it and super honored  
12 but I really have to share it with so many people,  
13 the founding members of Girl Be Heard, board members  
14 and staff, my co-founder and theatre wife, Ashley  
15 Marinaccio and of course the young artists and  
16 activists all of whom are gracing us with their  
17 presence today and I couldn't be more grateful and  
18 they're going to give you a little performance right  
19 after I speak because we really are Girl Be Heard and  
20 not Jessica be heard so I can't wait for you to hear  
21 them. I am a New Yorker through and through, I was  
22 born at NYU hospital in 1968 and my father-in-law  
23 pulled me out of my mother's womb and then I  
24 delivered my twins at NYU in 2003 so I do want to  
25 recognize my beloved husband and son Charlie who are

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2 here and have supported my career forever, I never  
3 would have been able to do this work without you and  
4 these are great feminist men, the kind of men that we  
5 all should aim to be and my son is actually a city  
6 employee with the Summer Youth Employment Program at...  
7 in Harlem at Heath so I'm really peacock proud of him  
8 and I just want to share, you know I came out of the  
9 womb a grassroots activist, a proud member of ACT UP,  
10 a planned parenthood advocate, a supporter of so many  
11 life changing movements from Black Lives Matter to Me  
12 Too and I had the honor of using these skills as  
13 Karen Koslowitz knows when I worked for the City of  
14 New York from 1991 to 2005, I got to address the age  
15 crisis in homelessness as the District Manager of  
16 community board four, I got to open up syringe  
17 exchange programs when I was at the New York City  
18 Health Department, I got to do alternative sentencing  
19 and get New Yorkers drug treatment and access to  
20 social services instead of incarcerating our very own  
21 citizens and I did that with Mr. Morgenthau who  
22 passed on Sunday who was a mentor to me and I got to  
23 work as a first responder during the World Trade  
24 Center disaster and find the remains of, of loved  
25 ones whether it was a tooth or a bone so that people

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2 could gracefully and, and generously say good bye to  
3 their loved ones. My social, social justice work is  
4 in my blood and I have no doubt learned more from my  
5 failures than any successes and I want to say this as  
6 we stand on stolen ground blocks away from the  
7 African burial ground site on Duane Street, we must  
8 understand that it is our country's failures that can  
9 and should be our greatest teachers. This is why we  
10 do street performances like Say Her Name which we do  
11 on the steps of City Hall and at sacred burial  
12 grounds like the one down the street from us. We are  
13 still hurting from our history and must speak out  
14 against all forms of misogyny, racism and oppression.  
15 If we don't listen to the whispers of loving parents  
16 like Eric Garner's mother, we will hear the screams  
17 and protests of artists and activists working to move  
18 the needle on social justice issues. I could not be  
19 prouder of my Council Members who are wearing this  
20 incredible shirt, Karen can you show them what you're  
21 wearing, I can't breathe, we are working together on  
22 these social justice issues and this is why girls and  
23 gender non-conforming youth must be heard, this is  
24 why we develop, amplify and celebrate the voices of  
25 the next generation of leaders to take the stage and



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2 move our country and our world to higher ground. We  
3 are also humble enough to know that we stand on the  
4 shoulders of giants here at City Council who have  
5 advocated for our movement time and again. While it  
6 is deeply disturbing that only 12 of the 51 Council  
7 Members are women and we so clearly have a long way  
8 to go, today is the day to celebrate those 12 women  
9 who have broken countless glass ceilings to get where  
10 they are and where we are today, we love you and we  
11 need more of you, you make me proud to be American.  
12 During a time like this I have shame about the  
13 flagrant racism, sexism, xenophobia and transphobia  
14 trickling down from D.C. but nothing makes me prouder  
15 than this City Council led by my dear friend Corey, I  
16 don't know where you are Corey but thank you for  
17 everything you've done for me professionally and  
18 personally and courageous leaders like Laurie,  
19 Vanessa, Farrah, Carlina, Helen, Carlos, Ritchie,  
20 Steve and Brad, too many to name who have supported  
21 our after school and weekend programs throughout the  
22 city. We have been there for each other on weekends  
23 and nights when life gets hard, since social justice  
24 work is a calling we must be there to answer when the  
25 phone rings during the witching hour. This council is

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a true form of democracy, with you and our brilliant young leaders at the helm I have no doubt the future is friendly. As a white person in this movement my finest hours have been when god has allowed me to be a listening, loving leader who understands the, the importance of stepping back. As I step down from Girl Be Heard in September, I am not leaving the movement, I am simply making room for others and cannot wait to introduce you to my predecessor on August 14<sup>th</sup>, do not miss this party. My deepest thanks goes to my Girl Be Heard family and my family of blood for coming out today, none of the work I have done would have been possible without you and finally but most importantly I want to introduce you to the real Shiras of the movement, the future is surely friendly knowing they are leading it, please help me welcome the beloved, the fantastic, the super talented, the super human Jamilah, Horrenda and baby Jayde who I've known since she was eight years old, the youngest member of Girl Be Heard now 16 who are going to perform for you, with lots of love from momma Jess let me introduce you to Girl Be Heard.

[applause]

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JAYDE: Okay Jess this is for you.

Jessica Greer Morris is a name that isn't quite easy to forget, you're a person that makes farewells quite complicated actually. I wanted to start by saying I've known you half my life and you've been such a great role model and Girl Be Heard mom to me. You've always encouraged us to aim for the best because mediocre wouldn't cut it. I remember the first time that I told you I couldn't sing, and you convinced me I sounded great when we performed at the story years back at Jackie Shapiro's house. For the many nameless pieces that I wrote you always had clever names for them, Jess you hold a special place in my heart because you are an overall fantabulous person with many talents who have really helped make Girl Be Heard what it is today and I can't wait to see where your committed activism leads you next, love you.

[applause]

[singing]

[applause]

[off mic dialogue]

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Wow, thank you all so very much, that was beautiful.

[applause]

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Wow, we need more  
3 of that in City Hall, thank you so very much, thank  
4 you all.

5 JAYDE: Thank you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We're going to do  
7 one big group official photo and then we are going to  
8 begin today's stated meeting.

9 [off mic dialogue]

10 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen  
11 may I have your attention please, may I have your  
12 attention please, all BLAC members to the rotunda now  
13 please, all BLAC members to the rotunda, everybody  
14 else please clear the floor, thank you.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Alright, thank  
16 you everyone. We are going to begin the stated  
17 meeting. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you  
18 all so much.

19 [off mic dialogue]

20 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quite please, quite  
21 please at this time. Quite please, could we please  
22 clear the main floor of the chambers, sergeant at  
23 arms please help clear the main floor please. At this  
24 time please place all electronic devices, all  
25 electronic devices to vibrate, will all non-council

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2 employees please leave the main floor of the chambers  
3 and have a seat upstairs in the balcony. Thank you.  
4 Madame Majority Leader. Madame Majority Leader your  
5 presence is needed.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Good afternoon  
7 and welcome to the stated meeting of July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.  
8 I am Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo, please rise for  
9 the pledge of allegiance.

10 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

11 [Pledge of Allegiance]

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Roll call.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Ten-year-old  
15 Clifford Glover, I can't breathe.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Taman  
18 Robinson, I can't breathe.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Alberta Spreal, I  
21 can't breathe.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Unarmed, innocent  
24 Akai Gurley, I can't breathe.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli? Brannon?

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Cabrera? Chin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Kimani Gray, I

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can't breathe, here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen? Constantinides?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Timothy

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Stansbury, I can't breathe, present.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Diaz? Dromm?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Espinal?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Nicholas Heyward

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Junior, 13 years old playing with a toy gun, I can't

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breathe,

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene? Gibson?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Twenty-three-

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year-old West African immigrant from Guinea, Bronx

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resident Amadou Diallo, I can't breathe.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gjonaj? Grodenchik?

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Holden?

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COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: King?

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Ramarley Graham, I  
can't breathe.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present. Patrick  
Dorismond, I can't breathe.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I also can't  
breathe.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: I can't breathe.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: In solidarity  
with my colleagues of color, I'm here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Nicholas Naquan  
Junior, Nicholas Naquan Heyward Junior, I can't  
breathe.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Standing in  
solidarity, I'm here as well.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Twenty-three-year-  
3 old Shantel Davis, East Flatbush, I can't breathe,  
4 here.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel? Menchaca?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Peter Sanchez,  
7 I can't breathe, presente.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Fifteen-year-old  
10 Randolph Evans, Thanksgiving evening, 1976, I can't  
11 breathe.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya? Perkins?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: David Booby  
14 Strengthbarrow [sp?], I can't breathe.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Joining my  
17 colleagues in solidarity, I'm here.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Deborah Danner,  
20 I can't breathe.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Unarmed 23  
23 years old, father, would have been husband, my  
24 neighbor, November 2006, Far Rockaway Sean Bell, I  
25 can't breathe.



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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Mohamed Bah, I  
can't breathe.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Fiona Bomper  
[sp?] killed by the police October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1984, I  
can't breathe.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Eric Garner,  
murdered five years ago, I can't breathe, I can't  
breathe, I can't breathe, I can't breathe, I can't  
breathe, I can't breathe, I can't breathe, I can't  
breathe, I can't breathe, I can't breathe, Eric  
Garner.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here as an  
ally.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel?

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya?

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Anthony Biaz, I  
can't breathe.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Anthony Biaz,  
3 29 years old, killed playing football, I can't  
4 breathe.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Louis Rodriguez,  
7 I can't breathe.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: In solidarity  
10 with my colleagues, here.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: In solidarity  
17 with my colleagues, I'm here.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Yeger?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: [off mic] Here.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gjonaj?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: [off mic] Here.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo? Cumbo?

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Syed Basso, 34  
24 years old, I can't breathe, present.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: [off mic] Here.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: In solidarity I'm here.

5 We have a quorum.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We have a quorum.

7 We will now have today's invocation which will be  
8 delivered by Reverend Jacqueline J. Lewis of Middle  
9 Collegiate Church which is located at 50 East 7<sup>th</sup>  
10 Street in Manhattan.

11 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

12 JACQUELINE J. LEWIS: Good afternoon  
13 everyone, let us pray. Eternal god we call upon you  
14 by many names, we call you alpha and omega, the  
15 beginning and the end, you are a rock in a wary land  
16 and a shelter in the time of storm, you're called  
17 wonderful, counselor, mighty god, everlasting father,  
18 prince of peace, you're alia, adani, Jehovah and  
19 Yahweh. Like a shepherd you make us to lie down in  
20 green pastures and pick us up when we fall down. Like  
21 a mother hen you pull us under your wings for  
22 protection, when we're lost you seek us and guide our  
23 feet home, when we're frightened we turn our faces to  
24 you and find a way to peace, a path to enlightenment  
25 and the power to make our world just and fair. God of

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mercy and compassion and steadfast love be with your people everywhere and in this place. Mold us and make us in your image, merciful and compassionate toward our neighbors near and far and help us to love you and ourselves with generosity and humility. Oh, say can you see what is plain to behold, though we shout liberty there are too many in chains. We are shackled by greed and the fear we are small, but this truth must be told there is one god who loves all. Won't you give me your hand and together we'll stand with radical love, he loves souls and our land. Oh, say can't we end all this fighting and strife and walk toward the light that we all might be free. In your many names we pray, amen.

[applause]

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Wow. Wow. Thank you Reverend Lewis and I remember almost five years ago that you were here shortly after the tragic massacre of Eric Garner and I remember you and many of our clergy were here and it's unfortunate that you would be here in the aftermath of decisions that have been made. I'd now like to ask Council Member Rivera to spread the invocation on record.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you Madame Majority Leader for the opportunity to welcome the Reverend Doctor Jackie Lewis from Middle Collegiate Church, a 1,200 or so member, it is a global community of love, a multiethnic welcoming and inclusive congregation in the East Village where I've spent my life. Doctor Lewis is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and earned her PhD in religion in society, psychology and religion at Drew University, ordained in the Presbyterian church she is the first African American and first woman to serve as a senior minister in the collegiate church which was founded in New York City in 1628 and is the oldest continuous protestant church in North America. Doctor Lewis hosted Just Faith, an on-demand television program on MSNBC and is a frequent commentator, activist, an author of a number of books, she uses her personal story as well as her spotlight, her well deserved and respected spotlight to highlight how much... [cross-talk]

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Quite in the chamber... [cross-talk]

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: ...more... how much more we have to do in our mission for racial,

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1  
2 economic and environmental justice and these divided  
3 and tumultuous times I am so happy that we have a  
4 woman like Doctor Lewis at the helm of Middle  
5 Collegiate Church who are activism equality and  
6 revolutionary love can all be found. I remember  
7 attending social justice trainings in the wake of  
8 occupy Wall Street for the 99 percent spring and  
9 joining her and young women from the lower East Side  
10 girls club for leadership seminars, I stood with  
11 Doctor Lewis as we joined hand in hand with our  
12 brothers and sisters of all faiths who have been  
13 subjected to hate crimes and terrorism and Middle  
14 Collegiate Church was the one place I knew I wanted  
15 to hold my inauguration to begin the honor of my  
16 life. The weather emergencies of the last few days  
17 have also reminded me how integral Middle Collegiate  
18 congregation has been to our community in times of  
19 need. Many of them mobilized alongside our neighbors  
20 in the wake of hurricane Sandy and the Second Avenue  
21 explosion. Thank you, Dr. Lewis, for being a  
22 trailblazer in love, charity and activism and I hope  
23 to follow your spirit in my work as a Council Member  
24 and just as a human being. And with that I motion to  
25 spread the invocation in full upon the record.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much  
3 Council Member Rivera and my mother is also a member  
4 and so I'm proud to have you hear today, thank you.  
5 We will now go on to the adoption of minutes by  
6 Council Member Antonio Reynoso.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Motion to adopt the  
8 minutes.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.  
10 Messages and papers from the Mayor.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Excuse me, M176  
12 withdrawing Jeffrey Roth for appointment to the New  
13 York City Taxi and Limousine Commission.

14 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Received, ordered,  
15 printed and filed.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Communication  
17 from city, county and borough offices.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Petitions and  
20 communications.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Land Use Call-  
23 Ups.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: M177 Franklin guest  
25 house.

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SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on a call up

vote and at this time I'd ask for a roll call vote on  
today's land use call up calendar, this is just on  
the land use call up calendar.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: With permission I  
would like to vote on all land use call ups saying  
couple items on the general order calendar and all  
resolutions?

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye, thank  
you.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres?

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Permission to  
vote on all items?

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?

COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY SAMUEL: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?



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COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli? Brannan?

Cabrera? Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen?

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: [off mic] Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides?

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: [off mic]

Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy?

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: [off mic] Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch?

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: [off mic] Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Diaz? Dromm?

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Espinal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: [off mic] Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene? Gibson?

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: [off mic] Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gjonaj?

COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.  
3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos?  
4 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.  
5 COMMITTEE CLERK: King?  
6 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye on all.  
7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?  
8 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: [off mic] Aye.  
9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman?  
10 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.  
11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander?  
12 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: [off mic] Aye.  
13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?  
14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.  
15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine?  
16 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.  
17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?  
18 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.  
19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel?  
20 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: [off mic] Yes.  
21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca?  
22 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye.  
23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller?  
24 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.  
25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye.  
3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Perkins?  
4 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye.  
5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers?  
6 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.  
7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso?  
8 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.  
9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards?  
10 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.  
11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?  
12 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.  
13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez?  
14 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [off mic] Aye.  
15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose?  
16 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.  
17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal?  
18 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.  
19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca?  
20 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye.  
21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger?  
22 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.  
23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich? Vallone?  
24 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: [off mic] Aye.  
25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: [off mic]

Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Yeger?

COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo?

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: [off mic] Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo?

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,

today's land use call ups are adopted by a vote of 44  
in the affirmative, zero negative. We'll now have  
communications from Speaker Corey Johnson.

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Good afternoon, thank  
you Madame Majority Leader and welcome back to  
stated, I hope everyone enjoyed a few weeks off from  
these meetings but we have a busy agenda ahead of us  
this month and powerfully here today the BLAC of the  
City Council we acknowledge the five year anniversary  
of Eric Garner's death and I want to say in  
solidarity I can't breathe. I will also say that I am  
outraged, outraged that our system has failed his  
family time and time again. Last week we learned that  
the Department of Justice decided not to file charges

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2 against officer Daniel Pantaleo and this was another  
3 slap in the face to his mother Gwen Carr and to his  
4 entire family, they have been denied justice  
5 consistently for the past five years and simply put,  
6 those responsible for the death of Eric Garner must  
7 be held accountable and must be held accountable  
8 immediately. I'd also like to acknowledge the  
9 anniversary of the tragic loss of Council Member  
10 James Davis, he was assassinated in this chamber 16  
11 years ago to the day today, his senseless death, his  
12 tragic death, his assassination is a stark reminder  
13 that gun violence can occur anywhere and we often  
14 think of council Member Davis when we walk into the  
15 members lounge downstairs where there is a plaque  
16 that speaks about his public service towards the city  
17 of New York as a police officer, as a Council Member,  
18 as a community leader, as an activist and I want his  
19 family to know that we are thinking of them today, we  
20 are thinking of the amazing man that James Davis was,  
21 all that he did for our city and I want to  
22 acknowledge that on this painful day for the Davis  
23 family and it's important that we as a City Council  
24 remember our former colleague. Today I also want to  
25 do something a little different, we always name the

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2 people who have succumbed to 9/11 illnesses at every  
3 stated meeting and last week the Fire Department, the  
4 FDNY, New York City's bravest reached a sad  
5 milestone, they announced that they had lost their  
6 200<sup>th</sup> member to a 9/11 related, you know it's 200<sup>th</sup>  
7 member to a 9/11 related illness that is on top of  
8 the 343 FDNY members who actually died on 9/11 itself  
9 and today hopefully the United States Senate will be  
10 voting on reauthorizing the September 11 victim's  
11 compensation fund and today this City Council is  
12 voting on a resolution calling on Congress to act and  
13 to permanently authorize the funds for survivors and  
14 for their families, it is cruel, it is deeply cruel  
15 to make people who are sick from 9/11 related  
16 illnesses to beg every couple of years, it  
17 retraumatizes them and their families. So, today  
18 recognizing the importance of this potential senate  
19 vote, I am going to stand here and read every single  
20 name of the 200 lost members of the FDNY who have  
21 succumbed to 9/11 related illnesses and I know this  
22 isn't a comprehensive list of the thousands of people  
23 who suffered from 9/11 related illnesses and I know  
24 this doesn't include the NYPD or other first  
25 responders but just to mark this milestone for New

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2 York's bravest I want to honor the 200 members of the  
3 FDNY who have lost their lives and I want to ask for  
4 people's patience as I read this 200 names and I want  
5 to apologize if I get any of the pronunciations wrong  
6 but I'm going to begin by reading the names of the  
7 200 brave souls we've lost since 9/11. Firefighter  
8 Robert W. Dillon, firefighter Vanclive A. Johnson,  
9 firefighter Russel C. Brinkworth, firefighter Edward  
10 V. Tietjen, firefighter Walter Voight, Battalion  
11 Chief Kevin R. Byrnes, firefighter Stephen M.  
12 Johnson, Lieutenant Richard M. Burke, firefighter  
13 Michael Sofia, firefighter Joseph P. Costello,  
14 firefighter William R. O'Connor, Lieutenant Renaldo  
15 Natal, Paramedic Deborah Reeve, Fire Marshal William  
16 Wilson Jr., Lieutenant Thomas J. Hodges, firefighter  
17 Robert J. Wieber, Lieutenant Joseph Colleluori  
18 Junior, firefighter Michael J. Shagi, firefighter  
19 William R. St. George, firefighter Raymond W. Hauber,  
20 EMS Lieutenant Brian Ellicott, firefighter William E.  
21 Moreau, Lieutenant John P. Murray, firefighter Sean  
22 M. McCarthy, firefighter Bruce M Foss, firefighter  
23 Jacques W. Paultre, firefighter Kevin M. Delano  
24 Senior, Lieutenant Vincent J. Tancredi the 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
25 Paramedic Clyde F. Sealey, firefighter Timothy G.

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2 Lockwood, firefighter Edward F. Reilly Junior,  
3 firefighter John F. McNamara, Lieutenant Thomas G.  
4 Roberts, Captain Kevin J. Cassidy, firefighter Joan  
5 R. Daley, firefighter Richard A. Manetta, Lieutenant  
6 Peter J. Farrenkopf, Battalion Chief John J. Vaughn,  
7 firefighter Robert A. Ford, Paramedic Carene A.  
8 Brown, firefighter James J. Ryan, Lieutenant Robert  
9 M. Hess, EMT Freddie Rosario, Lieutenant Harry  
10 Wannamaker Junior, Electrician Phillip J. Berger,  
11 firefighter Vincent J. Albanese, firefighter John P.  
12 Sullivan Junior, firefighter Roy W. Chelson,  
13 firefighter John F. O'Neill, Lieutenant Randy J.  
14 Wiebecke, firefighter Brian C. Malloy, Lieutenant  
15 John A. Garcia, firefighter Anthony J. Nuccio, Fire  
16 Marshal Steven C. Mosiello, firefighter Carl  
17 Capobianco, firefighter Martin C. Simmons, Lieutenant  
18 Andrew M. Borgese, Captain Emilio R. Longo,  
19 firefighter Raymond Ragucci, firefighter Virginia A.  
20 Spinelli, Captain Sheldon Barocas, Deputy Chief  
21 William J. Guido, Lieutenant Robert J. Stegmeier,  
22 Stegmeier, Lieutenant Mark W. McKay, Deputy Assistant  
23 Chief John S. McFarland, EMT Anthony J. Ficara,  
24 Lieutenant Patrick J. Sullivan, firefighter Michael  
25 F. Mongelli, firefighter Lawrence J. Sullivan,



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2 firefighter Michael G. Behette, EMT Joseph V.  
3 Schiumo, Paramedic Ruben I. Berrios, Battalion Chief  
4 John K. Corcoran, firefighter Andrew D. Dal Cortivo,  
5 Lieutenant Martin T. Fullam, firefighter Charles L.  
6 Jones the 3rd, firefighter William H. Quick,  
7 firefighter Willy T. Franklin Junior, Battalion Chief  
8 Thomas R. Van Doran, firefighter Walter Torres,  
9 Battalion Chief Richard D. Arazosa, Supervising Fire  
10 Marshal Emil K. Harnischfeger, Captain Peter J.  
11 Casey, Paramedic Rudolph T. Havelka EMT Francis A.  
12 Charles, Paramedic John W. Wyatt Junior, Lieutenant  
13 Thomas G... Thomas J. Greaney, firefighter Keith E.  
14 Atlas, Lieutenant Steven B. Reisman, firefighter  
15 Joseph T. Callahan, Battalion Chief Richard E.  
16 McGuire, EMS Lieutenant Douglas Mulholland, EMT Luis  
17 de Pena, EMS Lieutenant Michael F. Cavanagh, Deputy  
18 Chief Inspector James W. Mandelkow, Lieutenant John  
19 G... John J. Halpin, EMS Captain William C. Olsen,  
20 Lieutenant Keith M. Loughlin, Lieutenant John K.  
21 Gremse, Lieutenant Howard J. Bischoff, firefighter  
22 Daniel E. Heglund, firefighter Robert E. Leaver,  
23 firefighter Cornell L. Horne, EMS Lieutenant Thomas  
24 Giammarino, firefighter Eugene J. McCarey,  
25 firefighter James J. Marshall, firefighter Charles S.

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2 Szoke, Battalion Chief John J. Cassidy, Captain John  
3 R. Graziano, firefighter Gregory A. Chevalley,  
4 firefighter Adolfo Otano, firefighter Ronald R.  
5 Brenneisen, firefighter Richard E. Nogan, Auto  
6 Mechanic Rafael E. Scarpitti, Battalion Chief George  
7 D. Eysser, Captain John Gallagher, Captain Thomas J.  
8 Thompson, firefighter Dennis J. Heedles Senior,  
9 firefighter Nicholas J. Demasi, Battalion Chief James  
10 N. Costello, firefighter Frank D. Fontaino, EMS  
11 Lieutenant Harold E. McNeil Senior, Lieutenant Gary  
12 J. Gates, firefighter Michael P. Smith, firefighter  
13 Thomas J. Kelly, firefighter John... Joseph A.  
14 Morstatt, Lieutenant Robert G. Alford, firefighter  
15 Gary E. Celentani, Lieutenant Cruz Antonio Fernandez,  
16 firefighter Robert J. Ventriglia, firefighter James  
17 M. Hicks, firefighter Thomas A. Lynn, EMT Norman  
18 Valle, firefighter Thomas Farrell, firefighter Robert  
19 W. Johnson, Fire Marshal Gregorio Morales,  
20 firefighter William E. Woodlon, Lieutenant Ronald D.  
21 Biller, Captain Vincent R. Ungaro, firefighter Paul  
22 F. Santoro, firefighter John A. Dunn, firefighter  
23 Harry L. Davis, Lieutenant Raymond W. Alexander,  
24 firefighter Joseph P. O'Toole, firefighter Kevin A.  
25 Rooney, firefighter Brian J. Masterson, firefighter

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2 Robert F. DiGiovanni, EMS Lieutenant Edith E. Torres,  
3 firefighter Robert E. Newman, EMT Rose M. Scott, EMD.  
4 Lieutenant Steven Sorger, EMS Lieutenant Mario  
5 Bastidas, firefighter Roy E. Smith, firefighter James  
6 J. Lanza, Paramedic Mark A. Harris, firefighter  
7 Raymond J. Pfeifer, Lieutenant William J. Kelly,  
8 firefighter Robert... firefighter William J. Gormley,  
9 Marine Engineer Robert W. Alexander. EMS Lieutenant  
10 Walter, Walter J. Nelson Junior, firefighter Michael  
11 L. Duffy, Battalion Chief Joseph D. McKeon,  
12 firefighter Michael R. O'Hanlon, firefighter Robert  
13 M. Tilearcio, Lieutenant Edward J. McDonagh,  
14 Lieutenant Joseph R. Stach Junior, firefighter  
15 Raymond R. Philips Junior, firefighter Ronald P.  
16 Svec, Lieutenant Edward T. Meehan, Deputy Chief  
17 Joeddy Friszell. firefighter Paul R. Tokarski, Pilot  
18 Thomas P. Phelan, firefighter Keith R. Young, Marine  
19 Engineer John L. Buhler, firefighter George F.  
20 Froehlich, firefighter Robert J. Lembo, Assistant  
21 Chief Ronald R. Spadafora, Doctor Michael J.. Michael  
22 G. Guttenberg, Captain Victor C. Valva, firefighter  
23 Brent G. Crobak, firefighter Charles Williams,  
24 Battalion Chief Robert P. Miuccio, firefighter  
25 Michael T. McDonald, firefighter Jimmy Martinez,

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2 firefighter Dennis G. Heaney, firefighter John R.  
3 Elges, EMT Felipe A. Torre, Paramedic Martha Stewart,  
4 EMT Joseph A. Rodriguez, firefighter Daniel C. Bove,  
5 Captain John S. Moschella, Lieutenant Timothy P.  
6 O'Neill, firefighter Kevin E. Lennon, firefighter  
7 Richard H. Meehan, firefighter Anthony Alese,  
8 Lieutenant John T. Moran, firefighter Joseph Walsh,  
9 firefighter Lloyd W. Stuart, firefighter Kevin J.  
10 Nolan, and firefighter Richard N. Driscoll. I want to  
11 apologize if a mispronounced any names and I want to  
12 apologize if I forgot any names, this was a list that  
13 was given to us this morning by the FDNY and if I  
14 accidentally skipped over a name in reading those names  
15 I want to apologize to the families, it was  
16 unintentional, we wanted to be inclusive in reading  
17 the 200 names of New York's bravest who have  
18 succumbed and lost their lives because of 9/11  
19 related illnesses and I hope the United States Senate  
20 votes on this bill today to permanently reauthorize  
21 and this is not a partisan issue this is about doing  
22 what is right for these families and for the  
23 survivors who are still battling 9/11 related  
24 illnesses and I want any member of the United States  
25 Senate who would attempt to speak out against this

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2 bill to meet with these families of these 200 men and  
3 women to look them in the eyes and to tell them why  
4 the United States government should not permanently  
5 take care of the heroes who served in the aftermath  
6 of the largest attack that has ever taken place on  
7 U.S. soil. This is the right thing to do, the U.S.  
8 Senate must vote today to finally take care of these  
9 families, the House did it, the Senate must do it, we  
10 must not retraumatize these survivors or make them  
11 anxious by having them wonder will the U.S.  
12 government step up to support them. So, I hope that  
13 this is not a partisan issue, I hope that we just do  
14 the right thing. In addition to these brave  
15 firefighters I'm also sad to share that we've learned  
16 of the deaths of nine other 9/11 first responders  
17 since our last meeting three weeks ago, nine more  
18 people have died, one of the heroes... they're all  
19 heroes, one of the main heroes who has dedicated.. he  
20 dedicated his life, NYPD Detective Luis Alvarez, 53  
21 years old testified many times on Capital Hill, he  
22 fought for the rights of 9/11 first responders  
23 tirelessly, he passed away a few weeks ago at the end  
24 of June from cancer contracted down at Ground Zero,  
25 NYPD Detective Luis Alvarez, age 53. NYPD Detective

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2 Andrea Rainer who was a retired member of the 109<sup>th</sup>  
3 precinct, 58 years old; retired Sergeant Jack Casey,  
4 he served almost 40 years and had been honored with  
5 two medals of valor for his acts of bravery,  
6 volunteered at the pile after 9/11, he was 78 years  
7 old; Michael Ornauer, a Captain of the Long Beach  
8 Fire Department who supported with field  
9 communications at Ground Zero, he was 60 years old;  
10 Simon Koch was a Detective with the F... with the NYPD,  
11 I don't have his age; Christopher Cranston, 48 years  
12 old, he was an NYPD Detective who spent six months,  
13 six months working down on the pile; Nicholas  
14 Polisenio, he reported to work down at Ground Zero  
15 while working with Con Edison, he was 41 years old;  
16 retired Sergeant Thomas Fennessy, age 64, he served  
17 in the NYPD for more than 20 years and Detective  
18 Thomas Santoro served down at Ground Zero with the  
19 NYPD. These people deserve our support and their  
20 families deserve our support, do the right thing  
21 permanently authorize the 9/11 victim compensation  
22 fund and do it today. I also want to recognize a  
23 number of others who we lost who have passed in the  
24 weeks since our last stated meeting first  
25 construction worker Rene Traverio was killed earlier

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2 this month while working at a recycling plant in the  
3 Bronx. We have lost another member of the FDNY to  
4 suicide, the fourth in the last month, officer Kevin  
5 Preiss was 53 when he took his own life, my thoughts  
6 go out to the NYPD community as well as to Officer  
7 Preiss's family and we want all of our officers to  
8 get the help that they need if they are struggling.  
9 Our law enforcement officers take an oath to serve,  
10 we need to make clear that they're... we are there for  
11 them in their time of need so that women and men in  
12 uniform do not hesitate to ask for help, New York  
13 City will support you. We've also recently lost two  
14 incredible leaders and advocates for our city; Hector  
15 Figueroa was a visionary labor leader who dedicated  
16 his entire life to helping working women and men  
17 across this country and especially here in New York  
18 City, he led the charge for better wages, for better  
19 working conditions, he did not care if you were a  
20 member of his union or not, the fight for 15... if you  
21 were a working person in our city who needed help  
22 Hector was in your corner. A year ago when we were  
23 passing a bill to help taxi workers in New York City  
24 those workers were not part of 32 BJ, Hector was here  
25 supporting them, name any issue that benefited

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2 working women and men and Hector Figueroa was there,  
3 I am so sorry to his children and his wife, his death  
4 is untimely and it is a gigantic loss for the city of  
5 New York and for our entire country, there are not  
6 many people like Hector Figueroa. Additionally,  
7 Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau served  
8 our city through some of its most tumultuous time, he  
9 helped transform the Manhattan DA's office into the  
10 most respective law enforcement agencies in the  
11 country and he worked tirelessly as a civic leader  
12 and an advocate with organizations like the Police  
13 Athletic League, the Museum of Jewish Heritage and in  
14 recognition Armenian genocide, I am deeply  
15 appreciative of the work that both of these men did  
16 for the greatest city in the world, our city, New  
17 York City and lastly there's one that's personal to  
18 us, Celena Glenn who worked at the New York City  
19 Council for 31 years served under five Speakers, she  
20 began her tenure as Council Member Enoch Williams's  
21 Chief of Staff and eventually transferred over to the  
22 central staff, her contributions were endless and as  
23 many of you know she embodied integrity and inspired  
24 it in those around her, we are grateful for her 31  
25 years of service, we'll miss her tremendously. I know



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2 that there are a lot of people here at the council  
3 who are in a lot of pain because they knew Celena so  
4 well and all of us knew Celena when she sat  
5 downstairs next to Miss Phyllis and greeted everyone  
6 warmly with a smile so I want to give my condolences  
7 to Celena's family and I want to thank her for her  
8 life of service and for serving for 31 years here at  
9 the New York City Council. Now I ask that we all rise  
10 and take a moment of silence to honor every single  
11 person that I mentioned. Thank you. I'd also like to  
12 recognize if you... staff members who will be leaving  
13 the Council, Tanya Cyrus is a Senior Legislative  
14 Policy Analyst and has been working at the New York  
15 City Council for 11 years, many of us have been lucky  
16 enough to work with her as she has supported numerous  
17 committees including those on higher education,  
18 cultural affairs and general welfare, she'll be  
19 moving on to work with the Mayor's Office of  
20 Legislative Affairs and we are sad to see her go,  
21 where's Tanya? Where is she? Let's give her a big  
22 round of applause.

23 [applause]

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: And additionally,  
25 Elaine Kim will be leaving Council Member Koo's

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2 office later this month to start law school, so we  
3 want to congratulate Elaine and say good luck to her.

4 [applause]

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Is she here?

6 Congratulations. Okay, now let's dive into today's  
7 agenda. The Council will vote on the following five  
8 article XI property tax exemptions; the Putnam  
9 Portfolio in Council Member Ayala and Perkins's  
10 district; Saint Ann's Apartments in Council Member  
11 Ayala, Gibson and Salamanca's districts and 603  
12 Pontiac Place in Council Member Ayala's district. The  
13 Council will vote on the following land use items,  
14 the first is in Council Member Karen Koslowitz's  
15 district and the second one is in Council Member  
16 Costa Constantinides's district. Both applications  
17 will bring non-conforming buildings into conformance  
18 with the current zoning. 704 Courtlandt Avenue in  
19 Chair Salamanca's district will facilitate the  
20 development of 100 percent affordable building and we  
21 will be voting on the withdrawal of the Cassena  
22 Center rezoning in Council Member Koo's district.  
23 Moving on the Council will vote on the following  
24 pieces of legislation, the first is Preconsidered  
25 Introduction Number 1631 which will ceremonially,

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2 ceremonially co-name 86 streets, thoroughfares, and  
3 public places for people including several police  
4 officers who died in the line of duty and first  
5 responders who died of 9/11 illnesses. I want to  
6 thank the staff who worked on this Chris Sartori and  
7 Patrick Mulvehill. Next, Introduction 1272-A  
8 sponsored by Council Member Grodenchik would amend  
9 reporting requirements for organizations that are  
10 affiliated with elected officials but that do not  
11 engage in promotional activities such as advertising  
12 for those elected officials. Based on feedback to a  
13 local law passed last session and with the support of  
14 the conflicts of interest board this bill sets  
15 separate reporting requirements for these  
16 unrestricted organizations without changing the  
17 requirements for restricted organizations. This bill  
18 will still require unrestricted organizations to  
19 report to COIB but to do so without placing an undue  
20 burden on them and in a manner that will allow COIB  
21 to focus its oversight on the types of concerning  
22 activities that both COIB and the law we passed  
23 intended for them to focus on. I want to thank the  
24 staff who worked on this Brad Reid, Michelle Lee and  
25 Chris Sartori. Next, Introduction 886-A sponsored by

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2 Council Member Rafael Espinal will require a pilot  
3 program for pet harbors that will allow owners to  
4 leave pets unattended in safe enclosed shelters on  
5 sidewalks adjacent to commercial establishments for a  
6 short period of time, congratulations Rafael I know  
7 you've worked hard on this and I want to thank the  
8 staff who worked on this James Giovanni and Elliot  
9 Lynn and I want to thank James and Elliot for a bunch  
10 of the bills we have coming up. From transportation  
11 we have Introduction 1457-A sponsored by Council  
12 Member Carlos Menchaca. This bill will allow cyclists  
13 to follow pedestrian control signals at leading  
14 pedestrian interval intersections providing them with  
15 a head start to enter the intersection before the  
16 lights turn green for automobile drivers. We also  
17 have two bills related to parking, Introduction 84-A  
18 by Council Member Chaim Deutsch, will help clarify  
19 whether certain parking restrictions are in effect by  
20 requiring the Departments of Education and  
21 Transportation to post information online about when  
22 public schools are in session over the summer and  
23 Introduction 570-A sponsored by Council Member Mark  
24 Treyger, would create a defense to parking violations  
25 in cases where both sides of the parking sign are

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2 ineligible... illegible. I want to thank James and  
3 Elliot for those... package of bills as well. Lastly,  
4 we will vote on a package of bills designed to help  
5 small businesses by providing them with needed  
6 information and training and by collecting data  
7 related to the city's storefronts that will inform  
8 policy going forward. The city currently lacks the  
9 data necessary to make informed decisions relating to  
10 the small... to small businesses that are so vital to  
11 our communities and these bills will tackle that  
12 issue head on. Introduction 1049 sponsored by Council  
13 Member Rivera would require an assessment of  
14 storefront businesses and the business environment of  
15 20 community districts every three years including a  
16 survey of the business owners in coordination with  
17 community-based organizations. From Council Member  
18 Mark Gjonaj the Chair of our Small Business  
19 Committee, Introduction 1467-A will require the  
20 Department of Small Business Services to create an  
21 online portal containing user friendly listings of  
22 rules and regulations applied to small businesses,  
23 this portal will be updated as agencies make rule  
24 changes, an easy way for small businesses to know  
25 what the rules are and to streamline it and Council

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2 Member Gjonaj, Chair Gjonaj also has Introduction  
3 1000-B and it will establish the city definition for  
4 microbusinesses which are those with fewer than ten  
5 employees and it would require specific reporting by  
6 small business services on these mom and pop type  
7 shops which are so vital to the fabric of New York  
8 City. I want to congratulate the Chair on these two  
9 bills. Introduction 1471-B sponsored by Council  
10 Member Rosenthal would provide additional support to  
11 the small business community by requiring small  
12 business services to provide training and education  
13 relating to efficiency, regulatory compliance and  
14 marketing and also from Council Member Rosenthal  
15 Introduction 1472 will require reporting on  
16 commercial properties and would establish a public  
17 data set of information related to leases, vacancy  
18 and property specifications. Collecting this  
19 information and making it accessible now is key to  
20 sound policy making in the future and I want to thank  
21 Rachel Cordero and Irene Borowski for their work on  
22 this package of bills. The Council is going to vote  
23 on three important resolutions. Intro... Resolution 746  
24 put forward by Council Member Carlina Rivera calls on  
25 the New York State legislature to pass legislation

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2 requiring the creation of fair regulations for  
3 hospitals related to drug testing people who are  
4 pregnant or giving birth and I want to thank Emily  
5 Balcon on the staff for working on this Resolution.  
6 Resolution 740 from Council Member Brad Lander calls  
7 on the New York City Administration for Children  
8 Services to implement a policy that the mere  
9 possession or use of marijuana does not itself create  
10 an imminent risk of harm to a child or warrant a  
11 child's removal and I want to thank Paul Sinegal from  
12 the staff for working on that resolution and finally,  
13 finally and so vitally important Resolution 897-A  
14 from Council Member Daneek Miller, the Chair of our  
15 Committee on Civil Service and Labor, this is co-  
16 sponsored with Council Member Margaret Chin which  
17 calls on congress to pass and the President to sign  
18 legislation permanently authorizing the 9/11 victims  
19 compensation fund as I already mentioned and this  
20 resolution we are standing up and telling Washington  
21 that these first responders, police officers,  
22 firefighters, sanitation workers and other victims of  
23 the horrific attack that we experience are better  
24 than to keep having to go back to ask for support. I  
25 want to thank Kevin Kotowski for working on this

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2 resolution. That concludes our agenda for today's  
3 stated meeting, and I look forward to proceeding with  
4 today's votes, thank you Madame Majority Leader.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Speaker  
6 Corey Johnson, we will now move into discussion of  
7 general orders. For those of you who have bills that  
8 are being voted on today specifically we will now  
9 begin with Council Member Carlos Menchaca.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you so  
11 much Majority Leader and I rise to speak on 1447...  
12 1457-A. The city has been working incredibly hard  
13 around Vision Zero and made a lot of investments yet  
14 today we stand with some incredible misfortunes. We  
15 have seen deaths this year for cyclists higher than  
16 in recent years and we still fundamentally treat  
17 bicycles like cars and other motor vehicles. In fact,  
18 the national safety administration has now for the  
19 second year reported and we now note that motor  
20 vehicle accident... or motor vehicle crashes fell  
21 nationwide by one percent, but cyclist fatalities  
22 nationally has soared ten percent while pedestrian  
23 deaths rose four percent. Just today we released...  
24 received news that in Staten Island another death has  
25 happened for cyclists, that makes 16 cyclists dead



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2 this year, ten last year, this is wrong, and it needs  
3 to stop. The culprit in, in this transportation  
4 conversation is the culture that continues to  
5 privilege cars and treat cyclists like drivers or  
6 motor vehicles rather than what they are more, more  
7 like which are pedestrians. We blame cyclists, we  
8 blame pedestrians, this has to stop. The Speaker is  
9 calling on an incredible vision for data driven  
10 comprehensive redesign so that we bring dignity and  
11 safety back into our communities. I first introduced  
12 this bill in 2016, that took us a long time to get  
13 the DOT and the NYPD to work together and we did  
14 that, we had patience and we sat down, this is not  
15 something that we just created a couple of months  
16 ago. That led to a study that the NYPD and the DOT  
17 conducted that led to really great information and I  
18 want to share with you if you are on the fence, the  
19 results say that over the seven months conducted  
20 between April and October of 2018 they documented a  
21 decrease in 27 percent drop in injuries at  
22 intersections and what we know is that intersections  
23 are where people die. I ask you to support this bill  
24 1457-A. Thank you.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council  
3 Member Menchaca, Council Member Gjonaj followed by  
4 Council Member Chin and then Barron.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Thank you Madame  
6 Chair. Locally owned mom and pop shops are in trouble  
7 and far too many are finding it harder and harder to  
8 keep their doors open whether it be to big box store  
9 competition, consumer behavior changes, the internet,  
10 rent, real estate taxes or government regulation our  
11 small businesses are finding it more and more  
12 difficult to keep their doors open. Businesses with  
13 less than ten employees are responsible for almost 80  
14 percent of New York City's workforce. So, it is not  
15 an exaggeration to say that our city's local economy  
16 and success is dependent on having a thriving small  
17 business sector. Today this body is considering a  
18 package of bills and, and in particular two that I  
19 have introduced that will bring much needed relief to  
20 struggling local businesses. The first step in  
21 solving any problem is to define it, we need to be  
22 more proactive than reactive, the hurdles faced by  
23 local dry cleaner and butcher can be very different  
24 from those faced by general electric and Amazon. The  
25 federal government defines small businesses an entity

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2 of up to 1,500 employees and the state defines it at  
3 up to 100 employees. We need a stronger focus on much  
4 smaller businesses that is why I've... I'm the proud  
5 sponsor of Intro 1000, a bill that establishes the  
6 term micro business as one with less than ten  
7 employees. This bill will also require SBS to survey  
8 these businesses to help assess the actual issue they  
9 face. Once we have the data, we can take proactive  
10 and targeted programs to address these specific  
11 needs. New York City has approximately 6,000 rules  
12 and regulations that govern businesses, many are  
13 outdated and are a mystery even to government workers  
14 that are responsible for enforcing them. It is almost  
15 impossible for business owners who are juggling  
16 payroll, suppliers, and changing customer trends to  
17 have the time to keep up with the maze of municipal  
18 regulations that govern their businesses. I'm also  
19 proud to sponsor Intro 1467, this bill would require  
20 SBS to establish a searchable interactive guide to  
21 aid business owners in understanding the city rules  
22 and regulations. I want to thank the Council staffers  
23 who have helped make these bills a reality, a special  
24 thanks to the bill drafters and government affairs  
25 division including Robin Newman, Laura Pulpal, Rachel

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2 Cordera, Irene Borowski, Joe Nunzolka [sp?] and of  
3 course thank you to the bill's co-sponsors and to our  
4 very own Speaker Corey Johnson for his leadership.  
5 With that said I encourage all of my colleagues to  
6 vote in support of these bills.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council  
8 Member Gjonaj, we'll now go to Council Member Chin  
9 and then followed by Council Member Barron.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you Majority  
11 Leader. I want to speak about the life of Staff  
12 Sergeant James McNaughton and the street co-naming in  
13 his honor that we are voting on today. I want to  
14 begin by acknowledging his parents who are here  
15 today, William and Michelle and the officers that are  
16 here today Chief Delatorre, inspector Mundo, Captain  
17 Fudacaro, Sergeant Brennan, Detective Rudolph and  
18 police officer Kenny. Jimmy embodied the very best of  
19 NYPD, selflessness, duty and honor. In addition to  
20 serving in transit district two, Jimmy was an army  
21 reservist. In the weeks after 9/11 he patrolled the  
22 subways to reassure his fellow New Yorkers during a  
23 time of extreme fear and anxiety. When the Iraq war  
24 began Jimmy was redeployed and joined his fellow  
25 officer at Camp Victory in Bagdad to train Iraqi

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2 police officers. Upon hearing reports of snipers in  
3 the area, Jimmy volunteered for guard duty despite  
4 the danger. In an act of selflessness Jimmy argued  
5 that he was the better candidate for the job given  
6 that he was single while other officers had family  
7 back home. While guarding the camp in 2005 a sniper  
8 bullet ended his life, he was only 27 years old. He  
9 became the first NYPD officer killed in Iraq and his  
10 legacy lives on in the memory held by his family,  
11 friends and his fellow NYPD officers. He was honored  
12 with a bronze plaque in transit district two  
13 headquarters. In a touching personal tribute the  
14 locker Jimmy used is permanently sealed. Our New York  
15 City Council must do it's part to ensure that Jimmy's  
16 legacy is never forgotten, I believe we can do this  
17 by approving the proposed application to co-name West  
18 Broadway between Lespinot and Canal Street James  
19 McNaughton Way, this is one small thing that our city  
20 can do to express our gratitude for his sacrifice and  
21 service to our city and our country and I urge all my  
22 colleagues to support it, thank you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council  
24 Member Chin, we'll now move to Council Member Barron.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you Madame Majority Leader. I just want to call attention to the life of reverend James, Jimmy Miller, he was born August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1932, he grew up in Harlem but moved to east New York and we were able to have the benefit of his service to our community. He grew up in a close-knit family and they were centered on providing service in the community, I guess that led to the roots of his being so involved in so many community organizations. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the Korean war, he was married to his wife Ethel for 63 years and after 26 years of service to the New York City Triborough raging tunnel Associations he retired. He was ordained as a minister in 1960 and he served as an assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church... First Faith Baptist Church and co-pastor of the Second Emanuel Baptist Church. He was installed as a pastor in 1995. Among the many community and civic organizations that he was involved with, he was a pas worship master of the masonic temple, he was Chair of the representative counsel for a better New York, he was Chair of the school board for the east New York Alliance, President of the Louis H. Pink House Tenant

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2 Association and Chair of the Board of the East New  
3 York Multiservice Center and his legacy is enshrined  
4 in all the work that he has done and also in his son,  
5 our colleague, I. Daneek Miller so it gives me great  
6 pleasure to sponsor this co-naming and I ask all of  
7 you to support with your vote, thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council  
9 Member Barron, we'll now go to Council Member Deutsch  
10 followed by Council Member Eugene.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Thank you  
12 Majority Leader, Leader. Today we are voting on Intro  
13 84, my bill that will clarify parking regulations  
14 around school facilities during the summer sessions.  
15 Intro 84 will, will require that prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>  
16 every year the Department of Education post a list of  
17 all locations with summer sessions that are active in  
18 New York City public schools and then report these  
19 locations to the Department of Transportation. DOT is  
20 then required to list the corresponding.. the, the  
21 corresponding locations where there is restricted  
22 parking that is in effect on summer school days. By  
23 making this list public.. publicly available we are  
24 ensuring that the city is transparent about  
25 regulations surrounding schools. We're also taking

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steps to ensure that unwarranted parking violations are not issued to unsuspecting drivers. Intro 84 is a way to properly inform New Yorkers about already existing parking spaces that are available during the summer months where people would otherwise be afraid to park because of a lack of accessible information about summer sessions in a particular building, non-existent parking can be a tremendous stress particularly in areas with lack of accessible mass transit. I encourage my colleagues to support this bill and I thank my 12 colleagues who have signed onto this bill for their co-sponsorship, I also thank transportation committee Chair Ydanis Rodriguez and, and James DiGiovanni Counsel of Transportation's Committee for their work on this bill, thank you very much.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you... thank you Council Member Deutsch and now we will hear from Council Member Eugene but I just want to inform all of the members that we are in jeopardy of losing quorum so there will be no more permission granted to either leave the meeting and we should try to keep our remarks succinct. Thank you.



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2 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Thank you very  
3 much Madame Majority Leader. I will be very, very  
4 brief. Today we are voting on Intro 1631, we are  
5 going to name two areas in my district after two very  
6 important people who have made a tremendous  
7 contribution to the United States of America and I  
8 wanted to talk about Pierre Toussaint. Pierre  
9 Toussaint came from Haiti and he was a  
10 philanthropist, he has contributed so much to  
11 Manhattan and to New York City. He created an  
12 orphanage for children, sending children to school,  
13 feed them and also give them work, jobs and also he  
14 used to sit with everybody, if you come to New York  
15 City you don't have a place to live, come to my house  
16 and he was one of the first persons to give funding  
17 for the construction of the Saint Patrick Cathedral  
18 in Manhattan and he is also the only dead person  
19 whose body was transported to be buried in the Saint  
20 Patrick Cathedral and we are going to name also  
21 another area for my district after Jean Baptiste  
22 Point du Sable. Jean Baptiste Point du Sable is from  
23 Haiti. He was the... he, he is known as the funder of  
24 Chicago, he was the first person to settle in  
25 Chicago, he created infrastructures and he was also

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2 the one who was leading so many businesses in Chicago  
3 if today we can talk about Chicago it is also because  
4 of Jean Baptiste Point du Sable. If you go to Chicago  
5 you will see a museum, school also libraries and  
6 monuments named after Jean Baptiste Point du Sable  
7 and I think that we are doing a wonderful job by  
8 paying tribute to those two wonderful people who have  
9 contributed as immigrants to the fabric and to the...  
10 fabric and the goodness of the United States of  
11 America, thank you very much Madame Majority Leader,  
12 thank you.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you and I  
14 too also have a few co-namings in my district that I  
15 briefly just wanted to recognize as many of the  
16 individuals are here. One, the Malbone Centennial Way  
17 and this commemorates the co-naming of the Malborne  
18 street wreck, a subway derailment that killed 93  
19 people and left hundreds injured on November 1<sup>st</sup>,  
20 1918. It has been just over 100 years since this  
21 terrible tragedy but in many ways, those lost souls  
22 still resonate today. I also want to acknowledge in  
23 my district Walt Whitman Way and this has been a  
24 group effort throughout my community, Walt Whitman  
25 was an American poet, journalist and essayist who was

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2 considered one of America's most influential poets of  
3 our time and Walt Whitman's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday was on May  
4 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. I also want to acknowledge the street  
5 co-naming of FBI Special Agent Edwin R. Woodruff Way  
6 and this will be on Claver Place and Franklin Avenue  
7 in the borough of Brooklyn as well as we will be  
8 doing a change in the reading of sign for Christopher  
9 notorious BIG Wallace Way on Saint James Place  
10 between Fulton Street and Gates Avenue in Brooklyn.  
11 Christopher Wallace was a cultural giant whose name  
12 has become synonymous with style, attitude, action  
13 and artistic freedom, a son of Brooklyn, he is  
14 perhaps one of the most influential figures to ever  
15 come out of the borough and is internationally  
16 recognized throughout the world. I also want to  
17 recognize, and the family of Randy Weston are here  
18 today, Randy Weston is an artistic jazz giant, an  
19 international legend who is known throughout the  
20 world. He is a composer, a pianist, and has traveled  
21 throughout the world utilizing so many different  
22 sounds from West Africa, Moroccan and later Egyptian  
23 and East Asian elements all throughout his sound. He  
24 is a Brooklyn native, a giant for 70 years enchanted  
25 music lovers of all ages were welcome to his studios

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2 across the country. I personally had an opportunity  
3 to work with Randy Weston as he performed in many of  
4 our NYCHA developments in outdoor concerts for free,  
5 he gave up his life and he gave us his talent freely  
6 amongst those whom he loved, and he had a huge heart.  
7 He is joined here today with Fatuma and his three  
8 daughters, his wife and partner are certainly an  
9 example of the extraordinary bond between two people  
10 and finally I want to recognize a very tragic story  
11 in my district, Melquain at the intersection of Gold  
12 Street and York Street he was tragically killed  
13 waiting at a bus stop outside of the Farragut Houses.  
14 His family later started a scholarship and emergency  
15 fund in the name at John Jay College where he earned  
16 his bachelor's degree. This co-naming honors the son  
17 of Brooklyn who overcame all odds to be the best that  
18 he could be, this co-naming represents Mal Quan's  
19 fight for excellence and education in our black and  
20 brown communities. He was only 17 years old and he is  
21 joined today with his mom who has fought tremendously  
22 to make sure that the legacy of her son continues on.  
23 So, I thank all of you for... all of the street co-  
24 naming that you all have all submitted because it's  
25 certainly... I believe that when we say the, the names

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2 of our lost ones they live on forever. We will now go  
3 on to report of special committees.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Reports of  
6 standing committees.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
8 on Consumer Affairs and Business Licensing Intro  
9 1281-A.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and laid over.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
12 on Finance Preconsidered Reso 998 transparency  
13 resolution.

14 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
15 orders.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered LU 472  
17 and Reso 1006 through Preconsidered LU 476 and Reso  
18 1010 tax exemptions.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled with general  
20 orders.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
22 on Land Use, LU 464 and Reso 1011 and LU 465 and Reso  
23 1012 Kissena Center.

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled to be filed  
25 pursuant to a letter withdrawal.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Excuse me, LU 466 West  
3 18<sup>th</sup> Street garage.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with  
5 modifications and referred to the City Planning  
6 Commission pursuant to Section 197D of the New York  
7 City Charter.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: L... excuse me, LU 467  
9 and Reso 1013 through LU 470 and Reso 1016 zoning  
10 amendments and property dispositions.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled with general  
12 orders.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
14 on Parks and Recreation Preconsidered Intro 1631  
15 naming of 86 thoroughfares and public places.

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled with general  
17 orders.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
19 on Small Business Intro 1000-B through Intro 1472  
20 vacant storefronts and small business services.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled  
22 with general orders.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
24 on Standards and Ethics Intro 1272-A reporting  
25 requirements.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled  
3 with general orders.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
5 on Transportation Intro 84-A and 570-A parking  
6 regulations.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
8 general orders.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 886-A pet  
10 harbors.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled  
12 with general orders.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 14, 1457-A  
14 pedestrian control signals.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled  
16 with general orders.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: On the general order  
18 calendar Resolution to pointing various persons  
19 Commissioner of Deeds.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
21 orders and at this time I'd ask for a roll call vote  
22 on all of the items on today's general order  
23 calendar.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?

COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?

COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Permission to  
explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. I just  
wanted to rise to also add my acknowledgements to the  
great life of Randy Weston, he was a profound artist  
and he made our organization, the House of the Lord  
Elementary School a part of his support circle and he  
did several concerts for us and did not charge us, it  
was the benefit concert so I certainly want to  
acknowledge the co-naming of that street and secondly  
I want to vote aye on all with the exception of 1457-  
A on which I am abstaining, thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Permission to  
explain my vote?



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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
3 granted.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Thank you so  
5 much. I first want to congratulate my colleagues on  
6 their bills today and I want to take a moment to talk  
7 to you about Puerto Rico. I just got back yesterday  
8 morning having been part of the protest that is  
9 taking place there, it's my hope that we continue to  
10 put the pressure on that every elected official,  
11 anyone who has any level of influence to continue to  
12 put the pressure is... we have an epic failure of  
13 leadership, we have a leadership crisis in Puerto  
14 Rico and as someone that was raised in Puerto Rico  
15 and... until the age of 14 it, it, it pains me to see  
16 what Puerto Ricans are going through, the level of  
17 corruption has reached an epic level, the brackish  
18 comments that were made against the LGBT community,  
19 the, the, the brackish distasteful comments that were  
20 made against adults who died, those who die after... in  
21 the aftermath of Maria, I mean this is... it... and this  
22 is something that has occurred for decades but it has  
23 reached a place where people have literally lost  
24 their faith in government, the credibility of the  
25 governor is, is beyond repair, it's beyond repair

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and, and so it's my hope that this body whatever we could do and I think the best thing that we could do we could be a concert of voices together to be able to send a clear and loud message to the Governor and its time for him to resign and we say together [Spanish dialogue], thank you so much.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council Member.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo?

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: No on 1472, aye on the rest.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen?

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: I am voting no on 1457-A and aye on all the rest.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides?

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy?

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Permission to explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission granted.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I'd just like to  
3 add my voice to the sentiments of my colleagues  
4 around Randy Weston and his family, I'd like to  
5 congratulate the family for his commitment to the  
6 community not only... to not just musically but  
7 civically, it was outstanding and I just want to  
8 point out that at 6'8" he demonstrated that you could  
9 do something else besides play basketball, he was a  
10 world class musician, that's for you Laurie Cumbo.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. And  
12 how do you vote?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Robert  
15 Cornegy.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Permission to  
18 explain my vote?

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
20 granted.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: So, I just  
22 briefly want to thank Council Member Daneek Miller  
23 for sponsoring the resolution today calling upon  
24 congress to pass and the president to sign the  
25 September 11<sup>th</sup> victim compensation fund act. Speaking

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2 as someone who responded in the rescue efforts  
3 following the 9/11 attacks on our country, I wanted  
4 to emphasize the critical importance of showing our  
5 first responders that we did not forget about them on  
6 September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2001. The sacrifices made by our  
7 city's greatest heroes extend well beyond the 412 who  
8 were lost in the.. in the attack that day. More than  
9 2,000 deaths since 9/11 having attributed to the  
10 toxic air that was inhaled at Ground Zero. I'm glad  
11 that we at the Council are doing our part to give  
12 back to those who serve our city and I hope that  
13 congress will do the same and pass the compensation  
14 fund act. Thank you and I vote no on 1457-A and, and  
15 aye on the rest.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Espinal?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye on all.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gjonaj?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all except  
for Intro 1457-A and 1281-A which I vote no.

COMMITTEE CLERK: King?

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: I vote aye on all  
and congratulations as we rename Dyer and Light  
Street to make a progressive leeway.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: [off mic] I  
vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye on all  
except 1457.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander? Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Permission to  
explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you Madame  
Majority Leader. I just want to acknowledge that  
we're voting today on Thelma Martin Way which is the  
northwest side of Atlantic Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in

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2 the borough of Brooklyn. Thelma Martin developed  
3 national, state and local sponsored programs  
4 including the youth development delinquency and  
5 recreational program, the commercial revitalization  
6 program, the community achievement project, the work  
7 incentive program and the structured educational  
8 support program. She developed the first youth  
9 conference and served as the Executive Director of  
10 South Brooklyn Community Cooperation where she  
11 organized the first annual south Brooklyn summer  
12 festival along Atlantic Avenue which is the  
13 predecessor to the Atlantic Antic. She was also a  
14 member of community board 16, the Brooklyn Chamber of  
15 Commerce, the New York State Association of Renewal  
16 and Housing Officials, the 76 precinct, precinct  
17 council, Vice President of the New York City  
18 Association of Executive Directors, Chairperson of  
19 the Board of Directors of the Jules Michael Day Care  
20 Center and Chairperson of the Pastor Public Relations  
21 Committee. She also received rewards.. awards from the  
22 New York State Democratic Party, the Youth Committee  
23 Board 16, Ladies of Planning Board 16 and the African  
24 Methodist Episcopal Church. So, we're very honored to  
25 be co-naming Atlantic Avenue in, in commemoration of

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Thelma Martin and with that I vote aye on all, thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine? Levine?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all and abstaining from 1457.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel?

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: [off mic] Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Permission to explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: I just want to read a couple tweets from folks who have reached out about the LPI law, 1457-A. I know some of you have had concerns and are expressing it in a no vote. Rachel Cole says I fear for my husband and eight-year-old son's life every time they bike. By biking instead of driving they reduce emissions and congestion for everyone else, the more people that

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2 bike the better, the least we can do for cyclists is  
3 to protect them from getting hit from... a tweet from  
4 Brooklyn biker, thank you for pushing this bill, it's  
5 safer... it's a safer use of street space not having to  
6 drag race NYC motorists from the green light, using  
7 the LPI gets me in front and visible to drivers.  
8 Never forget those magic words that all killer  
9 drivers out there say, I didn't see them. This is  
10 what we're talking about and I want to say thank you  
11 to the incredible team at... on the Transportation  
12 Committee for working on this bill, that includes  
13 James DiGiovanni, Elliot Lynn, Emily Rooney and of  
14 course Jeffrey Baker, the Speaker who has been  
15 pushing incredible legislation that... and vision about  
16 breaking car culture, this is not easy so I  
17 understand that there are concerns, this is how we do  
18 it and it's not going to be easy here even in the  
19 City Council as some of you have abstained and I wish  
20 to talk to you and work with you to understand where  
21 those concerns are coming from and I also want to say  
22 thank you to Jason the Chief of Staff, I vote aye on  
23 all.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye on all.



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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Permission to  
4 explain my vote please?

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
6 granted.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you Madame  
8 Majority Leader. First, I'd like to congratulate all  
9 of my colleagues on the... their thoughtful and  
10 impactful legislation and resolutions that are being  
11 passed today. I... we often do that work but today as I  
12 was in the red room and, and, and listened to some of  
13 the work of my colleagues I'm very proud of the work  
14 that this body is, is doing. I'd also like to  
15 acknowledge the contributions of those that we are  
16 recognizing through the street renaming... co-namings  
17 that we'll be voting on the lives of ordinary New  
18 Yorkers that made extraordinary contributions to our  
19 city so I'm very proud to be a part of that and I  
20 will be voting aye on all and abstaining from 1457-A.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Perkins?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: May I be excused  
25 to explain my vote? Prior to voting on the budget

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2 adoption and I am disclosing on the record of the  
3 Council proceedings that one of the items I am voting  
4 on today, a proposed Article XI tax exemption will  
5 effect and apply to the building where I currently  
6 reside otherwise I vote aye on all.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I vote aye and  
12 congratulations to Carlos Menchaca.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Permission to  
15 explain my vote quick. I just want to acknowledge  
16 three co-namings today; Mary Moore, Barbara Smith,  
17 and Lamine Sardi were phenomenal community leaders  
18 and I'm so joyous that today we'll honor their  
19 legacies. I also wanted to commend my colleague  
20 Daneek Miller for his resolution today, you know our  
21 9/11 first responders deserve so much more, you know  
22 what Randfall [sp?] did this week is, is nearly...  
23 it's, it's unforgivable actually, you know people  
24 went down there and sacrificed their... sacrificed  
25 their lives for us and for many of those families who

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2 were lost down there and they deserve the dignity and  
3 respect and to be treated with that for their  
4 sacrifices so with that being said I happily vote  
5 aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I'd like to  
8 change my vote on one item, 1457 I'd like to vote no.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Permission to  
12 explain my vote?

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
14 granted.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So, in lieu of,  
16 of general discussion I just wanted to add my voice,  
17 a lot of us are taking to the streets, protesting,  
18 rallying and... on a number of issues and we can't take  
19 away from what's happening in Puerto Rico and I want  
20 to thank my Council Member colleague Cabrera for  
21 bringing it up because on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1967 Puerto Rico  
22 held it's first vote on it's political status and 52  
23 years later the people on the island continue to make  
24 their collective voices heard with million... a million  
25 people taking to the streets of San Juan Puerto Rico

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2 so I want to say the United States continues to let  
3 down by neglecting Americans devastated by disaster,  
4 death and deregulation and I want to commend everyone  
5 who has joined in whether on twitter or wherever it  
6 is to say that they stand in solidarity with the  
7 people of Puerto Rico and especially those who have  
8 called for the resignation of the Governor Ricardo  
9 Rossello. I want to thank you, it means a lot to me  
10 personally and I think as a body who people look to,  
11 to make... to send messages about national issues  
12 affecting our neighbors and fellow Americans, it's  
13 important that we say something, [Spanish dialogue]  
14 and I vote aye.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Permission to  
18 explain my vote?

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
20 granted.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: In solidarity  
22 to Carlina Rivera and all our brothers from the  
23 Puerto Rico this is a difficult moment and as we have  
24 said before today, we all have to add about being  
25 Puerto Rican. We need to be sure that this gentleman

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2 who is now in charge of Puerto Rico resigns so please  
3 let's join this movement, let's use the social media,  
4 let's put our voices together standing for all Puerto  
5 Ricans, with that I vote aye.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Madame Majority Leader  
8 I want to announce that the United States Senate just  
9 passed the 9/11 victims compensation fund.

10 [applause]

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: But our resolution  
12 today calls on the President to sign it, so we are  
13 still voting on that.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I'd like to change  
17 my vote and abstain on 1457-A.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Permission to  
21 explain my vote?

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
23 granted.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you. I want  
25 to thank my colleagues today for joining me in

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2 recognizing injustice and justice denied and I want  
3 to thank them for standing with us in the name of  
4 justice so I want to thank all of my colleagues and  
5 the Speaker for supporting this effort today. And I'm  
6 really proud to say that we are going to name a  
7 street after William A. Morris Junior who was a World  
8 War II veteran, who traced his lineage back to the  
9 last slave that was sold on Staten Island in the  
10 1700's and he was a founding member and became the  
11 first President of the Staten Island Chapter of the  
12 National Association for the Advancement of Colored  
13 People or the NWACP. He also served in the 369<sup>th</sup>  
14 infantry division, he served both in the European and  
15 Pacific Theaters of Operations including D-Day and  
16 the Invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge  
17 and he has a long history in terms of being a  
18 community activist, a boy scout leader earning the  
19 highest recognition in boy scouting, the silver  
20 beaver award and started a basket... a, a baseball  
21 league which served for 16 years and served more than  
22 900 children each summer. Mr. Morris really was a, a  
23 local and a national hero and his, his story about  
24 his World War II exploits were documented in a book  
25 that his daughter wrote, Delores Morris wrote in 2015

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2 called The Soldier that Wagged her Tail, he actually  
3 had a dog that served alongside of him in the Pacific  
4 Theater so thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council  
6 Member Rose.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I am  
11 disclosing on the record of the council proceedings  
12 that my wife and my stepson are associated with the  
13 New York City Parks Department of Recreation and I am  
14 today voting to allocate funding to this entity and I  
15 vote aye on all. Thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Permission to  
19 explain my vote?

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
21 granted.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: I want to thank  
23 my colleague... Speaker and my colleagues for  
24 supporting Intro 570 my bill in relation to illegible  
25 park, parking signs. This legislation will resolve

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the frustration for residents that receive a parking ticket when there's illegible signage. When a parking sign is illegible people don't have notice that a restriction is in effect but can still receive a ticket. It is within the Finance Department's discretion to dismiss these tickets, but they're not required to do so, and many people don't know that they might be able to get their ticket dismissed for, for illegible signs and the standards for dismissal can be unclear. There should also be more pressure on DOT to maintain parking signs. This speaks to greater problems within DOT, it takes too long for studies to be completed, for traffic lights to be installed and other traffic measures to be in place and just maintain your signs. So, I want to thank the Speaker, his staff, my office and everyone who helped make this bill possible and I ask my colleagues to vote aye and with that I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich?

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone?

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Permission to explain my vote?



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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
3 granted.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Two of our... two  
5 of the street renamings for champions in the district  
6 pose on the east end and the west end and you know  
7 them both, Joe on community board seven and Howard  
8 Haider was in Community board 11 and his wife  
9 continues, Christine Haider in community board 11 and  
10 a third is, is Maddie Shershen was all of 17 who was  
11 crossing the street, Utopia Parkway just Saint  
12 Francis Prep, she went to Saint Mels, all of  
13 Whitestone held a candlelight vigil for her and her  
14 family and we cried together for Maddie so for  
15 Maddie's family forever know that her light will  
16 always shine on that corner and be reminder for all  
17 of us the perils as we cross our intersections in New  
18 York City and how difficult they are and how much  
19 work we still need to do to make it safe for all of  
20 us so with that I thank my fellow Council Members,  
21 god bless each one of you and I vote aye on all.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: May I be excused  
3 to explain my vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
5 granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you. Just  
7 very briefly, I'm grateful to Mr. Speaker and those  
8 here who have taken the time today either here in the  
9 chamber or in other ways to remember memorialize  
10 Councilman James Davis, he was a friend of mine,  
11 those here who know him know that he loved life, he  
12 loved his community, he loved people, he loved  
13 friends, he loved his public service very, very much  
14 and 16 years ago today he was taken from us and I  
15 remember that day, I was actually on the way here to  
16 City Hall just a few blocks away when police cars  
17 started circling the blocks and there was a thought  
18 that there was another shooter that they were still  
19 looking for at that time. He was an incredible human  
20 being, he dedicated his life to bringing people  
21 together and he didn't make it on his first try to  
22 get to elected office but he kept on trying until he  
23 got there and once here he did an incredible job and  
24 he was very proud of his work and I was too and I'm  
25 grateful for that. I vote aye on all with the

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2 exception of Intro 1472 and 1457 on which I vote no  
3 and I abstain on 1631 and Intro 570 and very briefly  
4 with regard to 570 I'm a co-sponsor of this bill and  
5 the reason I abstain is because a version... the  
6 original version that was introduced here in the  
7 Council was a good version, the item that we are  
8 voting on today is also a good version but not as  
9 good as the original version, it gives a protection  
10 to the Department of Transportation that I don't  
11 think it deserves and it takes away protection from  
12 the people in disputing tickets when the sign is not  
13 legible and I understand why the bill needed to be  
14 amended in order to pass it and to have the  
15 administration be amenable to it but... and nonetheless  
16 I, I will be abstaining but I will not remove my name  
17 because it is fundamentally a good idea. Thank you,  
18 Madame President.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo?

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote aye on  
22 all.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Take one moment  
25 to tally the votes. All items on today's general

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2 order calendar are adopted by a vote of 47 in the  
3 affirmative, zero negative and zero abstentions with  
4 the exception of Intro 1457-A, which was adopted by a  
5 vote of 37 affirmative, seven negative and three  
6 abstentions and Intro 1472-B which was adopted by a  
7 vote of 45 in the affirmative, two negative and zero  
8 abstentions. Intro 570-A which was adopted by a vote  
9 of 46 in the affirmative, zero negative and one  
10 abstention and Intro 1631 which was adopted by a vote  
11 of 46 in the affirmative, zero negative and one  
12 abstention. The revised Land Use Call-Up vote is 47  
13 in the affirmative and zero negative. Thank you.

14 Introduction and reading of bills, we will now move  
15 into the discussion of resolutions. Are there any  
16 members who wish to speak on today's resolutions?

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Madame Majority Leader  
18 all bills have been referred to committee as  
19 indicated on the agenda.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Okay. I will now  
21 read today's resolutions into the record, members who  
22 wish to vote against or abstain on any of these  
23 resolutions should register their vote with the clerk  
24 at the dais. I'll begin with Resolution 740.  
25 Resolution calling upon the New York City

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2 Administration for Children Services to implement a  
3 policy finding that a person's mere possession or use  
4 of marijuana does not by itself create an imminent  
5 risk of harm to a child warranting the child's  
6 removal. All in favor say aye.

7 [aye]

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All opposed.  
9 Abstentions, the ayes have it. Resolution 746,  
10 Resolution calling on the New York State legislature  
11 to pass and the Governor to sign legislation  
12 requiring the New York State Department of Health to  
13 create clear and fair regulations for hospitals on  
14 drug testing those who are pregnant or giving birth  
15 including informing patients of their rights before  
16 any discussion of drug use or drug testing. All in  
17 favor say aye.

18 [aye]

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All opposed.  
20 Abstentions, the ayes have it. Resolution 897-A, an  
21 amended resolution calling on congress to pass and  
22 the President to sign the never forget the heroes,  
23 the James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer and Luis Alvarez  
24 permanent authorization of the September 11<sup>th</sup> victim  
25 compensation fund act, HR 1327 S546 which would fully

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2 finance and extend authorization for the September  
3 11<sup>th</sup> victim compensation fund until fiscal year 2092.

4 All in favor say aye.

5 [aye]

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All opposed.

7 Abstentions, the ayes have it and I certainly applaud  
8 Speaker Corey Johnson for his continuous voice and  
9 making sure that this is something that continues to  
10 be a part of the national conversation and debate and  
11 we have seen success today, thank you so much for  
12 your leadership. We will now move into general  
13 discussion and we will bring on Council Members King  
14 followed by Rivera and Levin.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Good afternoon I  
16 rise everyone today just to bring awareness to two  
17 bills that I'm introducing today. One is Intro 1639,  
18 recently I had a senior who was 103 years old denied...  
19 and Medicaid service was taken away as well as not  
20 being able to travel around the city of New York,  
21 this bill that I'm introducing today is... on our  
22 calendar it says 100 years but legislation it's  
23 supposed to be 80 years of age so any one senior in  
24 the city of New York who is over 80 years of age will  
25 be able to travel through the city of New York

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2 whether it's ferry service, bus service, train  
3 service at no cost because they've earned it as a  
4 senior and a centurion in the city of New York.  
5 secondly, the next resolution that I'm introducing  
6 today, I'm asking you all for your support, we do  
7 know that the Department of Education has made a  
8 mockery of special education and not getting it  
9 right, we've had so many lawsuits, Laticia James has  
10 filed so many lawsuits right now it's about making  
11 sure that our children will be serviced by a special  
12 education system to get educated and the families get  
13 the services they need. Since over the last five  
14 decades the DOE has not been making, making right by  
15 this promise to service those families, I'm asking  
16 for the state and the governor to sign a resolution  
17 calling on the transference of special education from  
18 out of the department of Education and the Department  
19 of Mental Health and Services who are already  
20 providing at least 80 percent of the services to  
21 these families. I ask you to join on this fight and  
22 this conversation to make sure our children and our  
23 families, this about serving with autism and special  
24 needs get serviced. Thank you and have a blessed  
25 week.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council  
3 Member King, Council Member Levin.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very  
5 much Madame Majority Leader. I want to take this  
6 quick opportunity to acknowledge our wonderful  
7 interns that are in, in our office this year and I  
8 have to bring this up on my phone. I apologize to  
9 everybody. Here we go, its... I think that they're  
10 still upstairs Kyla Brathwaite, Tayyaba Lysol  
11 Jamison, Maddy Rosen, Lana Kaye Poole, Baruch  
12 Frankel, and Lyle... oh I'm sorry, that... I got Lyle  
13 already, and so I just want to thank them all for  
14 their incredible work this summer, they... I hope that  
15 they're having a great experience and they've,  
16 they've really added a wonderful aspect to the office  
17 and so I want to just acknowledge their great work  
18 and thank them very much for their partnership this  
19 year and with that I'll turn it back over to the  
20 Majority Leader.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you and I  
22 just want to close by also recognizing my interns as  
23 well... oh, Council Member Rose.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you, thank  
25 you Madame Majority... [cross-talk]



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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yeah... [cross-  
3 talk]

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: ...Leader. I wanted  
5 to say that I, I just found out that a... I want to  
6 thank Carlos Menchaca and all of the transportation  
7 committee members who are trying to make pedestrian  
8 and bicycles... bike... bicyclists safer, I just found  
9 out that a 17 year old was... there was a crash in my  
10 district and a 17 year old bicycle rider just died.  
11 I, I also wanted to acknowledge a happy occasion, my  
12 communications director is celebrating his birthday  
13 and I wanted to say happy birthday Vincent Granyane  
14 [sp?], thank you.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council  
16 Member and happy birthday. Council Member Chin.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you. I wanted  
18 to talk about Intro 1633, a bill focused on  
19 relocating tenants displaced by a vacate order, an  
20 issue that I have been working on closely in my  
21 district. Far too often tenants who have experienced  
22 the trauma of evacuating their homes due to their  
23 landlord's negligence also have to deal with the  
24 additional burden of being temporarily placed in a  
25 neighborhood away from their families, schools,

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hospital and all kinds of services. My bill will require HPD to provide temporary housing for tenants in their community district or immediately adjacent community district. Our city needs to take all measures necessary to minimize disruptions to tenants displaced by a vacate order. This is one way we can break the cycle that forces too many tenants into shelter systems, and I urge all my colleagues to join me on this bill, thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council Member Chin and I also want to acknowledge my interns that are here; Pavitra Rosharon, Alisha Omed, Hope Brown and Iyana Henry, it's so dynamic to have you all here today, I see you all waving, I'm just so happy to have all of this new talent in my office and I also wanted to acknowledge my predecessor, the late, great James E. Davis who was certainly a political giant and inspired many, many other elected officials to run for office, he was a true champion, he was a minister, a police officer, a champion and a fighter and stood up very strongly around issues around gun violence and it's so tragic that his life would be taken away right here in the Council chambers so I always view and see the Council

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2 chambers as sacred space and in the space and place  
3 of protest and rally, we always have to recognize  
4 particularly in this space that this is certainly  
5 something that we all think about and think about his  
6 legacy and how his life was so tragically taken from  
7 each and every one of us and I just want to salute my  
8 members of the BLAC caucus; Ydanis Rodriguez, Council  
9 Member Miller for their incredible work around the  
10 tragic incident of Eric Garner and all of the  
11 testimony, the, the hours in courtrooms, the press  
12 conferences, the rallies, it, it certainly becomes as  
13 elected officials increasingly more difficult after  
14 the aftermath of these tragic shootings to often go  
15 back and have to tell our communities to wait for the  
16 investigation. It's getting harder and harder to keep  
17 the peace, to keep people calm by telling them to  
18 wait for an investigation that time after time we get  
19 the same result. So, I certainly applaud all of my  
20 colleagues for continuing this fight, this is  
21 something that is not over and something that we must  
22 continue to fight for so I thank all of you here  
23 today continue as best as you can to enjoy your  
24 summer and I know with all of the rampant climate  
25 changes from a heat wave to electrical outages to

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2 flooding we are seeing the true results of climate  
3 change and what the impact is on our community so I  
4 certainly want to thank everyone for all of their  
5 work that they've done with legislation and trying to  
6 do our part to turn around a very difficult time.  
7 I'll now turn it over to Council Member Levin and  
8 followed by Speaker Corey Johnson.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you Madame  
10 Majority Leader, I appreciate the courtesy, I was  
11 remiss I need to acknowledge Tanya Cyrus who... Policy...  
12 Senior Policy Analyst to the General Welfare  
13 Committee, the Speaker acknowledged her before, Tanya  
14 has been an amazing partner with the General Welfare  
15 Committee putting in countless hours on behalf of New  
16 Yorkers, the New Yorkers most in need making sure  
17 that children affected by ACS and, and the Department  
18 of Homeless Services are getting the services that  
19 they need, advancing important legislation and, and  
20 really looking out for, for, for everybody in New  
21 York City particularly those most in need and so I  
22 wanted to thank Tanya for all the great work that she  
23 has done in gratitude and to wish her well on the  
24 other side of City Hall with City Legislative Affairs  
25 and I know that our loss will be the Administration's

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gain but we look forward to continuing to work with her and I know that with her as part of the administration this city will continue to, to, to strive to do better on behalf of all New Yorkers so thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much Council Member Levin, Speaker Corey Johnson.

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Madame Majority Leader this stated meeting of July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 is hereby adjourned.

[gavel]

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



Date

July 31, 2018