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B E F O R E: HONORABLE KEITH POWERS,
ADRIENNE ADAMS, SPEAKER

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

Reverend Doctor Louisa Martinez
St. Stephen's English United Methodist Church

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2 SERGEANT LEONARDO: Check one, two. Check one,
3 two. This is a pre-recorded sound test for the Stated
4 Meeting. Today's date is July 14, 2022, to be
5 recorded by Mike Leonardo in the Council Chambers.

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS 1: Good afternoon, everyone.
7 Welcome to today's Hybrid New York City Council State
8 Meeting. At this time, would all panelists please
9 turn on your videos. To minimize disruption, please
10 turn all electronic devices to vibrate or silent.
11 Thank you for your cooperation, we are ready to
12 begin.

13 SERGEANT AT ARMS 2: Ladies and gentlemen, at this
14 time, please place all cell phone, all electronic
15 devices to vibrate. Mr. Majority Leader.

16 [GAVEL]

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Good afternoon and
18 welcome everyone to the Stated Meeting of July 14,
19 2022. I'm Majority Leader Keith Powers. I want to
20 thank everyone for joining us and tuning in. If you
21 would like to follow along, the agenda for today's
22 meeting is posted on the City Council website. Um,
23 I'll hand it over to the City Clerk.

24 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Please join us for the
25 Pledge of Allegiance.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Please call
3 the roll call.

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Abreu?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present.

6 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Ariola?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: (NO RESPONSE)

8 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Avilés?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: (NO RESPONSE)

10 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Ayala?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

12 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Barron?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

14 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Bottcher?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: (NO RESPONSE)

16 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Brennan?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BRENNAN: Here.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Brewer?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

20 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: (NO RESPONSE)

22 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Cabán?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: (NO RESPONSE)

24 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Carr?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO REPOSE)

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2 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: De La Rosa?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Present.

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Dinowitz?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Present.

6 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Farias?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: Present.

8 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Feliz?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here.

10 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Gennaro?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Present.

12 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Gutiérrez?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presente.

14 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Hanif?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.

16 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Hanks?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (NO RESPONSE)

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Holden?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

20 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Hudson?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Here. Present.

22 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Joseph?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Here.

24 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Kagan?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Here.

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2 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Krishnan?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Lee?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here.

6 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Louis?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Here.

8 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Marte?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Here.

10 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Mealy?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)

12 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Menin?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here.

14 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Moya?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here.

16 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Narcisse?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Nurse?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: (NO RESPONSE)

20 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Ossé?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present.

22 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Paladino?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: (NO RESPONSE)

24 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Restler?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here.

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2 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Richardson Jordan?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Present.

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Riley?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

6 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Rivera?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

8 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Salamanca?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SLAMANCA: Present.

10 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Sanchez?

11 COUNICL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.

12 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Schulman?

13 COUNCIL MEMBERS SCHULMAN: Here.

14 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Stevens?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here.

16 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Ung?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Here.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Velázquez?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: (NO REPONSE)

20 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Vernikov?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Here. Sorry, that's for
22 Velázquez, not Vernikov.

23 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Uh, okay. Thank you.

24 Vernikov?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)

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2 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Williams?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: (NO RESPONSE)

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Won?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present.

6 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Yeger?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

8 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Borelli?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Blessed and present.

10 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Powers?

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I missed that one, but

12 I'll, I am here.

13 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Speaker Adams?

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We are now.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Ariola, here.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Oh, okay.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Thank you.

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We also. Mr. Clerk, can

20 you call attendance for Council Member Vernikov as

21 well? I want to note her attendance. Um, okay.

22 Thank you. We are now going to have today's

23 invocation which will be delivered by Reverend Louisa

24 Martinez of St. Stephen's English United Methodist

25 Church located at 144 West 228th Street in Manhattan.

2 SERGEANT AT ARMS 2: All rise.

3 REVEREND MARTINEZ: Let us pray. Precious God, we
4 have come this far by faith and we praise you. And we
5 invite you, Holy Spirit, to be with us in this place.
6 Eternally Yours. [SPEAKING IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE] It's
7 in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy
8 Spirit, we pray. Amen. Thank you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Reverend
10 Martinez, and thank you for being with us today. I'm
11 going to now ask Council Member Carmen De La Rosa to
12 spread the invocation on the record.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Thank you so much, Mr.
14 Majority Leader. A few words on Dr. Rev. Louisa
15 Martinez, who hails from my district, who was born in
16 Sánchez Samaná, Dominican Republic in 1946. Since her
17 early years under the guidance of her mother, she,
18 she began participating in community organizing and
19 church ministry at the Iglesia Evangélica Dominicana,
20 where she became a youth leader in her spare time and
21 taught literacy skills in after school for her
22 community.

23 With her ministerial work, Doctor Reverend Louisa
24 Martinez participated in numerous grassroots
25 organizations with the Latino community, civic and

2 professional organizations with the United Methodist
3 Conference. Reverend Martinez is a member of the
4 Human Rights Association of the Dominican Republic.

5 She has been a source of light and blessing for
6 my community, for myself personally. And after her
7 retirement, Reverend Martinez continues to
8 participate in community organizing and advocacy
9 fundraising and mentoring new, young pastors and, and
10 young people in my community, uh, on 100, on 228th,
11 the Marble Hill section of my District.

12 We are honored to have Doctor Reverend Louisa
13 Martinez as our invitational speaker today. Mister
14 Majority Leader, Madame Speaker, uh, we thank Doctor
15 Reverend Louisa Martinez for being here and I make a
16 motion for unanimous consent to spread the invocation
17 in full upon the record.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Council Member
19 De La Rosa. We're now going to have the adoption of
20 the City Council minutes by Council Member Eric
21 Dinowitz.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: I make a motion that the
23 minutes of the Stated Meetings of May 26, 2022, June
24 2, 2022, and June, June 13, 2022, be adopted as
25 printed.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Council Member
3 Dinowitz. We are now going to go to messages and
4 papers from the Mayor.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Communication from City,
7 County, and Borough Offices?

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: M 0079, declaration of Capital
9 financing need.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, ordered, printed, and
11 filed.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Pre-considered M 0080 through
13 pre-considered M 0082, various appointments.

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

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Uh, we go now to
17 petitions and communications.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Land use call outs.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We're now
22 going to have communication from Speaker Adrienne
23 Adams.

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority Leader. Good
25 afternoon, everyone. As a reminder, masks are

2 strongly encouraged to be worn throughout the Stated
3 Meeting and Council Chambers. We are currently
4 experiencing a sixth COVID wave, and infection rates
5 in New York City have surpassed 15% City-wide with
6 some neighborhoods seeing positivity rates above 20%.
7 Please take the necessary precautions. Get tested
8 often. And if you have not done so already, please
9 get vaccinated and boosted so you're protected from
10 the worst impacts of COVID.

11 Since the last time we met, the United States
12 Supreme Court has made several rulings that have made
13 us less safe, stripped away rights that we have
14 counted on for decades, and cast our future in doubt.
15 The Supreme Court's decisions on guns, abortion
16 rights, environmental protection, and a range of
17 civil rights have taken our country backwards at a
18 time when we can least afford it.

19 Our nation has been tormented by the scourge of
20 gun violence, yet the Court decided to strike down
21 New York's century-old gun law, putting all of us at
22 greater risk. From Highland Park, Illinois, Uvalde,
23 Texas, to neighborhoods across our City, we are
24 continuing to experience violence that inflicts harm
25 and trauma on our communities. We must come together

2 as a City and as a country, to bring an end to the
3 dangerous proliferation of guns, provide care and
4 healing to help victims of violence recover, and
5 invest in the health and wellbeing of our neighbors.

6 On the federal level, Congress finally passed
7 bipartisan gun safety measures that will ultimately
8 save lives. While much more is needed to curb this
9 crisis, it is a step in the right direction after the
10 lack of un-realization of any progress for years.

11 Our state partners, led by Governor Hochul,
12 Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousin, and Assembly
13 Speaker Heastie, made New York a national leader by
14 enacting gun safety laws in their special session
15 after the Supreme Court decision. These laws will
16 protect New Yorkers, especially the expansion of
17 sensitive areas that restrict guns in locations that
18 this Council identified as in need of protection. We
19 will continue to be strong partners in this work
20 because we cannot allow gun violence to continue to
21 hurt our City.

22 During the special session, New York also made
23 clear to the entire country that we are a safe haven
24 for civil rights, abortion access, and reproductive
25 healthcare at a time when we are all under attack.

2 The State Legislature advanced the first step to add
3 an equality amendment to the state constitution and
4 in short time, this amendment will come before voters
5 to enshrine equal rights and protect our right to
6 safe and accessible reproductive care.

7 Today, we will take action by voting on the New
8 York City Abortion Rights Act, an unprecedented
9 legislative package to safeguard and expand abortion
10 and reproductive healthcare across our five Boroughs.
11 Those who live here, and those who come to New York
12 City will have access to care and will be protected,
13 because in our City, we firmly believe that safe
14 access to reproductive healthcare is a human right.
15 And the prioritization of these issues is what it
16 looks like when women are a majority in the
17 legislature, more accurately reflecting our city.

18 We are proud of the incredible work of our
19 Members and staff who have shown national leadership
20 and we'll dive deeper into the respective bills of
21 this package later in the agenda.

22 Since the start of the year, 10 people have died
23 at Rikers Island while under the watch of the
24 Department of Correction. It is deeply troubling and,
25 quite frankly, horrifying. Most recently, we lost

2 Elijah Muhammed, who was kept in isolation for more
3 than 30 hours, and it reportedly took several hours
4 before any staff member discovered his death.

5 The violence and dysfunction on Rikers represent
6 an abject failure of our City. When people within a
7 City system are repeatedly dying, it is a reflection
8 that something is deeply wrong. We are witnessing a
9 humanitarian crisis, and we cannot accept this as
10 normal. Conditions must change, and this Body is
11 going to have to take significant action to
12 contribute towards ending this current state.

13 Let us take a moment to remember the 10 people
14 whom we've lost this year due to violence and neglect
15 on Rikers: Tarz Youngblood, George Pagan, Herman
16 Diaz, Dashawn Carter, Mary Yehudah, Emmanuel
17 Sullivan, Anibal Carrasquillo, Albert Drye, Antonio
18 Bradley, and Elijah Muhammad.

19 Thank you.

20 July is Disability Pride Month. It's a time when
21 we celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of
22 New Yorkers with disabilities, commemorative historic
23 laws that promote inclusivity and accessibility for
24 all, while renewing our commitment to strengthen and
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2 expand those policies. Let's continue to uplift New
3 Yorkers with disabilities this month and beyond.

4 Last weekend, more than one million Muslim New
5 Yorkers celebrated Eid, Eid al-Adha, the Festival of
6 Sacrifice and Community. Eid is not only a time to
7 reflect on the importance of values like compassion
8 and justice, but to also partake in charitable
9 actions by distributing food to those who need it
10 most. On behalf of the New York City Council, I wish
11 everyone who celebrated, a happy and joyous Eid.

12 Before we move on, I want to announce that a
13 Member of our City Council Staff will be departing
14 later this month. Emily Rooney, an Assistant Deputy
15 Director in the Council's Oversight and
16 Investigations Division, started in 2015. She started
17 as an intern for former Council Member Ydanis
18 Rodriguez. She then joined the Legislative Division
19 as a Legislative Policy Analyst for the Committees on
20 Transportation and Aging. Emily went on to become a
21 Senior Legislative Policy Analyst before her current
22 role.

23 Emily is a hardworking, intelligent, and
24 thoughtful colleague who has worked on significant
25 issues during her time with the council. Emily, we

2 wish you all the luck and all the best at New York
3 Law School and your legal career.

4 And while we will certainly miss Emily, I am so
5 excited to announce that the Council has welcomed two
6 new members of our staff, Aaron Mendelsohn, Director
7 of our Oversight and Investigations Division, and
8 Perris Straughter, Director of the Land Use Division.
9 Welcome to the Council, and I'm excited to work with
10 you.

11 And finally, please join me in congratulating
12 Council Member Kevin Riley and his family on the
13 arrival of their beautiful baby boy. We welcome baby
14 Caleb with you, Council Member. We are so excited to
15 welcome him to our extended Council family. Bless his
16 heart.

17 Now, we have a very big, sated agenda today, so
18 let's get to it. Today we're voting on several
19 legislative land use rules and finance items. We will
20 be voting on the following land use items: 34
21 Morningside Avenue, ANCP Cluster, will facilitate the
22 renovation of a cluster of partially occupied, City-
23 owned residential buildings and their conversion from
24 rentals to coops owned by the tenants in Council
25 Member Richardson Jordan's District.

2 41 Summit Street rezoning will facilitate the
3 construction of a four-story residential building,
4 with four housing units in Council Member Hanif's
5 District.

6 77-39 Vleigh Place rezoning will facilitate the
7 development of a new five-story mixed use building,
8 as modified by the Council. It will include
9 approximately 75 housing units, ground floor retail
10 space, and on-site parking. The Council is modifying
11 to reduce the density in order to better conform with
12 the existing character of the neighborhood while
13 still creating approximately 23 permanently
14 affordable housing units under the MIH program in
15 Council Member Gennaro's District.

16 11th Street and 34th Avenue rezoning will
17 facilitate the construction of two eight-story mixed
18 use buildings, with an estimated 382 apartments,
19 including 100 units affordable under MIH, local
20 retail, arts, and light industrial space in the
21 Ravenswood, Ravenswood area of Astoria, Queens. The
22 Council is modifying the MIH text amendment to strike
23 option two in Council Member Won's District.

24 Wetherole Street and 67th Avenue rezoning will
25 facilitate the development of a new eight-story

2 residential building. It will include approximately
3 21 housing units, five affordable units, as well as
4 eight bicycle and 11 car parking spaces. The Council
5 is modifying the MIH text amendment to strike option
6 two in Council Member Schulman's District.

7 Resilient Edgemere, a package of zoning changes,
8 Urban Renewal Plan amendments and disposition
9 approvals to facilitate the implementation of HPD's
10 quote, "Resilient Edgemere Community Plan." End
11 quote. In summary, the Plan will reduce development
12 in the area of the neighborhood with the greatest
13 flood risk by downsizing and advancing a community
14 land trust to manage low density housing and open
15 space while facilitating the development of five HPD
16 sponsored mixed use buildings with affordable
17 housing, commercial spaces, and community facilities
18 along the subway line. The Council is modifying the
19 application to remove a largely privately owned block
20 from the rezoning area and reduce density in Majority
21 Whip Brooks-Powers' District.

22 Lastly, two applications in Council Member
23 Dinowitz's District. 4541 Furman Avenue will
24 facilitate the redevelopment of a new mixed use
25 residential, commercial, and community facility

2 building. It would include approximately 150
3 affordable housing units and 52 parking spaces on the
4 sub cellar level. The Council will modify to
5 eliminate the proposed expansion of the transit zone.
6 The site selection of a 696 seat primary school in
7 Community District Eight.

8 We will also be voting on the following finance
9 items. Preconsidered Resolution 255 sponsored by
10 Finance Chair Justin Brannan, to approve the new
11 designation and changes in the designation of certain
12 organizations to receive funding in the expense
13 budget.

14 In addition, we will vote on several
15 appointments. The Council will provide advice and
16 consent for the following: Juan Camilo Osorio, for
17 appointment as a member of the New York City Planning
18 Commission, David Gold for appointment as a member of
19 the New York City Planning Commission, Rasmia
20 Kirmani-Frye for appointment as a member of the New
21 York City Planning Commission, and Christine Yoon for
22 appointment as a member to the Board of Standards and
23 Appeals.

24 The Council also will vote to confirm the
25 following: Nicole Yearwood for appointment to the

2 Equal Employment Practices Commission and Ngozi Okaro
3 for appointment to the, to the Equal Employment
4 Practices Commission.

5 Lastly, we will be voting on the following
6 legislation: Introduction 480-A, sponsored by the
7 Council's Parks and Recreation Committee Chair,
8 Council Member Shekar Krishnan, would co-name 78
9 thoroughfares and public spaces throughout the City
10 based on requests of Council Members whose Districts
11 include the location. A complete list of the co-
12 namings can be found on the Council's legislative
13 database. We thank you to our staff, Chris Sitorri
14 (SP?), Patrick Mulvihill, and Chima Obichere.

15 Next, we're voting on Introduction 212-A,
16 sponsored by our General Welfare Committee Chair
17 Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala, which would require a
18 monthly report on emergency housing usage. This bill
19 would also require that report to be updated to
20 include information on the total number of all
21 individuals utilizing emergency housing in the City
22 and the total number of families with children, adult
23 families, single men, and single women, utilizing
24 temporary emergency housing.

2 Additionally, Introduction 212-A would require
3 the Mayor's Office of Operations to report on the
4 exits from various City-admitted facilities including
5 the Department of Youth and Community Development,
6 Department of Homeless Services, Department of
7 Housing Preservation and Development, and Human
8 Resources Administration Facilities.

9 Finally, the bill would require the Mayor's
10 Office of Operations to report on the financings,
11 starts, and completions, of permanent housing for
12 those existing City-administered facilities. In
13 addition, this bill would make related technical
14 amendments. We thank you to our staff Imenta (SP?)
15 Killawon (SP?).

16 Next, we will vote on a package of legislation
17 intending to increase the City's involvement in
18 utility related issues and pressure Con Edison to
19 take action to prevent a similar crisis from
20 occurring in the future. Time and time again, new
21 Yorkers experience dramatic and unexpected increases
22 in their Con Ed bills propelling a public outcry and
23 investigations in rate hikes.

24 The City Council is taking action of our own to
25 address this matter. I'm very proud of the bill I

2 sponsored, Introduction 372-A, which would create an
3 Office of the Utility Advocate in the City for the
4 very first time. This Office would be charged with
5 receiving feedback from City customers on their
6 energy utility providers, advocating for utility
7 customers at public hearings, assisting utility
8 customers with accessing financial help to pay their
9 utility bills, and educating City utility customers
10 on their rights and methods to lower their bills.

11 We also have several Resolutions in this package.
12 Resolution 162, sponsored by Council Member Linda
13 Lee, calls on the New York State Legislature to pass
14 amendments to prevent to prevent a utilities rate
15 case from exceeding a certain percentage each year.
16 Beyond the Public Service Commission rejecting a rate
17 case proposal, there are no mechanisms to prevent a
18 utility from proposing an exorbitantly high rate
19 case.

20 Resolution 172, sponsored by Council Member
21 Rafael Salamanca, calls on, on New York state to
22 increase the number of Commissioners on the Public
23 Service Commission and permit New York City to
24 appoint two of the Commissioners. The Public Service
25 Commission approves the rate increases for utilities

2 and ensures New Yorkers receive adequate service.

3 While Con Ed holds a near monopoly over the
4 electricity market, the City does not have the power
5 to appoint any Commissioners to the PSC. By granting
6 the City power to appoint Commissioners, the City
7 would gain greater oversight over the PSC and
8 utilities would become more accountable to the City.

9 Resolution 173-A, sponsored by Council Member
10 Sandra Ong, calls on the Governor and the New York
11 State Legislature to expand financial relief programs
12 to assist City residents struggling to pay their
13 utility bills. Outstanding utility debt could impair
14 the City residents' credit and the City's economic
15 recovery from the pandemic. Further state funding
16 should be allocated to assist New Yorkers unable to
17 pay their utility costs.

18 Resolution 174-A, sponsored by Council member
19 Marjorie Velázquez, calls on Con Ed to improve
20 communication with City residents about increases in
21 utility costs. Many City residents were shocked to
22 find the dramatic rise in their utility bills in
23 January 2022. Con Ed must improve communication to
24 ensure all residents are aware of impending price
25 increases. We thank you to staff Noah Meixler.

2 And finally, the Council will vote on a
3 monumental reproductive rights package. In the wake
4 of the United State Supreme Court's dangerous
5 decision to overturn Roe v Wade in Dobbs v Jackson
6 Women's Health Organization, this Council is taking
7 action to safeguard abortion and advance reproductive
8 healthcare in New York City. The right to safe and
9 legal abortion is a fundamental human right and must
10 be protected for all who seek reproductive
11 healthcare, especially in the aftermath of the
12 Supreme Court's dangerous decision.

13 This package of Council legislation will help
14 ensure the necessary protections and expanded
15 resources to meet New Yorkers' reproductive health
16 needs and those of all who come to our City in need
17 of access to care. Leaders of this Council's historic
18 women majority are taking significant steps to
19 protect the rights of women, trans, and gender non-
20 conforming individuals, and this leadership is
21 critical to expanding and protecting those rights
22 that we rightfully deserve.

23 The first of the, the first two bills in this
24 packs are sponsored by the Council's Women and Gender
25 Equity Committee Chair, Council Member Tiffany Cabán.

2 First, is Introduction 465-A, which would require the
3 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to annually
4 report on the number of births and the number of
5 abortions providing in the City each year for both
6 the individuals who are residents of New York City at
7 the time of such birth or abortion, and for those who
8 are not residents.

9 DOHMH would also be required to assess the
10 ability of licensed medical providers in the City to
11 provide reproductive healthcare, identify any
12 challenges faced by license medical providers to
13 provide reproductive healthcare, and make
14 recommendations for increasing the capacity of such
15 providers to provide reproductive healthcare. We
16 thank you, staff, Brenda McKinney, Sara Liss, and
17 Andrea Vazquez.

18 Introduction 466-A, also sponsored by Public
19 Advocate Jumaane Williams and Council Member Shahana
20 Hanif, would prohibit City agencies from using City
21 resources including, but not limited to, time spent
22 by employees and the use of City property to detain
23 persons for performing or aiding with abortions or to
24 cooperate or provide information to out of state
25 entities related to abortions performed in New York

2 State. We thank you to our staff, Brenda McKinney,
3 Sara Liss, and Andrea Vazquez.

4 Now, we will also vote on two bills co-sponsored
5 by Council Member Shahana Hanif, Introduction 475-A,
6 which is also co-prime sponsored by Council Members
7 Cabán, Farah Louis, Carlina Rivera, Crystal Hudson,
8 and Amanda Farias, and Public Advocate Jumaane
9 Williams. This Introduction would create a private
10 right of action for interference with reproductive or
11 endocrine medical care. A person would be able to
12 bring a legal claim of interference with medical care
13 when a lawsuit is commenced against them on the basis
14 of their accessing medical care related to the human
15 reproductive or endocrine systems that is legal in
16 New York City and which was provided in whole or in
17 part in New York City. Thank you to staff members,
18 once again, Brenda McKinney, Sara Liss, and Andrea
19 Vazquez.

20 Introduction 474-A, also sponsored by Council
21 Member Hanif, and co-prime sponsored by Council
22 Members Williams, Hudson, and Cabán, and Public
23 Advocate Williams, would require the City to engage
24 in a public education program about safe access to
25 reproductive healthcare. Specifically, the bill would

2 require the City to post information about the City's
3 Access to Reproductive Healthcare Facilities Law that
4 protects areas surrounding these facilities and
5 protections for people making reproductive health
6 decisions under the City's Human Rights Law.

7 The bill would also require the City to include
8 information on accessing resources, to find
9 comprehensive reproductive healthcare, and privacy
10 protections, and would require a media campaign on
11 reproductive healthcare as well.

12 We are also voting on two bills sponsored by
13 Council Member Carlina Rivera. Introduction 506-A
14 would require the Department of Consumer and Worker
15 Protection to implement a public outreach and
16 education campaign on facilities that deceptively
17 advertise or are misleading in their offerings of
18 reproductive health services. This would provide
19 information on what services these facilities provide
20 and do not provide, how they advertise their
21 services, how these facilities can impact timely and
22 safe access to pregnancy care, and how a person can
23 file a complaint about their deceptive practices.

24 Introduction 507-A, sponsored by Council Member
25 Rivera, and co-prime sponsored by Council Members

2 Guti rrez and Joseph, would require DOHMH to provide
3 FDA approved medication for medication abortion at no
4 cost to a patient at health clinics operated by
5 DOHMH. DOHMH would provide such medication to
6 patients who seek to terminate their pregnancy when
7 the use of such medication is indicated and in
8 accordance with a medically reasonable and good faith
9 professional judgement of such patient's medical
10 provider.

11 DOHMH would also provide counseling and timely
12 referrals to other health facilities and qualified
13 family planning providers if needed for other
14 services. Thank you once again to Brenda McKinney,
15 Sara Liss, and Andrea Vazquez.

16 Also included in this package are several
17 Resolutions. Resolution 195, sponsored by Council
18 Member Gail Brewer and co-prime sponsored by Council
19 Member Julie Menin, calls upon the New York State
20 Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign the
21 Reproductive Freedom and Equity Program which would
22 establish a grant program to provide funding to New
23 York abortion providers and non-profit organizations
24 to increase access to abortion care. Thank you staff

2 members Brenda, Brenda McKinney, and Anastasia
3 Zimina.

4 Resolution 196-A sponsored by Majority Whip
5 Selvena Brooks-Powers, calls upon the New York State
6 Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign Senate
7 Bill 9137, Assembly Bill 10356, which would allow out
8 of state physicians to provide reproductive
9 healthcare services in this state while awaiting full
10 licensure. Thank you once again, staff Brenda
11 McKinney and Anastasia Zimina.

12 Resolution 197, sponsored by Council Member Cabán
13 and co-prime sponsored by Council Members Velásquez
14 and Hudson, and Public Advocate Williams, declares
15 New York City as a safe city for all those in need of
16 abortion related care. Regardless of your background,
17 everyone is welcome here in New York City to get the
18 proper care they need. Thank you again, Brenda
19 McKinney and Anastasia.

20 Resolution 200, sponsored by Council Member Julie
21 Menin, recognizes the importance of the Roe v Wade by
22 declaring January 22, 2023, as Roe v Wade Day in New
23 York City. January 22, 2023, will mark the 50th
24 anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision.
25 While Roe v Wade may be overturned, it will forever

2 be commemorated here in our City. Thank you once
3 again, Brenda McKinney and Anastasia Zimina.

4 Resolution 242-A, sponsored by Council Member
5 Menin, would support Assembly Bill 10468, Senate Bill
6 8797B, which seeks to amend Article One of the New
7 York State Constitution in relation to equality of
8 rights and protection against discrimination. The
9 amendment would add an equal rights provision that
10 would expand the list of protected classes to include
11 ethnicity, national origin, disability, or sex,
12 including pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes, sexual
13 orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.
14 This proposal was recently approved by the
15 Legislature and now requires another approval next
16 legislative session in order to be placed before the
17 voters of New York State to amend the State
18 Constitution.

19 Resolution 245, sponsored by Public Advocate
20 Jumaane Williams, calls upon the United States Senate
21 to Pass and President Joe Biden to sign the Women's
22 Health Protection Act to reinstate and protect the
23 federal right to abortion through its codification
24 into federal law. Thank you once again, Brenda
25 McKinney, and Sara Liss, and Andrea Vazquez. Also,

2 thank you to Jayasri Ganapathy, William Nori (SP?),
3 Noah Meixler.

4 This is an incredible package of bills that
5 reflects the leadership of so many of our members,
6 whose efforts are to be applauded during such an
7 important moment in our country's history. I thank
8 you for your attention. Now, I will turn it back into
9 the hands of our Majority Leader.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. That was a
11 long one. Lot, lot of items today, a lot of good
12 items on there. Thank you, Speaker Adams. We're going
13 to now move in to discussion of General Orders. We
14 are going to begin with Council Member Brewer
15 followed by Council Member Barron.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much. I'm,
17 uh, just here because we have a Resolution that I
18 think is part of the Speaker's and the Council's
19 amazing, uh, package. This particular Resolution
20 supports funding in Albany for, uh, those who are
21 coming to the City of New York from other states who
22 will be desires of abortion services. I think it's
23 the number 195.

24 And the reason I mention it is, if you see the
25 papers today just as an example, there's a 10-year-

2 old who lives in Ohio and was raped and had to go to
3 another state. And unfortunately, this is happening
4 over and over again. So, that particular bill, uh,
5 that we are resolving to support, um, I think was
6 asking for \$50 million. It won't pass necessarily in,
7 um, this, uh, session, but hopefully the next one.

8 And I just, as the Speaker has indicated, um,
9 also the State however, I want to thank the Governor,
10 has put in \$35 million into a fund to both, in the
11 first round help those organizations that are
12 providing abortion, and then in the second round do
13 even more independent clinics and provide security,
14 because unfortunately that's needed. So, we're part
15 of a very big process, um, but New York is certainly
16 leading. I just want to thank all of us, the entire
17 City Council, for their support. Thank you very much.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, and just, uh,
19 we're going to do any talk on, if you're talking
20 about a Resolution, just when we get to the
21 Resolutions. So, we have a list for that as well. So,
22 if you are signed up, it's okay. If you're signed up
23 to speak, uh, on a Resolution, we'll add you to that
24 list when we get to that point. Uh, we're going to go

2 now to Council Member Barron and then we'll hear from
3 Council Member Rivera.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Uh, thank you. My
5 colleagues, I rise to highlight two great men in my
6 District whose names will be adorning our street
7 signs. Now, one is Mister Jose Rosado and the other
8 is Mister Melvin Faulkner. Jose Rosado was a member
9 of Community Board Five. He helped so many families.
10 He helped so many individuals whether it's
11 employment, whether it's housing issues, but his pet
12 project was the Latin Souls Little League. Not only
13 did he turn them into athletic winners, but he also
14 turned them into men and young women who knew how to
15 now navigate the community that they lived in as they
16 grew older. So, we honor Mister Jose Rosado.

17 And then, Mister Melvin Faulkner who worked in my
18 office for many, many years. This man was incredible.
19 He helped over 100 families out of foreclosure. He
20 went down and before lawyers got a hearing from the
21 judges, they heard from Mister Melvin Faulkner. His
22 seniors, he made sure their housing was taken care
23 of. He made sure that all of the seniors got the food
24 that they needed. And Melvin Faulkner, he never
25 stopped working. I couldn't even get him to stop

2 working. "Take a break, Melvin," but may you rest in
3 peace now and take that well deserved break that you
4 needed when you were here on earth. So, to those two,
5 I just wanted to rise and honor them as we put their
6 names on street signs.

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you Council Member
8 Barron. We're now going to hear from Council Member
9 Rivera, followed by Council Member Joseph.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Okay. New York has always
11 been a leader in protecting reproductive, health, and
12 rights and I want to thank Speaker Adams and my
13 colleagues in the Women's Caucus for putting forward
14 such a comprehensive and important package of bills
15 that will both protect our existing rights and
16 improve access to abortion care in this post-Roe era.
17 The bills that we're passing today should act as a
18 model for cities throughout the rest of the country
19 for what we can and must do to protect our basic
20 right to bodily autonomy and increased access to
21 important healthcare.

22 I am particularly proud of my bills, Intro 506,
23 that I introduced with the Bronx Borough President
24 Vanessa Gibson to implement an outreach and education
25 program to inform New Yorkers about the deceptive

2 advertisements and misleading information provided by
3 facilities that say that they provide reproductive
4 health services, but they're actually fake. They're
5 anti-abortion centers that prey on patients in what
6 will be one of the most vulnerable times in their
7 life.

8 And Intro 507 required DOHMH to provide FDA
9 approved medication for medication abortion at no
10 cost to a patient at health clinics that they
11 operate. And I want to thank Council members
12 Gutiérrez and, and Joseph. This legislation will
13 ensure that the people most impacted by abortion bans
14 across the country will be able to access reliable
15 healthcare should they come to New York City seeking
16 abortion care.

17 Again, I want to thank Speaker Adams for your
18 leadership, my colleagues in the Women's Caucus,
19 Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson, and the
20 Advocates. There are so many, NIRH, Planned
21 Parenthood of Greater New York, the Latina Institute,
22 and everyone who has rallied, protested, called your
23 elected representative and spoken out about this
24 injustice from the Supreme Court and for making sure
25 that New York remains committed to protecting the

2 reproductive rights of everyone who needs access to
3 care. Thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We're now
5 going to go to Council Member Joseph, followed by
6 Council Member Brooks-Powers.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you, Majority
8 Leader. I'd like to speak today in honor of Sarita
9 Rein who was called home to God on July 25, 2020.
10 Sarita was a lifelong educator and today she is being
11 honored with a vote for a street renaming, in my, in
12 the district of my colleague, Council Member Inna
13 Vernikov.

14 Born on October 19, 1935, Sarita came to
15 Brooklyn, New York from Lima, Peru for a visit. But
16 she decided to stay in New York when she met her
17 husband, Arnold. They had two children, Greg, who
18 works at the Department of Education, and my friend,
19 Bridget, who works at the UFT.

20 Sarita was a gold standard for her dedication to
21 young people. She began her career with the
22 Department of Education as a parent coordinator where
23 she was promoted to assist Bill Thompson, who at the
24 time was the School Board and Vice President. Among
25 her many accomplishments, she was elected President

2 of the District 21 School Board, as well as President
3 of the New York Association for Brain Injured
4 Children. She served as the Committee on Special
5 Education Chairperson for Community School District
6 12 in the Bronx, and she later moved to Community
7 School District Two in Manhattan as a Deputy
8 Superintendent.

9 Sarita taught aspiring educators about the
10 fundamentals of special education at the College of
11 Staten Island and was the initial planning team for
12 the creation of Edward R Murrow High School. Last,
13 last, but certainly not least, she was the parent,
14 the PTA Association President until 1985.

15 A street co-naming is a tremendous honor. Sarita,
16 I am sure you are listening to us from up above and I
17 thank you for your years of service to our young, to,
18 to the City's young people. Thank you.

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We're now
20 going to go to Council Member Brooks-Powers.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you and good
22 afternoon. Um, I, too, would like to celebrate the
23 passage of a strong reproductive rights package
24 today, including my own bill, Resolution 196-A,
25 calling on the state to pass legislation that will

2 allow out of state physicians to provide reproductive
3 health services in New York while they await full
4 licensure.

5 New York has long been a sanctuary for women
6 seeking abortion and other reproductive care
7 services, and we will continue to be. We cannot delay
8 in the fight to protect, protect abortion access and
9 bodily autonomy for people across this country.

10 I'd also like to congratulate Nicole Yearwood for
11 her nomination to the Equal Employment Practices
12 Commission. As a fellow soror of Delta, Sigma, Theta
13 Sorority, Incorporated, and from her years of
14 advocacy on behalf of marginalized communities to
15 bolster voter engagement and strengthen our
16 democracy. I know Nicole will do good work on the
17 Commission and the fight for a fair workplace.

18 I'd also like to acknowledge a street co-naming
19 bill we are passing, which includes two new co-
20 namings in Rosedale recognizing the lives and
21 contributions of W. O'Brien and Oswald Grannum. I was
22 honored to work with the Rosedale community to honor
23 both of these Rosedale residents and their years of
24 community service.

2 And finally, I'd like to speak on the Resilient
3 Edgemere Land Use item. Today's vote is in support of
4 resiliency and a path to home ownership for black and
5 brown families, but there is much more work left to
6 be done. This project, in its original form, was one
7 of how many land use proposals we've seen have placed
8 a burden on marginalized communities with no clear
9 path to critical investments that would sustain such
10 a project and help the community thrive.

11 Although we have secured many commitments, there
12 is more work left to be done. But there are many
13 positive components of this project. Through the
14 community advisory board, we will continue to shape
15 this project in a way that benefits Rockaway. We
16 reduced the proposed density by half on the peninsula
17 and, and also was able to secure a 35% floor for home
18 ownership, financial resources to remove barriers to
19 affordability, and down zoning to promote resiliency
20 and protect our coastal community.

21 We are investing in our roads to eradicate
22 chronic flooding and congestion, as well keeping the
23 City's foot to the fire when it comes to investments
24 in schools in our community, as our, um, need will
25 grow with the development. We are modernizing our

2 evacuation plan to match the new footprint of our
3 community and prepare for stronger storms.

4 I would like to thank Chief of Staff Jeremy John,
5 First Deputy Chief of Staff Faiza Ali, the Land Use
6 staff, for their, their extremely hard work on this
7 as well as my own Alex, um, Hunter, my Policy
8 Director, tying up the commitments made by the
9 administration overnight and well into today.

10 My community sent me here to fight for them and
11 bring home the best project. And that's what we've
12 done. And with that, I encourage my colleagues in the
13 Body to vote in support of this. Thank you.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We're now
15 going to go to Council Member Farias followed by
16 Council Member Williams.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: Thank you, Majority
18 Leader. Um, I want to shout out the Women's Caucus
19 legislative package being introduced today which
20 focuses on accessibility, agency, and safety for
21 women, trans, and gender-expansive people to have
22 real access to abortion care.

23 There are five bills from the package being voted
24 on today, which includes Reso 195, Intro 465-A, 466-
25 A, 475-A, and 507-A. All of these bills create a

2 number of proactive protections so that New York City
3 can maintain abortion access for all people with the
4 capacity for pregnancy.

5 I know that abortion may not directly affect
6 everyone, every one of us in this room, but in a
7 country with a high maternal mortality and a lack of
8 childcare infrastructure, it is important and our
9 duty as legislators to protect the lives of women,
10 trans, and gender-expansive people which makes
11 signing protective bills like these that much more
12 critical. I urge all of my colleagues today to vote
13 yes on every bill in the package.

14 I also have another bill, Intro 179-A, which
15 would require the Mayor's Office on Workforce
16 Development to report on the role of women and
17 gender-expansive workers in nontraditional careers.
18 Data like this is how we first assess what is and is
19 not working in our agencies. There has never been a
20 more critical time than now to focus on getting women
21 in the workforce as we continue to recover from the
22 pandemic. Women deserve the high paying, stable,
23 union jobs that construction and other nontraditional
24 careers offer. By passing this bill today, we are
25 prioritizing women and gender-expansive peoples'

2 economic wellness and making sure every sector in our
3 workforce has the best people in the job for it.

4 With my last 25 seconds, I'd also like to
5 acknowledge the street co-naming of Marie Reed Way in
6 my District. Marie Reed gave all of herself to the
7 Soundview community. She was a dedicated member of
8 Soundview Presbyterian Church and I'm really proud
9 today to be introducing a street co-naming, um, for
10 our community back in Council District 18. Thank you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll hear
12 from Council Member Williams, followed by Council
13 Member Hanif.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you. I am very
15 proud to co-prime 474-A, uh, sponsored by Council
16 Member Hanif, uh. As, um, you know, we think about
17 the pivotal moment in the fight for equal access to
18 reproductive healthcare, the overturning of Roe v
19 Wade should not discourage us, but instead ignite us
20 to act. And that is exactly what we are doing today.

21 Um, I am excited about the amendments to the bill
22 and really want to thank the bill sponsor for her
23 flexibility in making sure that, um, we strengthen
24 our efforts, um, and include additional City agencies
25 to make sure we maximize our impact.

2 I am equally excited to be voting on the
3 appointments, uh, for the Equal Employment Practices
4 Commission. This Commission has, uh, had some
5 vacancies for quite some time, so I know they are
6 excited to welcome, uh, two new members, Ms. Yearwood
7 and Ms. Okaro. And I just want to thank the Speaker
8 and Council Leadership for prioritizing both of these
9 very important measures. Thank you.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. And, uh, we'll
11 hear from Council member Hanif followed by Council
12 Member Narcisse.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you, first, to
14 Council Member, um, Williams. Um, I want to thank
15 Chair Williams and Cabán for championing, uh, my
16 bills, Intro 474-A and Intro 475-A. Um, I also want
17 to thank Public Advocate Williams, Council Members
18 Hudson, Louis, Rivera, Farias for introducing these
19 bills alongside me. And of course, gratitude to
20 Speaker Adams for facilitating today's important
21 package of reproductive rights legislation before us.

22 I want to thank the, the folks behind the scenes
23 who made these bills possible, including Council
24 Staff Jayasri Ganapathy, Rachel Cordero, David
25 Seitzer, Brenda McKinney, and Andrea Vazquez, as well

2 as my Legislative and Budget Director Alex Liao,
3 Chief of Staff Nora Brickner, and of course, NYCLU
4 for their invaluable insight.

5 New York City's abortions protections are
6 underutilized, with many New Yorkers simply not aware
7 they exist, and 474-A addresses this information gap
8 by requiring the City to conduct language-accessible
9 public education and media campaigns about existing
10 protections. These include the right to access the
11 health facilities without harassment and prohibitions
12 against employment or housing discrimination on the
13 basis of reproductive health decision.

14 Additionally, following the Dobbs decision, there
15 will be an influx of people travelling to New York
16 City for reproductive care. People seeking trans-
17 affirming hormone treatment will also travel here for
18 care as well. These folks are vulnerable to civil
19 suits for receiving medical procedures that are legal
20 in our city, but illegal in their home state or
21 municipality. And so, 475-A addresses this issue by
22 establishing these suits as interference with medical
23 care and allowing people to countersue under New York
24 City law. If the countersuit prevails, the plaintiff
25 will be awarded \$10,000 in damages and also awarded

2 costs of litigation. These bills in the legislative
3 package before us cement our City as a true bastion
4 for reproductive rights.

5 I also want to note that I am voting aye on the
6 41 Summit Place rezoning in my District. At the
7 outset, I was super hesitant to support this
8 application because I believe there's greater need
9 for manufacturing districts than the continued
10 development of market-rate housing. After several
11 rounds of negotiations and community input, we were
12 able to secure a fourth of the building for new, uh,
13 for affordable housing at 60% AMI and a commitment of
14 \$20,000 in improvements for the community garden. I
15 sent out an email, and I appreciate the ways in which
16 my colleagues have responded. So, thank you so much.

17 And also, big day for my District. We, we are co-
18 naming.

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

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Kensington as Little
22 Bangladesh.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Very Good. Thank you.
24 We'll now hear from Council Member, I believe last

2 but not least, we'll now hear from Council Member
3 Narcisse.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Um, for the street co-
5 naming, first and foremost, I have to say thank you
6 to, um, Council Member Darlene Mealy for introducing
7 the co-naming of East 56th Street and Lindon
8 Boulevard to Kade Ashton Tyler Lewin Way in honor of
9 my constituent.

10 Kade Lewin was an innocent, intelligent, fun,
11 loving, 12-year-old, who lack was, I mean, life was
12 cut short due to another act of senseless gun
13 violence in our street, streets. It is my hope that
14 this mem, this memorial in the form of the street co-
15 naming serve as a reminder to all of us that we must
16 work together to bring an end to gun violence in our
17 community. It is time for us to walk the walk, not
18 just talk, but to address the inequities all over New
19 York City. And, once again, thank you.

20 And I am proud that New York City is standing up
21 for female reproductive rights and it will serve us
22 as, um, this will serve the City as a safe haven for
23 those residents of states who have been denied the
24 right to choose. We women should be able to have a
25 right over our body. We must do all we can to protect

2 the right and the safe of abortion, not only for New
3 Yorkers, but for all Americans who arrive in our
4 state seeking to make their choice about their
5 bodies. So, thank you. I hope all my colleagues will
6 vote and I believe in 31 women strong. Thank you.

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We have two
8 more. We're going to hear from Council Member Avilés
9 followed by Council Member Richardson Jordan.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Great. I guess, um, first,
11 I'd like to extend my congratulations to Council
12 Member Riley and his growing family. And, Speaker, I
13 think it may be time to talk in earnest about a
14 daycare center here in the Chambers or in the
15 building somewhere close.

16 Um, there's a great deal of work to be proud of
17 today, especially the reproductive health package
18 that we will be voting on earlier. I'm also delighted
19 to vote on a host of street co-namings that honor New
20 York City's everyday heroes. Look at this long list
21 of incredible people. It should remind us about the
22 collective power and responsibility and how
23 incredible New Yorkers do acts of kindness and love
24 every single day.

2 Of course, I have to pay special tribute to
3 someone from my District being honored by a street
4 co-naming as well. Sandra Vizcaino was a long time
5 Sunset Park resident and community activist who
6 emigrated to Sunset Park in 19, in 1977 from the
7 Dominican Republic. She was a mom, a wife, a sister,
8 a friend, a neighbor, and educator. And she was the,
9 also the first educator in New York City to die from
10 COVID-19.

11 To Sandra and her family, gracias. The District,
12 District 38 community thanks you for your service to
13 our youth and families and for being such a dedicated
14 New Yorker. And please pay attention. We are not out
15 of this pandemic. And in her honor, please take extra
16 precautions to protect yourself and your families.
17 Thank you, Sandra.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now hear
19 from Council Member Richardson Jordon.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Hi. Thank you.
21 I, um, wanted to call people's attention to LU 45
22 which is on, uh, today's Stated. It's a housing
23 project in my District. Um, this was, this was a long
24 one, but we did reach resolution and I really want to
25 thank some Members of Land Use, uh, particularly

2 Chelsea Kelly, Andrew Lassiter, and Perris
3 Straughter. Um, I also would like to thank Jay Coe
4 (SP?) from the Speaker's Office, uh, and, uh, my very
5 own Ovi (SP?) Latimore (SP?), um, Legislative
6 Director, uh, for District Nine, um, because we got
7 there.

8 Uh, this, this is really an ode to our residents'
9 self-determination. Uh, this was a, a cluster of
10 buildings where some residents were ready to take an
11 ANCP deal, but other residents, understandably so,
12 rightfully so, wanted to remain in TIL, and fight for
13 the original TIL promise. Um, and, and I'm just glad
14 that we were able to work out something that worked
15 for the residents and their own empowered decision-
16 making in, in a difficult process.

17 Um, I would also very much like to thank Council
18 Woman Stevens, Council Woman De La Rosa, Council Man
19 Kagan, and Council Man Barron for signing on to a
20 letter, uh, that I had put out around the budget for,
21 uh, support for the TILs and this is not something
22 that's going away. Uh, because while we are taking a
23 step forward with some residents, we have other
24 residents who still need support. So, we, as a

2 Council, must fund TIL. So, I wanted to thank those
3 Council Members as well, uh, for their advocacy.

4 Um, also, Council Man Marte and Council Woman
5 Nurse, uh, for showing interest and, and having
6 further discussions. And Chair Louis, uh, for being
7 open to a possible hearing around the TILs, uh, and
8 continuing further discussion. So, uh, but overall
9 great work and, um, and we'll also continue the
10 fight. Thank you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Right on time.
12 Uh, thanks everyone. We are now, uh, going to close
13 General Orders and we're going to move into the
14 report of Special Committees.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Reports of Standing
17 Committees.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report of the Committee on
19 Civil and Human Rights, Intro 474-A, Reproductive
20 Healthcare Campaign.

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on General
22 orders.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report of the Committee on
24 Consumer and Worker Protection, Intro 372-A, Office
25 of the Utility Advocate.

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

4 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Intro 506-A, Reproductive
5 Health Services Campaign.

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

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report of the Committee on
9 Finance, Preconsidered Reso 255, Transparency Reso.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report of the Committee on
12 General Welfare, Intro 212-B, Report on City
13 Administered Facilities.

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

16 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report of the Committee on
17 Land Use, LU 45 and Reso 261, 34 Morningside Avenue.

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

19 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: LU 67 through 71, Resilient
20 Edgemere.

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with modifications and
22 referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to
23 Section 197 of the New York City Charter.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: LU [COUGH], excuse me. LU78
25 and Reso 262, 41 Summit Street rezoning.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

3 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: LU 79 through 84, various
4 applications.

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

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered LU 85 and Reso
9 263, Primary School Facility.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report of the Committee on
12 General Welfare, Intro 212-B, Report, Report on
13 Sitting Administered Facilities.

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

16 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report of the Committee on
17 Parks and Recreation, Intro 480-A, Naming of 78
18 Thoroughfares and Public Places.

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on General
20 Orders.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report of the Committee on
22 Rules, Privileges, and Elections, M 75 and Reso 264,
23 Approving the Appointment of David Gold, Planning
24 Commission.

25 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: M 76 and Reso 265, Approving
3 the Appointment of Rasmia Kirmani-Frye, Planning
4 Commission.

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

6 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: M 77 and Reso 266, Approving
7 the Appointment of Christine Yoon, Board of Standards
8 and Appeals

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered M 80 and Reso
11 267, Approving the Appointment of Juan Camilo Osorio,
12 Planning Commission.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

14 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered M 81 and Reso
15 268, Approving the Appointment of Nicole Yearwood,
16 Equal Employment Practices Commission.

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered M 82 and Reso
19 269, Approving the Appointment of Ngozi Okaro, Equal
20 Employment Practices Commission.

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

22 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report of the COmmitee on
23 Women and Gender Equity, Intros 465-A, 466-A, 475-A,
24 and 507-A, Reproductive Rights package.

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

4 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: General Orders calendar, Intro
5 179-A.

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: Laid over.

7 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: LU 63 and Reso 270 and LU 64
8 and Reso 271, 4541 Furman Avenue Rezoning.

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: LU 67 and Reso 272 through LU
11 71 and Reso 276, Resilient Edgemere.

12 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

13 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: LU 79 and Reso 277 and LU 80
14 and Reso 278, 77-39 Vleigh Place Rezoning.

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

16 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: LU 81 and Reso 279 and LU 82
17 and Reso 280, 11th Street and 34th Avenue Rezoning.

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

19 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: LU 83 and Reso 281 and LU 84
20 and Reso 282, Wetherole Street and 67th Avenue
21 Rezoning.

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Resolution Appointing Various
24 Persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders. And I
3 now ask that the Clerk take a roll call vote on all
4 of the items coupled on today's General Orders
5 calendar.

6 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Louis?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Salamanca?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Abreu?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye on all.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ariola?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I'd first like to disclose
14 that, uh, Howard Beach Lindenwood Civic Association
15 has co-President is my Chief of Staff, Phyllis
16 Inzerillo. I am aye on all except for Intros 466-A,
17 474-A, 475-A, 506-A, 507-A, which I am a no.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Avilés?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye on all.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ayala?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

22 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Barron?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: May I explain my vote?

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I abstain on M 75 and Reso
3 264, Appointments to Commission. I vote no on M 76,
4 Reso 265, David Gold's Appointment to the Planning
5 Commission. I abstain on M 77, Reso 266. I abstain on
6 Preconsidered M 80 and Reso 267. And I vote yes on
7 Presconsidered Reso M 81 and Reso 268.

8 For the Land Use items, I vote yes on LU 45,
9 Morningside. I vote no Pre LU 78, no on Pre LU 79 and
10 80, no on Pre LU 81 and 82, no on Pre LU 83 and 84,
11 and no on Pre LU 63 and 64. I'm voting no on these
12 because 75% of these are market. 70% to 75% are
13 market. We have to flip the script. I think 80% to
14 75% should be affordable and 20% could be market. So,
15 that's why my no vote and I vote aye on all the rest.

16 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Bottcher?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHE: (NO RESPONSE)

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Brennan?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BRENNAN: Aye on all.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Brewer?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye on all.

22 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye on all.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Cabán?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Permission to explain my
3 vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you. Um, today's a
6 big day and I, I think we have a lot to be proud of.
7 Um, even before the far-right wing used a mix of
8 perjury and dirty tricks to highjack and pack its
9 majority with far-right wing fundamentalist
10 ideologues, the Supreme Court already had all the
11 makings of an illegitimate anti-democratic
12 institution.

13 And we've been fed this fallacy that the
14 judiciary is some apolitical institution. Not
15 ironically, its exactly because I was a practicing
16 attorney who litigated our constitutional rights in
17 court every day, that I know that courts and judges
18 that preside over them, are just as, as inherently
19 political as the other two branches of government.

20 And it's with that knowledge that we can then say
21 enough. So, enough deference to this collection of
22 religious fundamentalists and corporate extremists,
23 enough talk about how the Court serves as a check on
24 the legislative and executive branches. It's time to
25 start talking about how those branches can, should,

2 and must check the Court. And the extremist
3 majority's indefensible decision to overturn Roe v
4 Wade is a searing affront to human rights, a
5 precursor to immense death and suffering and a call
6 for us all to get organized.

7 And we've said this many times before, it's going
8 to take an immense ground swell of action to get what
9 we really need, the guaranteed right to a safe, legal
10 abortion on demand, without apology, and at no dollar
11 cost for anyone who determines that they need one.

12 Um, and what we can do today is ensure that New York
13 is a safe city for anyone receiving, performing, or
14 assisting in abortion care.

15 So, I'm really proud that many of my colleagues
16 have risen to this occasion and crafted a wide array
17 of legislation to counteract this attack on all
18 people who, who can get pregnant. And so, it's with
19 that in mind that I emphatically vote aye on all of
20 the abortion related, um, legislation and, uh, aye on
21 everything else. And abstaining on, uh, Res 264.

22 Thank you.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Carr?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I'd like to disclose on the
25 record that in this Transparency Resolution we're

2 funding CUNY and my domestic partner is a student at
3 CUNY. And with that said, I'll be voting no on
4 Introductions 466-A, 474-A, 475-A, 506-A, and 507-A,
5 and aye on the rest.

6 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. De La Rosa?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Permission to explain
8 my vote?

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: I want to thank our
11 colleagues and our Speaker who has led on this
12 historic, uh, access to reproductive and abortion
13 services package and the Women's Caucus as well. New
14 York is notoriously considered a beacon for all those
15 who are pushed to the margins of our society. As
16 other states begin and continue to heavily restrict
17 access to abortion and abortion care, these proposals
18 are essential in preparing New York's bandwidth for
19 the expected influx of people seeking reproductive
20 healthcare from outside of state.

21 We must aptly prepare to ensure that not only,
22 uh, people from outside of state, but also people
23 right here living in New York who do not have access
24 to healthcare are provided with imperative care that
25 they need, um, and, and services that they're looking

2 for. These services are never truly available until
3 we remove the barriers that prohibit or limit people
4 from seeking medical assistance.

5 This means that we must provide ample funding,
6 access to information, expanded services, language
7 axis, language access, and expediting the process to
8 receive potentially lifesaving medical attention and
9 prescriptions to ensure that we are delivering equal
10 and equitable reproductive and abortion services in
11 New York City. So, I want to thank the colleagues for
12 this historic package.

13 I also want to take a moment to acknowledge the
14 co-naming of Ramona Elizabeth Rodriguez Way, who was
15 a woman who unfortunately, was killed by her husband
16 in an act of domestic violence in my District. Her
17 sisters, her daughters, who are watching us right
18 now, have started an organization, Long Live our
19 Butterfly, to provide direct access to domestic
20 violence and intimate partner violence survivors in
21 our District. And so, I wanted to take a moment to
22 acknowledge the scourge of intimate partner violence
23 that continues to take over our City and thank them
24 for turning their pain into action on behalf of
25 Ramona Elizabeth Rodriguez.

2 I vote aye on all.

3 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Dinowitz?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Farias?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: I vote aye on all. And I
7 just quickly want to say that abortion access is
8 healthcare and the healthcare access that people
9 individually need does not directly impact each of
10 here personally, and as legislators representing
11 numerous people in our communities, we need to make
12 sure that we are legislating for everyone.

13 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Feliz?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Gennaro?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

17 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Gutiérrez?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye on all, and abstain
19 from, um, Land Use item, Land Use Item number 70.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: I'm sorry, Council Member. You
21 said, aye, aye on all?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Sorry, can you? Abstain
23 from Land Use Item number 70 and aye on the rest.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Hanif?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye on all.

2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Hanks?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (NO RESPONSE)

4 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Holden?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all, with the
6 exception of Intros 466-A, 474-A, 475-A, 506-A, and
7 507-A, which I vote no.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Hudson?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Joseph?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Kagan?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Aye on all.

14 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Krishnan?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Permission to explain my
16 vote?

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Uh, granted.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Um, first, I want to,
19 um, put on the record that to the extent that in this
20 Transparency Resolution we are funding Department of
21 Education. Uh, one of my, uh, children is a, uh,
22 student in the Department of Education.

23 Uh, I'd also like to call attention to a couple
24 of, uh, co-namings that I am proud to have sponsored.
25 One would honor Doctor Sergio Rubio, who was a

2 veterinarian originally from Peru, who brought his
3 expertise and dedication to Jackson Heights for over
4 40 years, while expanding his veterinary and
5 community service to previously underserved
6 communities. Doctor Sergio Rubio was truly a
7 humanitarian who treated all, um, in the community as
8 a veterinarian, uh, in need, and all whose, um, pets,
9 uh, uh, desired, needed services, too. Uh, and it is
10 a great honor to, to sponsor this co-naming today.

11 The other co-naming would be for a section in my
12 District that would be renamed as Little Thailand Way
13 to commemorate the vibrant and growing Thai community
14 in Woodside, Elmhurst, and Jackson Heights. The Thai
15 community has grown very rapidly and Woodside Avenue,
16 where this co-naming would be, uh, would be a, uh,
17 reflection of the vibrancy and the beautiful culture
18 of our Thai community. And thank you.

19 And with that, I vote aye on all.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Lee?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all and very proud
22 especially today to be part of the first women-led
23 majority Council.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Marte?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: I vote aye on all.

2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Mealy?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)

4 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Menin?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

6 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Moya?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Narcisse?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Before, can I one second
10 to, uh?

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Sure.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Permission?

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Yes, granted.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Um, on 190, Reso 196-A,
15 since there's a question as a nurse for three
16 decades, I have learned don't take anything for
17 granted. This one which allow out of state
18 physicians, that's mean licensed physician. I just
19 want to put it out there. I'm assuming, but it's not
20 there. It's licensed out of state physicians, because
21 I had a one question asked to me.

22 So, aye on all.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Nurse?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye on all expect
25 Land Use Items 68, 69, 70, and 71.

2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Ossé?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Permission to explain my
4 vote?

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I have, uh, three street co-
7 namings, uh, a street co-naming for local 9/11 hero
8 Firefighter Sergeant USA Reservist Shawn Edward
9 Powell, um, on the intersection of Monroe and Marcy,
10 as well as a street co-naming for another local 9/11
11 hero, uh, police officer Shawn Powell at the
12 intersection of Sumner and Lewis. Uh, you know, two,
13 uh, icons of our community that, uh, you know, put in
14 service to the City.

15 Um, so, I'm so happy to see that they're both
16 receiving co-namings, um, as well as finally a street
17 co-naming for Bishop Marvin D. Williams, the Senior,
18 of, on the intersection of Myrtle and Tompkins, uh,
19 another significant community figure in Bed-Stuy. Uh,
20 so, happy to see a co-naming for, for that family as
21 well.

22 Um, and I am aye on all. Thank you.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Paladino?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: I vote aye, except on
3 Intros 466-A, 474-A, 475-A, 506-A, and 507-A. Aye on
4 all the rest.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Restler?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye on all and I will
7 abstain on Resolution 264. Thank you.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Richardson Jordan?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: So, I'm, I'm
10 going to be a no on Resolution 264, um. Let's put
11 some community advocates instead of those with real
12 estate ties on City Planning.

13 Um, aye on all the rest.

14 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Riley?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I just want to disclose for
16 the record that we are funding the Department of
17 Education and my oldest daughter is going to the
18 second grade.

19 And I vote aye on all.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Rivera?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I want to disclose for the
22 record that my mother is an employee of the New York
23 City Police Department, and they are included in this
24 Transparency Resolution.

25 And I vote aye.

2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Sanchez?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye on all.

4 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Schulman?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Permission to explain my
6 vote?

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: I want to acknowledge
9 two street co-namings that I am sponsoring in my
10 District, Joseph Hennessy Way. Joseph Hennessy was a
11 long time Chair of Community Board Six in Queens for
12 over 30 years and very active in the community. And
13 Greg Stein who was an LGBTQ activist and active with
14 the AIDS Center of Queens County and many other
15 organizations.

16 And I also want to, um, say that on LU 83,
17 Resolution 281, and LU 84, Resolution 282, those are,
18 that's a project in my District that I am very happy
19 to say, I was able to get deeply affordable housing
20 for. It's a small, it's a small development, but it's
21 another development in my, in my District that I'm
22 able to, um, have more families be able to, to come
23 and, and live in the community.

24 Uh, and I also want to thank, um, the Speaker for
25 her leadership on the historic access to reproductive

2 rights and healthcare, um, in this package led by
3 this historic body of women. Uh, thank you and I vote
4 aye on all.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Stevens?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

7 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ung?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Velázquez?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: Permission to explain
11 my vote?

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: I'd like to disclose
14 that my brother serves on the Board of Samaritans of
15 New York, uh, and they are being funded in this
16 trans, uh, um, Reso.

17 So, uh, with everything said, aye on all.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Vernikov?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all, except no on
20 466-A, 474-A, 475-A, 506-A, and 507-A. Thank you.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Williams?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I am stating for the
23 record that I am a CUNY student with a, a fellowship,
24 and I vote aye on all.

25 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Won?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all except Resolution
3 264.

4 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Yeger?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all with the
6 exception of Introductions 474, 506, 507, and I'm
7 abstaining on 480. Thank you.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Borelli?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all except 466-A,
10 474-A, 475-A, 506-A, 507-A. Thank you.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Powers?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye on all and
13 disclosing that we're funding Mount Sinai in this and
14 my mother works for Mount Sinai.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Speaker Adams?

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: I'd just like to, uh, acknowledge
17 once again, uh, my extreme pride in this Body. Um,
18 first time ever women majority in the New York City
19 Council looking out for the reproductive rights and
20 the healthcare of women, not just in New York City,
21 but across this great country of ours.

22 I'd also like to acknowledge a street co-naming
23 in my District 28, which I call the Great 28, will
24 have a street naming after Ritawantee, also known as
25 Auntie Rita, Persaud Way. Auntie Rita was hit by, uh,

2 a hit and run driver a couple of years ago in my
3 District, in Richmond Hill. And I want to uplift her
4 in her memory today.

5 And I'd also like to uplift two bastions of
6 southeast Queens. I believe that the Saint Albans
7 area, uh, David and Renee Bluford. They will also be
8 commemorated in a street co-naming. They were
9 bastions in community service and pride for those of
10 us who grew up under their leadership in southeast
11 Queens.

12 With that, I happily vote aye on all.

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. And I, we have
14 to just do two disclosures. We're going to call on
15 Council Member Avilés and then we'll go Council
16 Member Sanchez.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Um, I just, uh, I disclose
18 that my sister works for the New York City Parks
19 Department that is being funded in this Transparency
20 Resolution.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We'll now go to Council
22 Member Sanchez.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you, Majority
24 Leader. Um, I would like to disclose that my brother
25 is an adjunct lecturer at CUNY BMCC and CUNY is being

2 funded in this budget. Um, I also would like to, um,
3 change, uh, some of my votes. I want to abstain from
4 Land Use Item 64, um, M 77, Resolution 264. Thank
5 you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member Sanchez,
7 can you repeat that one more time? We couldn't hear
8 you.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Yes, uh, abstaining from
10 Land Use 64, M 77, and Resolution 264.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We're just
13 going to wait a minute while folks tally the votes.

14 We're just going to call on Council Member Hanif
15 for an amendment to her vote.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: I'd like to abstain from M
17 75.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you.

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Okay. All items on
20 today's General Order count are adopted by a vote of
21 48 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0
22 abstentions, with the exception of Intro 466-A,
23 adopted by a vote of 42 in the affirmative, 6 in the
24 negative, and 0 abstentions.

2 Intro 474-A, 41 in the affirmative, 7 in the
3 negative, and 0 abstentions.

4 Intro 475-A, adopted by a vote of 42 in the
5 affirmative, 6 in the negative, 0 abstentions.

6 Intro 506-A, adopted by a vote of 41 in the
7 affirmative, 7 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

8 Intro 507-A, adopted by a vote of 41 in the
9 affirmative, 7 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

10 M 75 and Reso 264, adopted by a vote of 42 in the
11 affirmative, 1 in the negative, and 5 abstentions.

12 76 and, M 76 and Resolution 265, adopted by a
13 vote of 47 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, and
14 0 abstentions.

15 And M 80 and resolution 267, adopted by a vote of
16 47 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 1
17 abstention.

18 Land Use Items 63, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84,
19 85, and accompanying resolutions, adopted by a vote
20 of 47 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, and 0
21 abstentions.

22 Land Use Item 70 and Resolution 275, sorry Land
23 Use 68, 69, 71, adopted by a vote of 47 in the
24 affirmative, 1 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

2 Intro 480, 480-A, adopted by a vote of 47 in the
3 affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 1 abstention.

4 Land Use Item 64, Resolution 271, adopted by a
5 vote of 46 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, and
6 1 abstention.

7 And M 77 and Resolution 266, adopted by a vote of
8 46 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 2
9 abstentions.

10 I just am going to hold for one second for a
11 clarification on a vote. Hold on one second.

12 Okay. Uh, sorry, just one addition. Land Use 70
13 and Resolution 275, adopted by a vote of 46 in the
14 affirmative, 1 in the negative, and 1 abstention.

15 Okay. That's it. Thanks. We will now move into
16 the Introduction and reading of bills.

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

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now move
20 to discussion of Resolutions. We'll first hear from
21 Council Member Ung.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Good afternoon and thank you
23 for opportunity to speak about Resolution number 173-
24 A. This Resolution calls on New York state to expand
25 financial relief programs to help struggling

2 residents who are falling behind on their utility
3 bills due to a nearly threefold increase in the cost
4 of energy at the start of the year. Utility customers
5 here in New York City both unaware of impending price
6 increase and coping with a colder than usual January
7 were surprised by their bills that incurred dramatic,
8 unexpected increases. Many were already suffering
9 economically due to the pandemic and had to make the
10 difficult decision between covering their housing,
11 food, and medical costs or paying their utility bills
12 to keep their power on.

13 As we approach the hottest months of the year,
14 energy usage will go up, and these same New Yorkers
15 will likely fall even behind on their energy costs.
16 Experts predict rising utility debt will affect
17 residents' credit scores, result in service being
18 disconnected, and even lead to homelessness which is
19 already at crisis levels in New York City.

20 While the Governor and the State Legislature
21 created a program to forgive the utility debt of many
22 low-income New Yorkers, the funding is not nearly
23 enough to meet the current need. I urge my colleagues
24 to join me in supporting this important piece of
25 legislation. Thank you.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now hear
3 from Council Member Menin.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Thank you, Majority Leader
5 Powers. When Roe v Wade was overturned, we faced the
6 unconscionable reality that our daughters have less
7 rights today than we did. And we literally have
8 turned back the clock of time on women's rights by
9 100 years.

10 That is why I am proud to sponsor two Resolutions
11 that the Council will vote on today that are part of
12 the reproductive rights package. Resolution 200 would
13 set January 22, 2023, as Roe v Wade Day in the City
14 of New York to commemorate the 50th anniversary of
15 the landmark Supreme Court decision. We will not
16 forget such an important court case and that moment
17 must be remembered.

18 In addition, Resolution 242 calls on the New York
19 State Legislature to pass an equal rights amendment
20 to the State Constitution. This would basically
21 codify reproductive rights, uh, rights around sexual
22 orientation, gender identity, gender expression,
23 pregnancy, and other rights that are not currently
24 enshrined in the State Constitution.

2 Lastly, I just want to thank the Speaker and my
3 colleagues for this legislative package today. It's a
4 really proud moment to be voting on all this. Thank
5 you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Is anyone else
7 signed up, or would like to? Oh, Council Member
8 Brooks-Powers.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Um, thank you. I
10 just wanted to speak briefly on the bill I'm
11 introducing with my colleague, Council Woman Rita
12 Joseph, which will ban the sale of flavored
13 cigarettes. We are all well aware of the.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: This is, uh, on Council
15 Member Resolutions.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Oh, sorry. Oh,
17 we're still on Resolutions.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Yeah.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Okay, sorry.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We'll come back. We have
21 you on the list. Today's Resolutions? No? Nobody?
22 Okay. We're going to now move, uh, we're going to
23 have a voice vote on today's Resolutions. If you wish
24 to vote against or abstain from today's Resolution,

2 please notify the Legislative Documents Unit by email
3 or approaching the dais before the vote.

4 I'll now read today's Resolutions into the
5 record. Resolution 162 calls on New York State
6 Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign
7 amendments to Article Four of the Public Service Law
8 to prevent a utility's rate case from exceeding a
9 certain percentage each year. Will all those in favor
10 please say aye?

11 COUNCIL PERSONS: Aye.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay?

13 COUNCIL PERSONS: (NO REPONSE)

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

15 COUNCIL PERSONS: (NO REPSONSE)

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

17 Resolution 172 calls on New York state to
18 increase the number of commissioners on the Public
19 Service Commission and permit New York City to
20 appoint two of its commissioners. All those in favor
21 please say aye.

22 COUNCIL PERSONS: Aye.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay.

24 COUNCIL PERSONS: (NO RESPONSE)

25 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

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2 COUNCIL PERSONS: (NO RESPONSE)

3 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

4 Resolution 173 calls on the Governor and the New
5 York State Legislature to expand financial relief
6 programs to assist City residents struggling to pay
7 their utility bills. All those in favor, please say
8 aye.

9 COUNCIL PERSONS: Aye.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed, please say
11 nay.

12 COUNCIL PERSONS: (NO RESPONSE)

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

14 COUNCIL PERSONS: (NO RESPONSE)

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

16 Resolution 174-A calls on Con Ed to improve
17 communication with City residents about increases in
18 utility costs. Will all those in favor please say
19 aye?

20 COUNCIL PERSONS: Aye.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay.

22 COUNCIL PERSONS: (NO RESPONSE)

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

24 COUNCIL PERSONS: (NO RESPONSE)

25 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

2 Resolution 195 calls on New York State
3 Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign the
4 Reproductive Freedom and Equity Program, Senate Bill
5 9078 and Assembly Bill 10148-A, which establishes a
6 grant program to provide funding to New York abortion
7 providers and non-profit organizations to increase
8 access to abortion care. Will all those in favor
9 please say aye?

10 COUNCIL PERSONS: Aye.

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay?

12 COUNCIL PERSONS: (NO RESPONSE)

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

14 COUNCIL PERSON: (NO RESPONSE)

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

16 Resolution 196-A calls on the New York State
17 Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign Senate
18 Bill number 9137 and Assembly Bill number 10356,
19 which would allow out of state physicians to provide
20 reproductive healthcare services in the state while
21 awaiting full licensure. Will all those in favor
22 please say aye? Will all those in favor please say
23 aye?

24 COUNCIL PERSONS: Aye.

25 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Will all opposed say nay?

2 COUNCIL PERSONS: (NO RESPONSE)

3 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

4 COUNCIL PERSONS: (NO RESPONSE)

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

6 Resolution 197 declares New York City a safe city
7 for all those in need of abortion related care. Will
8 all those in favor please say aye?

9 COUNCIL PERSONS: Aye.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay.

11 COUNCIL PERSONS: (NO RESPONSE)

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

13 COUNCIL PERSONS: (NO RESPONSE)

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

15 Resolution 200-A declares January 22, 2023, as
16 Roe vers. Wade Day in the City of New York to
17 commemorate the 50th anniversary of the landmark
18 United States Supreme Court decision. Will all those
19 in favor please say aye?

20 COUNCIL PERSONS: Aye.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay.

22 COUNCIL PERSONS: (NO RESPONSE)

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

24 COUNCIL PERSONS: (NO RESPONSE)

25 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

2 Resolution 242-B congratulates the State
3 Legislature for approving Senate Bill number 15002
4 and Assembly Bill number 41002, a Resolution
5 proposing an amendment to the State Constitution in
6 relation to equal protection and calling on the State
7 Legislature to approve this amendment again next
8 session so it may be submitted to the voters of New
9 York state for approval. All those in favor please
10 say aye.

11 COUNCIL PERSONS: Aye.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay?

13 COUNCIL PERSONS: (NO RESPONSE)

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

15 COUNCIL PERSONS: (NO RESPONSE)

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

17 Resolution 245 calls on the New York, United
18 States Senate to pass and the President to sign the
19 Women's Health Protection Act. Will all those in
20 favor please say aye? Will all those in favor please
21 say aye?

22 COUNCIL PERSONS: Aye.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay.

24 COUNCIL PERSONS: (NO RESPONSE)

25 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

2 COUNCIL PERSONS: (NO RESPONSE)

3 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

4 We'll now move into general discussion. Before
5 that, we'll just do one quick correction on the vote.
6 Land Use Item 85 and resolution 263 was adopted by a
7 vote of 48 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and
8 0 abstentions. Thank you.

9 We'll now move into general discussion. We have
10 15 Members signed up. Reminder, it's a beautiful day
11 in July, uh. It is, uh. We will begin with Council
12 Member Holden, followed by Council Member Lee.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Thank you, Majority
14 Leader. Uh, today I introduce, uh, Intro, uh, 573,
15 which would prohibit the operation of horse-drawn
16 cabs in Central Park, effectively banning horse-drawn
17 carriages in New York City for good. Whether it was
18 passing legislation creating the AC, uh, an ACC
19 shelter in each Borough or to creating the heat index
20 for horse-drawn carriages, to establishing an Office
21 of Animal Welfare, increasing animal cruelty
22 reporting, the banning of trafficking of wild birds,
23 this Body has come together in the past to do great
24 work on animal rights issues. Uh, and it's time,
25 it's, it's time once again to step up for the

2 defenseless. It's time to advocate for the horses who
3 have suffered for far too long.

4 We are here today to declare this City horse
5 carriage free. And I need you, my colleagues, to help
6 us achieve this. This is 2022. It's not 1822. We
7 should not have horses serving humans for our greedy
8 desires. We should not allow drivers to make a buck
9 off the backs of these poor horses.

10 Other cities in Europe, Asia, the Middle East,
11 and Mexico have already done this. New York City
12 needs to be among them, and we need to be the leaders
13 of this in the United States of America.

14 The drivers will be able to work more with
15 electric carriages. They won't lose time due to the
16 heat index or inclement weather as they do now. The
17 jobs would be prevailing wage and without great
18 benefits. Let's all work together to end the misery
19 of these horses finally. Let's end horse carriages in
20 New York City once and for all. Anyone who feels that
21 horses have to serve man in the 21st century is out
22 of touch.

23 I thank the advocates who have pushed for this.
24 And I especially thank my colleagues who have signed
25 on to this bill as, uh, Pre-Intro sponsors, uh.

2 Please sign on to Intro 570, 573, and help us again
3 do the right thing by our animals. Thank you,
4 Majority Leader. Almost made it.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now hear
6 from Council Member Lee followed by Council Member
7 Won.

8 COUCNIL MEMBER LEE: Hi, everyone. Sorry, I just
9 wanted to make a quick announcement. So, I'll send
10 you guys all an email, but, um, just wanted you to be
11 aware that this Saturday, uh, I'm sure you guys have
12 heard about 988 which is the federal number to reach
13 out about mental health versus 911. So, that is
14 actually rolling out on Saturday, so I just wanted
15 you guys to be aware of that. Um, and I'll send all
16 of you information on it so that you can put it out
17 on social media or let your constituents know about
18 it.

19 Um, and I just had a meeting today with them
20 about which languages. Uh, so far, right now, it's
21 just English and Spanish. They're working with
22 community partners for LGBTQ, Asian, and other, other
23 organizations cause they want to find out which
24 groups are on the ground doing the work in the mental
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2 health side. So, reach out if you guys, um, have any
3 groups you'd like to recommend.

4 And, um, there was one other thing which I
5 forgot. Um, but that, but I just wanted you all to be
6 aware of that cause it's important. There are going
7 to be kinks, obviously, when it comes to the roll
8 out, but they are going to be monitoring that
9 closely.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We're going to
11 have Council Member Won followed by Council Member
12 Brewer.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Thank you so much, Majority
14 Leader Keith Powers. I just want to thank our
15 Speaker, Adrienne Adams, as well as all of my Council
16 colleagues on this historic day where we are passing
17 legislation to protect reproductive rights and
18 leading the way for all other cities to follow suit.

19 As a new mother who gave birth about fourth
20 months ago, I cannot imagine if, during my second or
21 third trimester of pregnancy, someone told me that I
22 was forced to, that I had no option to opt out of
23 fully delivering a child that did not want. And I
24 believe that this is truly a healthcare issue, where
25 this issue should solely be between the individual,

2 their partner, as well as their healthcare provider,
3 and nobody else. So, I am incredibly grateful to be
4 part of this legislative body to make sure that we're
5 fighting for reproductive rights.

6 And I also want to point out that today, uh, with
7 my Council colleagues Gutiérrez and Menin, we are
8 introducing Intro 568, 598, and 599, where we will
9 continue to legislate to make internet, affordable
10 internet, accessible to all, so I encourage all of my
11 colleagues to sign on. Thank you so much.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We're going to
13 hear from Council Member Brewer followed by Council
14 Member Riley.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much. I
16 have some sad news. Um, Joe Goldbloom died an hour
17 ago. He was staff member for Archie Spigner, Leroy
18 Comrie, Daneek Miller, and he certainly knew Council
19 Member Williams and he was a real advocate for, um,
20 Community, CD 27. He lived in Manhattan, commuted
21 back and forth, and was a member of, uh, Community
22 Board 11. So, it's a loss. He loved this City Council
23 very much.

24 I am also supportive of, uh, Intro 563 which is
25 being introduced today. Um, this is based, I think as

2 you know, on local law 46. 2013 when I passed the
3 paid sick days, I remember DeBlasio took credit for
4 it, but I was the one that actually passed it. And I
5 also remember, um, that it took a lot of, uh, great
6 work by Consumer Affairs. But just because we've had
7 a long history of making sure that the, uh, powers
8 that it provides particularly during COVID where
9 people can get support for, uh, five days of paid
10 sick days so they could take care of themselves or
11 their family.

12 However, despite all the great efforts, there has
13 been a recent study by A Better Balance and the
14 Community Service Society whereby we learned that a
15 significant percentage of working people in the City
16 of New York, particularly women, did not know or have
17 access to paid sick days. They just don't know about
18 it.

19 So, that means that although the law passed nine
20 years ago, there are many barriers of education and
21 access to this law and workplaces in our City. And
22 so, we need to make sure that not only can you file
23 with Department of, of Consumer and Worker
24 Protection, but we also want to have a right to file
25 a private civil right of action. And that's what

2 these studies are calling for and that's what this
3 bill calls for.

4 Thank you very much, and our prayers are with Joe
5 Goldbloom's family.

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now
7 hear from Council Member Riley, followed by Council
8 Member Barron.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority Leader.
10 And I just want to thank my colleagues for the well
11 wishes to my family on our new addition. Um, I'm
12 happy to partner with my colleague, Chair, uh, Rita
13 Joseph to introduce legislations, Intro 588, which
14 would require the DOE to disclose school admission
15 and policies on its website for every school.

16 This bill would enhance the clarity of our
17 infrastructure, giving further insight and
18 transparency to where and how we can improve our
19 education system. Providing online visibility
20 including, but not limited to the application
21 process, selection criteria, and priority groups,
22 procedures for application, evaluation, and seat
23 assignment criterias for every New York City school,
24 encourages equity and accessible, accessibility to

2 inform essential to educational planning of our
3 families.

4 Intro 588 will present the opportunity to codify
5 and quantify these already common practices to a
6 digital scale. Ensuring that we continue to upgrade
7 our system is a conducive, it's conducive to
8 supporting the needs of our families and uplifting
9 scholars with the education they deserve. Thank you.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. we'll now hear
11 from Council Member Barron followed by Council Member
12 Gutiérrez.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Uh, thank you Mister
14 Chair. I just wanted to say to my colleagues, I stand
15 now to give credit to those who voted against this
16 budget. Those who said no to \$215 million cut from
17 the Department of Education. Council Member Ossé,
18 Council Member Feliz, Council Member Nurse, Council
19 Member Richardson Jordan, and Council Member Barron
20 and Council Member Cabán.

21 I feel a sense of vindication now that the City
22 Council is considering, uh, putting that money back
23 in a budget mod in November. We didn't even have to
24 do that. You had the power to leave it in there in
25 the first place. And I'm just hoping that we use the

2 power of this City Council during the budget process
3 to prioritize the people and not pet projects because
4 education is for liberation. And to deny these
5 children what the administrators need to make
6 education more qualitative in our communities. We're
7 seeing it now all over. They're complaining. There's
8 hurt. And it's not just the Department of Education.
9 Most of the Departments, City Departments, are
10 suffering because of this budget that was passed.

11 So, we may not be in favor with the Speaker or
12 the Mayor, and we may not get as much as the rest of
13 you, but we get a good night's sleep because we did
14 the right thing in not voting for a budget that over
15 funded the police with \$11 billion and underfunded
16 education with \$215 million. I hope you can do the
17 right thing this time and restore it in November.

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

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Thank you, Majority.
22 Uh, thank you. Um, uh, I'm proud to work alongside
23 Council Member Won to introduce a package of bills
24 today that look towards building equity when it comes

2 to what should be considered a public utility, the
3 internet.

4 I am tired of people calling the internet a
5 luxury. It is a necessity of everyday life. The
6 digital divide is a structured reality that
7 perpetuates social, economic, and political
8 disparities. It is essentially digital redlining,
9 excluding the working poor from an essential
10 infrastructure that allows people to function in
11 today's society.

12 My bill, Intro 568, requires the Office of
13 Technology Innovation to report on the utilization of
14 the City's discounted internet service programs, and
15 to significantly improve their outreach to eligible
16 households. The bills introduced by Council Member,
17 uh, Won, also work toward the goal of ensuring that
18 more New Yorkers know about this program and have the
19 assistance to obtain it. I encourage all of you to
20 sign on. Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll go to
22 Council Member Schulman followed by Council Member
23 Hanif.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you. I have
25 devoted by personal and professional life to

2 healthcare advocacy which was born out the HIV/AIDS
3 movement, where I witnessed friends and neighbors die
4 because of the indifference of those in power. I
5 sadly had the same feeling of indifference with the
6 sloppy roll out of the Monkeypox vaccine both on the
7 federal and local level.

8 I have been in constant contact with the DOHMH,
9 the Mayor's Office, advocates, epidemiologists, and
10 others on this issue. I want to thank my colleagues
11 in the LGBTQIA+ Caucus for their support and
12 collaboration and want to thank the Speaker for her
13 leadership and support in planned actions we will be
14 taking in the near future. Please stay tuned.

15 With regards to the rising COVID rates, I am
16 working with Council staff and colleagues to ensure
17 the Department of Health provides all New Yorkers
18 with the transparent tools and data needed for all of
19 us to make informed decisions on what we need to do
20 as New Yorkers to protect ourselves and stay healthy.
21 Thank you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll hear now
23 from Council Member Hanif followed by Council Member
24 Rivera.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you. Today I'm
3 introducing two bills focused on empowering our
4 immigrant communities. Intro 569 would create an
5 immigrant workers bill of rights. While many federal,
6 state, and local labor protections apply to workers
7 of all immigrant statuses, man, most immigrants are
8 not aware of this fact, which leaves them vulnerable
9 to various forms of exploitation. This bill of rights
10 would compile all of these protections into a
11 succinct document that employers would be required to
12 distribute to all of their workers annually. The bill
13 of rights would also be required to be conspicuously
14 displayed in physical workplaces and also included in
15 digital workplaces, such as the worker facing side of
16 apps.

17 Equipping immigrant and workers with knowledge of
18 their rights will allow them to exercise them when
19 violations occur. Additionally, we hope that this
20 will dissuade employers from committing the
21 violations in the first place. And I want to thank
22 Council Member Avilés for introducing this bill
23 alongside me.

24 Intro 570 would create an Office of Translation
25 and Interpretation within the Mayor's Office of

2 Immigrant Affairs. Currently, our City Agencies
3 outsource most of their language services to out of
4 state companies who produce subpar work at high
5 costs. For budget reasons, some Agencies have failed
6 to comply with local law 30 which requires documents
7 be translated in the City's 10 most spoken languages
8 resulting in essential materials, such as fact sheets
9 about the COVID-19 vaccine, failing to reach
10 immigrant communities. By bringing this work in
11 house, we can ensure compliance with local law 30,
12 improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of
13 services, and provide high quality City jobs for New
14 Yorkers with language skills.

15 I want to thank Council Members De La Rosa,
16 Marte, Brennan, Narcisse, Brewer, Ung, and Gutiérrez
17 for introducing this bill alongside me. And you will
18 hear more from me over email. Thank you so much.

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We will not
20 hear from Council Member Rivera, followed by Council
21 Member Cabán.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you so much. Today
23 I'm proud to introduce several pieces of legislation,
24 including a permanent open culture program with
25 Council Member Ossé, which will bring arts and

2 culture to our streets and public spaces, making our
3 vital cultural institutions more accessible to all
4 New Yorkers. Um, also legislation to ensure proper
5 language access at polling site with Council member
6 Avilés, protecting and enhancing the most sacred of
7 our rights, our right to vote, reporting on the
8 medical care and outcomes of incarcerated people, and
9 finally a Resolution recognizing animals as sentient
10 beings entitled to respect, consideration, and
11 protection from abuse.

12 In recent years, the Council has done amazing
13 work on animal rights. And this Resolution
14 memorializes for our City, what we've all come to
15 know, that animals are worthy of dignity and humane
16 treatment. It also calls on the state to pass
17 legislation as in Oregon which recognizes the state's
18 responsibility to animal welfare. I always say, uh,
19 how we treat animals is a reflection of our society.
20 And I hope my colleagues will support this
21 resolution.

22 The work that we do here in the Council affects
23 not just the eight million New Yorkers in the City,
24 but everyone in the country. And I am so proud of the
25 package of bills we're passing today and of course,

2 the legislation that I have introduced, um, and that
3 my colleagues have introduced. And so, we can
4 continue to be a model for the rest of the nation. I
5 want to, and I, I just want to say thank you to
6 everyone, body, congratulations on this historic and
7 landmark legislation we've passed today. And I hope
8 you will join me in signing on to my bills. thank you
9 so much.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now hear
11 from Council Member Cabán, followed by Council Member
12 Marte, followed by Council Member Brooks-Powers.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you. I am proud to be
14 introducing two Resolutions today, Resolution 257,
15 declaring solidarity with workers organizing unions
16 across the City, and Resolution 256, calling upon
17 Washington to pass and enact the COVID-19 Long
18 Haulers Act.

19 You know, as the price of, of food, fuel,
20 medicine, energy, rent, and other essential purchases
21 continue to soar, the billionaire class is extracting
22 profits hand over fist with their wealth going up by
23 almost \$2 trillion during the pandemic. Workers are
24 standing up and saying they won't take it anymore and
25 the number of filings for union elections are up 56%

2 this fiscal year, compared to 2021. And the same
3 bosses reaping the most exorbitant windfall profits
4 are employing the dirtiest, most gutter scraping,
5 union busting tactics. And it won't work because we
6 stand with the workers, and, uh, you know, clearly
7 and without apology. And so, you know, this is about
8 saying that New York is a union town.

9 For the Long COVID Resolution, 20% to 30% of all
10 people infected with COVID will develop lasting
11 symptoms, some which may be temporary, but others
12 which may be chronic, some which may be mild, others
13 which may be debilitating. So, to understand the
14 enormity of this problem, consider that cases are
15 currently skyrocketing with the most infectious
16 variant yet which provides little to no immunity
17 against reinfection, even for those who are fully
18 vaccinated, and we continue to destroy every last
19 shred of public health protections we ever had. This
20 will go down in history as a mass disabling event,
21 and our healthcare system is not currently capable of
22 absorbing the crush. So, we need Washington to act,
23 to act now, and to act boldly. Thanks.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now go
3 to Council Member Marte, followed by Council Member
4 Brooks-Powers.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Thank you. Storefront
6 vacancies are abundant in Chinatown, Lorry side,
7 because of the devastating economic impact of the
8 pandemic, had on low-income communities. Our
9 neighborhoods need investment in order to recover.
10 But instead, tech company vultures have swooped in to
11 peak at, pick at our wounds. So today, I'm honored to
12 introduce with Council Member Menin a package of
13 legislation to regulate 15-minute delivery apps and
14 their micro fulfillment center, commonly known as
15 dark stores.

16 My two bills, Intro 579 and Intro 580, will help
17 protect delivery workers that are exploited by these
18 companies. By setting weight limit, weight limits on
19 orders, we are protecting workers' bodies and health
20 and increasing their chances of survival in case of a
21 traffic incident. But to, but to stop traffic
22 accidents, we have to stop the inhumane 15-minute
23 delivery promise.

24 Our second bill will require disclosure of
25 delivery time estimates to take pressure off of

2 workers to meet this intense time burden demand. Our
3 bodegas, small businesses, and delivery workers have
4 suffered a lot from the pandemic, while companies
5 like Gopuff and Gorillas have used our crisis to
6 launch their platforms.

7 Micro fulfillment center and 15-minute delivery
8 apps are trying to flip our immigrant neighborhoods
9 into storage yards for Silicon Valley. This
10 legislative package is essential crackdown on this
11 tech-backed exploitation of our city's storefront
12 vacancy crisis, our delivery workers, and our
13 immigrant-owned bodegas and 99 cent stores.

14 Thank you, Asian American Federation, and
15 [SPEAKING IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE] for their advocacy on
16 this issue. And thank you to Council Member Menin for
17 partnering on this important legislation with me.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now go
19 to Council member Brooks-Powers and last, we'll go to
20 Council Member Restler to finish us off.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you. I'll try
22 this again. Um, but I just want to speak briefly on
23 the bill I'm introducing with my colleague, Council
24 Woman Rita Joseph, which will ban the sale of
25 flavored cigarettes. We are all aware of the serious

2 health impacts that smoking can cause, and these
3 effects are born disproportionately by communities of
4 color and especially younger adults who have long
5 been targeted by advertising campaigns and ease of
6 access. This bill will improve health outcomes and
7 reduce the risks of smoking among vulnerable New
8 Yorkers. I encourage my colleagues to sign on as co-
9 sponsors.

10 I'd also be remiss if I did not thank Council
11 Member Williams for, um, submitting Mrs. Renee
12 Bluford to be added to the already, um, implemented
13 street co-name for David Bluford. Um, the two married
14 couples were a staple in the southeast Queens
15 community, um, and we treasured and valued them
16 dearly, and they are certainly missed. And so, um, it
17 is definitely appropriate for the honor to now have
18 the Renee and David Bluford, um, street co-naming.

19 And I also extend my condolences to the family of
20 Joe Goldbloom as well, who was a staple in southeast
21 Queens community. He didn't live there, but we should
22 have probably a street in southeast Queens
23 resurrected for him, because he has definitely been
24 someone who has, um, dedicated his life and service,

2 but especially to the southeast Queens community.
3 Thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. And last,
5 we'll go to Council Member Restler.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Thank you so much,
7 Majority Leader. I'll just say very briefly, uh, that
8 it's an honor to be a part of, uh, this institution
9 today with this historic and landmark package. And I
10 especially want to congratulate each of the prime
11 sponsors on putting together such a compelling
12 package of bills to protect, uh, reproductive rights
13 for people across this country, um, here in New York
14 City.

15 Uh, secondly, I, I just wanted to echo the
16 sentiments of Council Member Barron, uh, that we have
17 work to do to restore the education cuts. And I
18 wanted to thank the Speaker for her leadership on the
19 letter this week and really hope that we can continue
20 to put the utmost pressure on the Mayor to restore
21 these cuts. Uh, today I designated more than \$200,000
22 in Member-based initiatives to support elementary
23 schools in District 33 to try to help, um, fill gaps.
24 But we have much, much more work to do there.

2 And then lastly, I just wanted to, uh, express my
3 gratitude to a member of my team who we were able to
4 convince to join us on an interim basis, uh, Jesse
5 Tassen (SP?). He was the Chief of Staff to another
6 Member of the Council for the last eight years and he
7 agreed to help transition us into the, into the Body
8 and, and show us the ropes, and myself, my Chief of
9 Staff, Marianne Alexander and our whole team are
10 greatly appreciative of Jesse's services. He's going
11 on to a great job at, at Goddard Riverside. So, he'll
12 be working with you, Gail, to, if she's not here
13 anymore, but he'll be working with the good folks on
14 the Upper West Side. But he's been a tremendous asset
15 to me, and, and to our whole District, and our staff.
16 And I really want to thank him for, you know, helping
17 to, to just get our, our, um, to help show us the
18 ropes. So, thank you Jesse, and best of luck to you
19 in the future.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Is there
21 anyone else who'd like to speak? Okay. Seeing none,
22 uh, we'll now call on Speaker Adrienne Adams to close
23 today's Stated Meeting.

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Uh, before we close the meeting, I
25 definitely, too, want to acknowledge and uplift, um,

2 as former Council Member I. Daneek Miller used to
3 call him, the Great Joe Goldbloom. Uh, Joe was an
4 amazing man. He wanted the best for New York and all
5 New Yorkers and especially he loved southeast Queens
6 and loved so many of us that he took under his wings
7 for so many years. Joe is already missed, but he will
8 be sorely missed as we continue on our walk on this
9 journey. I've just been given word that, uh, his
10 services will be this Monday, the 18th, at 11:00 a.m.
11 We'll send the information to our Council membership.

12 Thank you all very much. The Stated Meeting of
13 July 14, 2022 is hereby adjourned.

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