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Thursday, October 19, 2023

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker
Keith Powers, Majority Leader

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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Diana I. Ayala
Charles Barron
Joseph C. Borelli
Erik D. Bottcher
Justin L. Brannan
Gale A. Brewer
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
Tiffany Cabán
David M. Carr
Carmen N. De La Rosa
Eric Dinowitz
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Jennifer Gutiérrez
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A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION - Delivered by: Rev Jacques DeGraff,
Citywide Clergy Leader, Choose Healthy Life
located at 205 East 42 Street, New York, N.Y.
10017

2 SERGEANT POLITE: [BACKGROUND NOISE] [INAUDIBLE]

3 October 19, 2023, Stated Meeting in the Chambers
4 being recorded by Keith Polite.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS:

6 [GAVELING IN]

7 Good afternoon, if everyone could take their
8 seats. Quiet down.

9 Welcome to the Stated Meeting of October 19,
10 2023. I am Majority Leader Keith Powers; I'd like to
11 thank everyone for joining us. If you would like to
12 follow along, the agenda for today's Stated Meeting
13 is posted on The City Council website.

14 CITY CLERK: Please join us for the Pledge of
15 Allegiance.

16 COUNCIL: [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Roll call.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: [ABSENT]

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presente

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you

25 Council Member Ayala?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: [ABSENT]

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Barron?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Here

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Carr?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: [NO RESPONSE]

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Farías?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: [NO RESPONSE]

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [NO RESPONSE]

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presente

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Carr?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Here

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Holden?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Here

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Here

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Kagan?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Present

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Lee?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Louis?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: [ABSENT]

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Marte?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Here

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Menin?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Present

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Moya?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Here

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Present

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Restler?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Present

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Richardson Jordon?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Here

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Riley?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Presente

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ung?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Velázquez?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: [NO RESPONSE]

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Here

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Williams?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'm here.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Won?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Present

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Here

25 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Speaker Adams?

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present

3 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, we will now
4 have today's invocation, which will be delivered by
5 Reverend Jacques DeGaff, Citywide Clergy Leader,
6 Choose Healthy Life located at 205 East 42nd Street,
7 New York, N.Y. 10017

8 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

9 REVEREND JACQUES DEGAFF: Get ready! Get ready!
10 For prayer is not an empty ritual, we believe in the
11 power of prayer, because prayer is how we got here.
12 O, lord our God, the god of Abraham, Isaac, and
13 Jacob, we come before your perfect throne of grace.
14 We come because you said that we could. We come
15 because you said that we should. We come as humbly
16 as we know how. We come at a time when conflicts and
17 the threat of wider conflicts darken the global
18 arising, when even the environment seems in peril by
19 our irresponsible actions across the planet. In New
20 York City, in these chambers today, we seek your
21 presence. As your creation's diverse metropolis, we
22 have another opportunity today to light the candle of
23 tolerance, faith, and progress. Let the words spoken
24 here and the actions taken today, become an example
25 of what unity looks like. Help us put aside our

1 differences and meet at the table of achievement.
2 Bless the leadership of this august body, and each
3 member, and the communities represented here. We
4 face many challenges from opioid deaths and gun
5 violence, and gun violence, to homelessness, and
6 despair. Father, won't you breathe your holy
7 presence on those assembled here, so that *today* we
8 may take steps that uplift and inspire. Each of us
9 has a light. Help us to become bigger than our
10 individual selves, in other words, in the words of
11 the old spiritual, this little light of mine, I'm
12 gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm
13 gonna let it shine. Help us today to shine so that
14 the world may see and say, "Well done, thy good and
15 faithful servants." When we answer this and do these
16 things, Father, we are convinced and convicted that
17 the best is yet to come. God bless you.

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, and thank you
20 for joining us here today. I want to say thank you
21 to the Reverend for an excellent kick off to our
22 meeting today. I am proud to host him in my
23 district, just right around the corner from my
24 district office in Midtown, and looking at his
25 resume, you are quite accomplished, my friend. We

2 are so grateful for having you join us - being the
3 co-chair. A graduate of Hunter College in my
4 district, NYU, New York Theological Seminary, and
5 Harvard Kennedy School of Government. That's quite a
6 resume, quite a pedigree, but your service to the
7 City as co-char of the New York Friends of Puerto
8 Rico, as being a Speaker at the United Nations, as
9 being a leader and an activist against gun violence,
10 being a recipient of the Social Justice Award for the
11 Jewish Community Relations Council in 2022, and much,
12 much more. I want to thank you for being here today
13 and for your service to my district and throughout
14 the entire City. With that, I want to make a motion
15 to spread the invocation on the record. I want to
16 thank you deeply for being here with us today.

17 We are now going to move over to the Adoption of
18 Minutes; I will call on Council Member Shahana Hanif.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: I make a motion that the
20 minutes of the Stated Meeting of September 28, 2023
21 be adopted as printed.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, we will move
23 to Messages and Papers from the Mayor.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Communications from City,
3 County and Borough Offices?

4 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Petitions and
6 Communications?

7 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Land Use Call-Ups?

9 COUNCIL CLERK: None

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We are going
11 to now hear from Speaker Adrienne Adams.

12 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority Leader...

13 [CROSS-TALK]

14 PROTESTOR: Point of Order, Speaker Adams, you
15 have [INAUDIBLE]...

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: [GAVELING]

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Please remove... Please remove
18 the disturbance, Security.

19 PROTESTOR: [CONTINUES SHOUTING AND PROTESTING]

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Please remove them from
21 the Chambers... [CROSS-TALK]

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Officers? Please remove the
23 disturbance from this chamber... [CROSS-TALK]

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Please remove... [CROSS-
25 TALK]

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: This house will be in order!

3 PROTESTOR(S): [CONTINUES SHOUTING]

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: This house will be in order!

5 PROTESTOR(S): [CONTINUES SHOUTING]

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: [GAVELING]

7 PROTESTOR(S): [CONTINUE SHOUTING]

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Please remove them from
9 the chamber, thank you.

10 PROTESTOR(S): [CONTINUE SHOUTING]

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Please clear the chamber
12 and upstairs of anybody who is here protesting and
13 screaming.

14 PROTESTOR(S): [CONTINUE SHOUTING]

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Okay, quiet in the
16 chamber, please, everyone, quiet. Quiet, please take
17 your seats. Thank you to the Sergeant At Arms.
18 Anybody who is protesting, we are going to ask to
19 have removed from the chamber and from upstairs as
20 well.

21 We will go back to our agenda. For the second
22 time, I will call on Speaker Adrienne Adams.

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you so much, Majority Leader
24 Powers.

2 Colleagues, welcome to the New York City Council,
3 you have been invited.

4 Good afternoon, everyone, I want to acknowledge
5 first, in the spirit of these chambers, the immense
6 grief we are holding individually and collectively in
7 response to the violence, trauma, and despair
8 engulfing the people of Israel and Palestine. The
9 targeted attacks on civilians in Israel by Hamas
10 nearly two weeks ago inflicted violence on thousands
11 in a devastating and horrific way. We urge and pray
12 for the safe return of kidnapped civilians back to
13 their loved ones.

14 As violence has now consumed the region, Israel's
15 airstrikes on Gaza have devastated neighborhoods and
16 killed and injured thousands of civilians.
17 Palestinian families have been separated and killed.
18 We know this from our own experience with emergency
19 evacuations, in times of crisis, those left behind
20 are people with the least means to evacuate - older
21 adults, sick people, poor people, and disabled
22 children and adults. Let's be clear, the horrors of
23 violence and war exact a tragic toll on human life.
24 Civilians, women, children, and elders, Palestinian,
25 Israeli, and those of other nationalities have lost

1 their lives, tearing apart families, and it is
2 horrific. We unequivocally condemn and mourn the
3 killing of all civilians and call for peace. This is
4 not about blame, it is about our humanity and the
5 right for all people to access safety. We must
6 acknowledge and hold space for the real fear and pain
7 that many New Yorkers, including our own members and
8 staff, are feeling, especially those with family and
9 loved ones in the region, as they watch these
10 traumatic events unfold for afar. Escalating violence
11 threatens to bring even more death and destruction
12 upon civilians. And in this moment, it is critical
13 that we recognize our shared humanity and collective
14 desire for peace. We must insist that peace is
15 possible and remain committed to working together
16 towards solutions that ensure the safety of all people.
17 *Everyone* deserves to live safely with dignity and,
18 *thankfully*, security. In a city as diverse as New
19 York City, there will always be wide ranging and
20 differing opinions. As elected officials who
21 represent New Yorkers from all walks of life, it is
22 incumbent upon us to restrain from rhetoric that can
23 lead to any New Yorker becoming or feeling less safe.
24 We have seen how unskillful rhetoric can lead
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2 directly to a cycle of fear and violence. With lives
3 at stake and emotions at an all-time high, we must
4 take a pause and weigh our words and actions
5 carefully, especially as *elected* leaders.

6 Hate crimes, which had already risen across the
7 nation, have been magnified in our city and other
8 parts of the country over the past few days. This
9 leaves all of us less safe. Our role as local
10 elected officials is to combat the issues that impact
11 the safety of our constituents. Especially in times
12 of crisis, our collective humanity *must* be our
13 lighthouse. As we navigate and trauma, we must allow
14 our shared desire for safety and preservation of life
15 to guide our way forward. As we express our views
16 here today this afternoon in these chambers, I urge
17 each of us to do so with empathy - and responsibly.
18 Passion is certainly welcomed and encouraged in this
19 body, but it is critical that we allow our compassion
20 to lead us and that we maintain decorum and respect
21 for each other. While we may not agree, we owe each
22 other civility and respect as members of one body, as
23 the New York City Council, representing our
24 constituents.

2 Today, is Spirit Day, which is the largest
3 campaign in the world to spread awareness about the
4 bullying and harassment faced by LGBTQIA+ youth, and
5 we wear purple today in honor of Spirit Day and for
6 Domestic Violence Awareness Month to show our
7 support. We stand with you today and always.

8 We have a few cultural days of significance to
9 acknowledge today: October 23rd is Hungarian Republic
10 Day; the 24th is Zambian Independence Day; and the
11 29th is Turkey's Republic Day. I wish all New
12 Yorkers who are observing a meaningful celebration.

13 October 31st is Halloween, and I hope all New
14 Yorkers enjoy the holiday whether you are trick or
15 treating with your family and friends, watching a
16 scary movie, or dressing up just for fun. Have fun
17 and make sure that you are safe.

18 I want to wish a Happy early Birthday to Council
19 Member Vickie Paladino, whose birthday is on the
20 28th, and Council Member Oswald Feliz, whose birthday
21 is on the 29th. Happy Birthday.

22 COUNCIL: [APPLAUSE]

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: And before we continue, I do want
24 to express my condolences to Council Member Francisco
25 Moya and his family on the passing of his beloved

2 father, Edgar Moya. I also send my regards to
3 Governor Kathy Hochul on the passing of her father
4 yesterday, may they rest in peace.

5 Now, let us move on to our Stated Agenda.
6 First, we will vote on the following Finance items:

7 Resolution 807, sponsored by Council Member
8 Justin Brannan, sets the date, time, and place for a
9 public hearing, and authorizes changes to the
10 assessment method for the Westchester Square Business
11 Improvement District.

12 Resolution 808, also sponsored by Council Member
13 Justin Brannan, setting of the date, time and place
14 for the hearing of the local law increasing the
15 annual expenditure for four business improvement
16 districts. We thank our staff member Michael Twomey.

17 We will also be voting on the following
18 appointments: Orlando Marin, City Planning
19 Commission; Lisa Breier Urban, Environmental Control
20 Board; Bennett Minko, Tax Commission; John Heesemann,
21 Tax Commission; and Gary Bristol, Tax Commission.

22 Next we will be voting on the following Land Use
23 items:

24 Livonia4 Technical Correction, to amend Council
25 Resolution 433 for the year 2022 related to an Urban

2 Development Action Area Project. The amendment will
3 clarify the 17 lots subject to the UDAAP and the
4 UDAAP approvals disposition of the City owned
5 property approval and one additional lot in Council
6 Member Barron's district.

7 Six landmark designations that celebrate the rich
8 cultural history of our city:

9 The Bronx Opera House was built as a theater and
10 restaurant around 1913 and served as an entertainment
11 center for more than six decades featuring Broadway
12 acts and many other performances in Speaker Ayala's
13 district. In the 1950's the Bronx Opera House became
14 home to a series of nightclubs and was an important
15 place of social gathering and expression of Latin
16 culture.

17 And 935 St. Nicholas Avenue Building Neo Gothic
18 Revival style brick limestone and terracotta
19 apartment building built in 1915, in Council Member
20 Abreu's district. The apartment building was home to
21 Edward Kennedy Duke Ellington and Noble Lee Sissle,
22 two pioneers of jazz music who were among the most
23 prolific composers, musicians, and bandleaders in
24 American history.

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2 Hotel Cecil & Minton's Playhouse Building, is an
3 example of the Renaissance Revival Style built in
4 late 1895 in Council Member Richardson Jordan's
5 district. It operated as a residential hotel, and it
6 was eventually listed in consecutive editions of the
7 Negro Motorist Green Book, a popular guide that
8 identified businesses that were friendly to Black
9 travelers, from 1941 to 1961. This Harlem nightclub
10 is recognized in many jazz histories as the
11 birthplace or cradle of bebop in the 1940's - John
12 Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie residence, a three-family
13 building in the Colonial Revival Style with simple
14 facades of patterned red brick with cast-stone
15 keystones and cartouches in Council Member Moya's
16 district. Dizzy and his wife Lorraine owned the
17 building until the mid-1980's.

18 Fire Alarm Telegraph Bureau, Bronx Central Office
19 is one of four dedicated borough offices constructed
20 in the early 20th century after the FDNY
21 decentralized its fire alarm telegraph operations in
22 Council Member Feliz's district.

23 And Firehouse, Engine Company 88/Ladder Company
24 38, also in Council Member Feliz's district, is
25 unique among firehouses for its Prairie Style

1 influence, and has served the Bronx for 115 years,
2 including through the epidemic of arson that overtook
3 portions of the Bronx in the 1960's and 70's, and it
4 has played an important role in protecting the
5 neighborhood.
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7 Today we will vote on the following resolutions:

8 Resolution 581-A, sponsored by Council Member
9 Eric Dinowitz, a resolution to recognize November as
10 Veteran Appreciation Month in New York City. We thank
11 our staff members Anastassia Zimina and David Romero.

12 Resolution 422, sponsored by, Council Member
13 Vickie Paladino, is a resolution calling upon the New
14 York City Department of Education to expand career-
15 connected learning programs and opportunities at all
16 public high schools. Thank you to our staff members
17 Declan McPherson and Jan Atwell.

18 Resolution 88, sponsored by Council Member Ari
19 Kagan, is a resolution calling upon the New York
20 State Legislature and U.S. Department of Housing &
21 Urban Development to take strong action and increase
22 NYCHA accountability by auditing the responsiveness
23 of NYCHA managers to tenants. Thank you to our staff
24 members Charles Kim, Ricky Chawla, Conner Mealey,
25 and Jose Conde.

1 Resolution 459-A, sponsored by Council Member
2 Amanda Fariás, is a resolution calling upon the New
3 York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to
4 sign, legislation prohibiting municipalities from
5 requiring all employers to check prospective
6 employees' work authorization status by using the
7 federal electronic verification system (E-Verify) and
8 prohibiting employers from checking the employment
9 authorization status of an existing employee or an
10 applicant who has not been offered employment. Thank
11 you to staff members Natalie Meltzer and Rebecca
12 Barilla.
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14 Today we will also vote on the following pieces
15 of legislation:

16 Introduction 102-A, sponsored by Council Member
17 Justin Brannan, this bill would require the
18 Department of Environmental Protection to publish the
19 location of every green roof in the City on the Green
20 Infrastructure Program map, or another map on the
21 department's website, using the best information
22 available. The map would include certain information
23 about each green roof including the type of building,
24 the area of the roof, and the area covered by the
25 green roof system, the capacity of the green roof to

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2 absorb water, and the function or functions of the
3 green roof. Thank you to our staff members Samara
4 Swanston, Clare McLaughlin, Ricky Chawla, and Andrew
5 Bourne.

6 Introduction 1084-A, sponsored by Council Member
7 Mercedes Narcisse, this bill would require the
8 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to include in
9 its training on trauma-informed care appropriate
10 information on refugee, asylee, asylum seeker, and
11 migrant experiences. It would also require DOHMH to
12 determine which of those serving refugees, asylees,
13 asylum seekers, and migrants, should be offered the
14 training and offer it to them. Thank you to our staff
15 members Julia Goldsmith-Pinkham, Jayasri Ganapathy,
16 Nicole Catá, Rebecca Barilla, Sara Sucher, and Aminta
17 Kilawan.

18 Introduction 790-B, sponsored by Council Member
19 Gale Brewer, would amend Local Law 35 of 2014 to add
20 documentation and verifications to the list of
21 acceptable documents for proof of identity needed to
22 apply for an IDNYC card. Applicants for IDNYC would
23 be able to provide certain documents issued by
24 federal immigration authorities, electronic
25 verification through The Department of Correction,

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2 and a Released Offender Identification Card issued by
3 the New York State Department of Correction and
4 Community Supervision. This bill would also amend
5 the list of documents accepted for proof of residency
6 to include written verification from emergency
7 housing deemed appropriate by the agency. This is
8 intended to enshrine the agency's acceptance of
9 residency documents received from HERC and respite
10 center providers that can be verified. Thank you
11 once again to our staff members Jayasri Ganapathy,
12 Erica Cohen, David Seitzer, Rachel Cordero, and Ross
13 Goldstein.

14 Introduction 1119-A, sponsored by Majority Whip
15 Selvena Brooks-Powers, would require the Department
16 of Health and Mental Hygiene to report annually on
17 drowning deaths that occur in the city. The report
18 would include the location and facility type at which
19 the drowning death occurred, the manner in which the
20 drowning death occurred, the age group and gender
21 identity of the decedent, the race and ethnicity of
22 the decedent, whether the decedent had a physical,
23 medical, mental, or psychological impairment; and
24 whether alcohol, drugs, or prescription medication

1 was a contributing factor. Thank you to our staff
2 member Sara Sucher.

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4 Introduction 1026-A, sponsored by Council Member
5 Sandra Ung, would require an agency or office
6 designated by the Mayor to prepare a report examining
7 options for the potential construction of a bus
8 transit center in or around Flushing, Queens to
9 enable passengers to get on or off busses without
10 impeding the surrounding streets or sidewalks. The
11 report would also estimate the projected costs
12 associated with the construction of such bus transit
13 center, how bus routes may be redesigned to arrive at
14 the transit center, and projected local benefits. The
15 designated agency or office would be required to
16 submit a report to the Council, the Mayor, and post
17 it on its website. Thank you to our staff members
18 Mark Chen, John Basile, Kevin Kotowski, and Yazmine
19 Nichols (phonetic).

20 Introduction 712-A, sponsored by Council Member
21 Erik Bottcher, would require the Department of
22 Transportation (DOT) to report on motor vehicles with
23 license plates that are unreadable by red light
24 cameras or school speed cameras. The report would
25 include information on the days and times of day when

2 the license plates could not be read, the community
3 districts where they could not be read, and the
4 reason the license plate could not be read. Thank you
5 to our staff members Mark Chen, John Basile, and
6 Kevin Kotowski.

7 Introduction 1164-A, sponsored by Majority Whip
8 Selvena Brooks-Powers, would require the Department
9 of Transportation (DOT) to promote equity in
10 infrastructure investment as part of its master plan,
11 and include an investment roadmap. DOT would report,
12 for each neighborhood: the level of investment in
13 safety-enhancing street infrastructure, and other
14 types of street infrastructure, made in the past 15
15 years, the incidence rate of collisions that result
16 in significant injuries, the demographics of the
17 neighborhood, whether the neighborhood is considered
18 underserved, and if the neighborhood has received low
19 investment but is not considered underserved, the
20 factors that DOT considered in reaching that
21 conclusion. Thank you to our staff members, Mark
22 Chen, John Basile, and Kevin Kotowski.

23 Now, I turn it back over to the Majority Leader.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Speaker Adams.
3 We will now move into the Discussion of General
4 Orders. We will begin with Council Member Narcisse.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I am Council Member
6 Mercedes Narcisse, and as a nurse, health care is my
7 top priority. Today I am proud to sponsor
8 Introduction 1084-A, a bill designed to make New York
9 City a more compassionate place for those seeking
10 refuge and asylum within our borders. In health
11 care, we understand the profound impact of trauma on
12 an individual's well-being. Healing isn't just about
13 addressing physical wounds, it is about recognizing
14 the emotional scars that trauma can leave behind.
15 Introduction 1084-A aims to provide training in
16 trauma-informed care for those serving refugees,
17 asylees, asylum seekers, and migrants in our city.
18 This bill isn't about more compliance, it is about
19 equipping our service providers with the knowledge to
20 offer compassionate care. By understanding trauma
21 signs, behaviors, and principles we can provide
22 better care for those who need it most. Regardless
23 of one's stance on immigration policy and the migrant
24 issue, I hope we can all agree that addressing basic
25 health care needs for those who have faced adversity

1 is the right thing to do. I want to thank my
2 colleagues, health care professionals, and the
3 community organizations for their hard work,
4 especially the staff here who help us draft bills.
5 So, thank you all, and I urge my fellow council
6 members to support Introduction 1084-A. Let us stand
7 together for a brighter, healthier, and more
8 compassionate future for New York City, thank you
9 all.
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11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

12 We will now hear from Council Member Brewer,
13 followed by Council Member Brooks-Powers.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much. I am
15 talking about Introduction 790-B, which is a bill to
16 expand the list of acceptable documents to obtain an
17 IDNYC card. I think you know that the Council and
18 the Mayor created the IDNYC in 2014 to give all of us
19 residents the opportunity to obtain a government
20 issued photo identification card. And in 2014, the
21 law specified the types of documents an applicant
22 could use to demonstrate proof of identity and, of
23 course, residency. The law also states that the
24 administering agency, which is the Human Resources
25 Administration, may accept any other documentation

1 that the agency deems acceptable. But, the decision
2 to deem a document acceptable falls on individual HRA
3 employees, who are understaffed and overworked, and
4 they have to process these applications. And I have
5 heard from the workers at HERCs and at the shelters
6 that it is the luck of the draw. Sometimes documents
7 issued by the federal immigration authorities are
8 accepted as identity, sometimes not, sometimes
9 letters from HERCs are accepted proof of residency,
10 not always. So, this bill would make it clear to
11 expand the list of acceptable documents from the U.S.
12 Department of Homeland Security, from The Department
13 of Correction and Incarcerated Individual Lockup
14 System, and, third, a Released Offender I.D. card
15 from the State Department of Correction -- and that
16 is most challenging, written verification from
17 emergency housing that receives city funding. And I
18 want to make it clear that as we do the 30 and the
19 60-day changes of location, the City should realize
20 that this is going to become much more challenging,
21 but all of these will be expanded in this law. Thank
22 you very much.

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Council Member
25 Brewer.

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2 We will now go to Council Member Brooks-Powers,
3 followed by Council Member Bottcher.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you, and
5 Happy Domestic Violence Awareness Month as well as
6 Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

7 I am proud to sponsor two bills up for vote today
8 that will advance equity citywide in our city's
9 waters and on its streets.

10 First, is Introduction 1119, which seeks to
11 address a public health issue affecting every
12 community in this city - drowning. Drowning is the
13 number one killer of young children nationwide. And
14 data from the CDC shows that children of color are
15 especially vulnerable to drowning. This legislation
16 will require DOHMH to report annually and publicly on
17 drownings in the City. The report will include the
18 location of each drowning, the demographics of the
19 victim, and additional information about the
20 circumstances of the incident. This specific
21 reporting will empower policy makers and advocates to
22 develop more effective programs and policies to
23 address drowning.

24 Second is Introduction 1164, which will create an
25 investment roadmap within the City Streets Plan Law

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2 to help ensure DOT is making equitable infrastructure
3 investments throughout the City. So many communities
4 - outer borough communities, low income communities,
5 communities of color, have not received their fair
6 share of the City's street infrastructure
7 investments. It is crucial that the City regularly
8 take stock of this legacy and work to address it.
9 This legislation would require DOT to identify
10 underserved neighborhoods with a high need of
11 additional infrastructure and to set out the future
12 investments in these neighborhoods necessary to
13 ensure that they are no longer underserved.

14 I thank my colleagues for their partnership and
15 the Speaker for her leadership on these important
16 issues. This council will continue to work to ensure
17 that every New Yorker is empowered to swim safely in
18 the City's water, and to make [TIMER CHIMES] it more
19 equitable with life saving investments in our city's
20 streets and safety infrastructure.

21 I would also like to thank all of the bill
22 drafters that took part in putting this together,
23 thank you.

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

25 We will now hear from Council Member Bottcher.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Thank you so much. I am
2 speaking today about Introduction 712, which is
3 intended to address the issue of obscured license
4 plates in New York City. I has been a growing
5 problem in recent years. We have all seen it - cars
6 driving around with obscured license plates, devices
7 that they have purchased on Amazon, they oftentimes
8 just peel up the license plate, put a piece of paper
9 or print out their own license plate. It has been a
10 growing problem. It is already against the law. But
11 we don't have a full understanding of the issue or
12 whether or not progress is being made to address it.

14 Introduction 712 will require The Department of
15 Transportation to quarterly post all of the data from
16 its photo violation monitoring systems with respect
17 to unreadable license plates - how many vehicles were
18 captured by the photo monitoring violation systems
19 that cannot be read, what community districts they
20 were located in, what time of day and what days, and
21 the reason that the license plate could not be read.
22 Previously this data could only be obtained via
23 FOIL Request. This will make it publicly available to
24 journalists and advocates to help us make more
25 progress on this important issue.

2 I want to thank the Speaker, and everyone at the
3 Council, and the Council staff for helping to make
4 this bill a reality. Thanks so much.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

6 Do we have anyone else signed up to speak?

7 Seeing none, we will now move into Reports of
8 Special Committees.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Reports of Standing
11 Committees?

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
13 Environmental Protection, Resiliency and Waterfronts
14 Introduction 102-A, green roofs?

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
16 Orders.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
18 Finance, Resolutions 807 and 808, Business
19 Improvement Districts?

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
22 Governmental Operations, Introduction 790-B, New York
23 City Identity Card?

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
25 Orders.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on Health,
3 Introduction 1119-A, report on drowning deaths?

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

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
7 Immigration, Introduction 1084-A, training on trauma-
8 informed care?

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

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land
12 Use, LU 263 South Richmond Zoning Relief?

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with Modifications and
14 Referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to
15 Section 197-(d) of the New York City Charter.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 267 and Resolution 821 through
17 LU 272 and Resolution 826, various landmark
18 designations?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: LUs 275 and 276, 703 Myrtle Avenue
21 Rezoning?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with Modifications and
23 Referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to
24 Section 197-(d) of the New York City Charter.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered LU 280 and
3 Resolution 827, Livonia4 Technical Correction?

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on Rules,
6 Privileges and Elections, M 175 and Resolution 828,
7 approving the appointment of John Heesemann, Tax
8 Commission?

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: M 176 and Resolution 829,
11 approving the appointment of Bennett Minko, Tax
12 Commission?

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: M 177 and Resolution 830,
15 approving the appointment of Gary L. Bristol, Tax
16 Commission?

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: M 178 and Resolution 831,
19 approving the appointment of Lisa Urban,
20 Environmental Control Board?

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: M 179 and Resolution 832,
23 approving the appointment of Orlando Marin, Planning
24 Commission?

25 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
3 Transportation and Infrastructure, Introduction 712-
4 A, unreadable license plates?

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

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Introduction 1026-A, bus transit
8 center?

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

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Introduction 1164-A, streets
12 master plan?

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
14 Orders.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: On the General Orders Calendar,
16 Resolution appointing various persons Commissioner of
17 Deeds?

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

19 I now ask that the clerk take a roll call vote on
20 all of the items coupled on today's General Orders
21 Calendar.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Moya?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

25 Council Member Rafael Salamanca?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: [ABSENT]

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: [ABSENT]

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Barron?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [NO RESPONSE]

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

17 Council Member BRANNAN?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Permission to

23 explain my vote?

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I want to
3 congratulate all of my colleagues for the passage of
4 their bills today. And I want to highlight the
5 importance of Council Member Bottcher's bill,
6 Introduction 712, that will require reporting on
7 unreadable license plates by The Department of
8 Transportation. This is an issue we have held
9 oversight hearings on in my committee. These so-
10 called ghost plates allow some to drive unrecognized
11 by the cameras. It gives these people license to
12 drive recklessly and dodge enforcement of the rules
13 that we all must follow. That means more toll
14 evasion, more speeding, or worse. This is a street
15 safety issue, and one that we need to address. So,
16 again, I want to thank Council Member Bottcher for
17 his work on this legislation. And with that, I vote
18 aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye on all.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Carr?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: No on Introduction 790-B and
23 1164-A, and aye on the rest.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

25 Council Member De La Rosa?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Farías?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye on all.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

18 Council Member Holden?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all except for

20 Introductions 790 and 1164-A, which I vote no.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

22 Council Member Hudson?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

3 Council Member Kagan?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Aye on all, except
5 Introductions 790 and 1164-A.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

7 Council Member Krishnan?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Lee?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Louis?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: [ABSENT]

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Marte?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: May I explain my vote?

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Thank you. I just want to
19 commend my colleague, Council Member Brooks-Powers,
20 on her legislation, Introduction 1119-A, in regards
21 to it is almost like a phantom (sic) that Blacks...
22 well, that Blacks do not know how to swim. I just
23 want to thank her for putting this great legislation
24 in, because I, for myself, I learned how to swim, and
25 four months later, the family went on vacation and I

2 saved my brother's life from drowning. So, I thank
3 her for passing this legislation and putting it
4 forward. And I vote aye on all.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

6 Council Member Menin?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye on all.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye on all.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye on all except for
16 Introduction 1164-A and Introduction 790-B for which
17 I vote no.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

19 Council Member Restler?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Richardson
22 Jordon?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: [NO RESPONSE]

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Riley?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye on all.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

5 Council Member Sanchez?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all, and if may,
9 I just want to welcome The Forest Hills Jewish
10 Center, I have Rabbi Graber from my district and the
11 congregants here today, thank you.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

13 Council Member Stevens?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ung?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Velázquez?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: Aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vernikov?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all except no on
21 Introduction 790 and Introduction 1164-A.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

23 Council Member Williams?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Won?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Yeger?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all, with the

5 exception of Introductions 790, 1164, and Resolutions

6 807 and 808, thank you

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

8 Council Member Borelli?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: [NO RESPONSE]

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: [NO RESPONSE]

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers?

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Adams?

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye on all.

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All items on today's

17 General Orders Calendar are adopted by a vote of 45

18 in the affirmative, 0 negative, and 0 abstentions,

19 with the exception of Introduction 790-B adopted by a

20 vote 39 in the affirmative, 6 negative, and 0

21 abstentions; Introduction 1164-A adopted by a vote of

22 39 in the affirmative, 6 negative, and 0 abstentions;

23 and Resolutions 807 and 808, adopted by a vote of 44

24 in the affirmative, one negative, and 0 abstentions.

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1 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We will now move into the
2 Introduction and Reading of Bills.

3 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been referred to
4 committees as indicated on today's agenda.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

6 We will now move into the Discussion of
7 Resolutions. I will begin with Council Member
8 Paladino.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Good afternoon,
10 everybody, and thank you for supporting Resolution
11 422. This is clearly a bipartisan effort with
12 support from both sides of the aisle. Expanding
13 career-connected learning and offering vocational
14 opportunities to all high school students opens the
15 door to opportunities they may never have considered
16 otherwise. High paying, skilled-base careers are in
17 demand. We need a new generation of good carpenters,
18 electricians, plumbers, mechanics, and more. Our
19 city was built on skilled labor and we cannot build a
20 future without it. Some do not realize their talents
21 unless they are given the opportunity to explore
22 them. A student who may be discouraged by math, for
23 example, may find that he or she excels in math
24 through related hands on vocational learning, such as
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2 carpentry. I am so excited to continue working to
3 ensure that our students are prepared for productive
4 and rewarding futures. Thank you all once again.

5 [TIMER CHIMES]

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, we will now go
7 to Council Member Kagan.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Thank you. For decades
9 550,000 NYCHA tenants have complained about the lack
10 of heat and hot water, especially during the
11 wintertime; about mold in their apartments; about
12 nonworking elevators; and many other issues that were
13 ignored or they hear only excuses from their property
14 managers, and sometimes they do not even get an
15 answer of when the inspection will come, nobody
16 replies to their phone calls or emails. So, I
17 believe today we are making the very first important
18 step to change this practice. And I am very grateful
19 to my colleagues for supporting this resolution 68,
20 calling upon the New York State Legislature and U.S.
21 Department of Housing and Urban Development to take
22 strong action and increase NYCHA accountability by
23 auditing the responsiveness of NYCHA managers to
24 tenants.

2 I would like to thank our Speaker as well as
3 Alexa Avilés, Chair of the Public Housing Committee,
4 my staff, and especially Legislation Director, Ather
5 Tirmizi, for making this happen. I believe it's very
6 important [TIMER CHIMES], it is the first step, but
7 it is an important step, thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

9 We will now go to Council Member Farías, followed
10 by Council Member Dinowitz.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Thank you. Majority
12 Leader.

13 Each and every day people come to New York City
14 in pursuit of a better life for themselves and the
15 next generation of their family. Thousands of our
16 newest neighbors are not only fleeing persecution and
17 violence but also a lack of economic opportunity.
18 Finding good and stable work is an essential part of
19 that journey, and currently the Federal Election
20 Verification System is impeding that process for
21 thousands. Without the ability to move forward with
22 needed work authorizations, asylum seekers are forced
23 to look for work in unregulated economies that leaves
24 them vulnerable to coercion, wage theft, and
25 undermines our local businesses and revenue.

1 My bill is calling upon the New York State
2 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, A.568,
3 introduced by neighbor, Assemblymember Kenny Burgos,
4 and S.1802, introduced by State Senator Jessica
5 Ramos, to prohibit municipalities from requiring
6 employers to use E-Verify, and prohibit employers
7 from using it to check the status of an existing
8 employee or an applicant who has not yet been offered
9 employment.
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11 It is essential that all levels of government are
12 working together to support the needs of our newest
13 arrivals and the economic health of our city. This
14 is what our city council is focused on, and I hope
15 our governor, federal, and state colleagues will,
16 too. And I encourage all of my colleagues to vote
17 aye.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

19 We will now hear from Council Member Dinowitz.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Thank you. Uh, today we
21 are considering my Resolution 581, which establishes
22 the month of November as Veteran Appreciation Month
23 in New York City.

24 I am very grateful every day for the sacrifices
25 of our men and women in uniform and their families.

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2 To honor these brave men and women is especially
3 important in times like today, when our everyday
4 lives are overshadowed by the looming threats of
5 violence abroad. It is also in these moments that I
6 look further back and remember the veterans of our
7 city who fought in World II against tyranny, those
8 who protected democracy in the Korean War, or as
9 stated in this resolution, those defending American
10 values and interests from Bunker Hill to Baghdad. It
11 is because of their service that we all have the
12 privilege to meet here today. In this same breath,
13 we must also acknowledge the ways in which our city
14 and nation have failed our many veterans. Chronic
15 veteran homelessness, despite being reduced by 90
16 percent since 2011, still pervades our streets. Many
17 veterans suffer from untreated mental and physical
18 health issues related to their fighting. And over
19 one million of our country's veterans struggle with
20 substance abuse. This is an opportunity to honor
21 veterans not only for what they did for us while in
22 service, but also for sacrificing so many facets of
23 their livelihoods for the sake of ours. I urge
24 everyone support this resolution, and extend a thank
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2 you to the brave men and women who serve our country
3 with such pride and distinction.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

5 Council Member Mealy, did you have your hand up
6 for Resolutions?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Yes. I just want to take
8 this opportunity to commend my colleague, Council
9 Member Kagan, on the common sense legislation,
10 Resolution 68, that the New York State Comptroller
11 will be auditing NYCHA to make sure that they
12 sufficiently investigate and close cases to make sure
13 that when they say they have fixed the problem, it is
14 really fixed. And it is sad that, to this day, they
15 never had anyone to really investigate whether or not
16 a housing case is closed or not. So, I want to thank
17 them for that legislation.

18 I also want to thank Council for being at the
19 train station today to make sure that the community
20 knows that domestic violence is here. Seniors are
21 being abused. Young people are being abused with
22 texting and sexting. I was honored to have met
23 council members at the train stations with me this
24 morning to let people know. [TIMER CHIMES] And
25 remember, love should never hurt. Thank you.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Is there
3 anyone else to speak on today's resolutions?

4 Okay, I am going to move into the Reading of
5 Resolutions.

6 We will now have a voice vote on today's
7 resolutions. If you wish to vote against or abstain
8 from any of today's resolutions, please notify the
9 Legislative Documents Unit by email or by approaching
10 the dais.

11 I will now read today's resolutions into the
12 record.

13 Resolution 68, calling upon the New York State
14 Legislature and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
15 Development to take strong action and increase NYCHA
16 accountability by auditing the responsiveness of
17 NYCHA managers to tenants.

18 Will all those in favor please say aye?

19 ALL: Aye

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay?

21 ALL: [SILENCE]

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

23 ALL: [SILENCE]

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

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2 Resolution 422, calling upon the New York City
3 Department of Education to expand career-connected
4 learning programs and opportunities at all public
5 high schools.

6 Will all those in favor, please say aye?

7 ALL: Aye

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay?

9 ALL: [SILENCE]

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

11 ALL: [SILENCE]

12 The ayes have it.

13 Resolution 459-A, calling upon the New York State
14 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,
15 A.568/S.1802 prohibiting municipalities from
16 requiring all employers to check prospective
17 employees' work authorization status by using the
18 federal electronic verification system and
19 prohibiting employers from checking the employment
20 authorization status of an existing employee or an
21 applicant who has not been offered employment.

22 Will all those in favor say aye?

23 ALL: [SILENCE]

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Will all those in favor,
25 please say aye?

1 ALL: Aye

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All oppose say nay?

3 ALL: [SILENCE]

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

5 ALL: [SILENCE]

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

7 Resolution 581-A, a resolution to recognize
8 November as Veteran Appreciation Month in New York
9 City.
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11 Will all those in favor, please say aye?

12 ALL: Aye.

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay?

14 ALL: [SILENCE]

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

16 ALL: [SILENCE]

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

18 We will now move into General Discussions. We
19 will begin with Council Member Fariás... Oh, sorry,
20 we have Council Member Barron?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Yes, I had to leave to
22 make sure that nothing escalated, I wanted to keep
23 the peace outside to make sure it didn't get worse.
24 So, I am requesting unanimous consent to vote on all
25 General Order items on the calendar?

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Okay, thank you. Does
3 Council Member Barron have unanimous consent?

4 CM WILLIAMS: No. [INAUDIBLE]

5 CLERK: They made an objection.

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Is there an objection?

7 CM WILLIAMS: You were not [INAUDIBLE]

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Okay, no debate. Council
9 Member Barron, the motion fails.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: This is a damn shame. You
11 know, it really is. Here I am trying to keep the
12 peace, and you are going to object my right to even
13 vote. And I know you [INAUDIBLE]... [CROSS-TALK]

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member...

15 [CROSS-TALK]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [INAUDIBLE] to move on...

17 [CROSS-TALK]

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member...

19 Council Member, there is no discussion or debate...

20 [CROSS-TALK]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Well, there's gonna be a
22 discussion...

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I appreciate it...

24 [CROSS-TALK]

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: This is ridiculous...

3 [CROSS-TALK]

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Colleague did not
5 offer... [CROSS-TALK]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: It's ridiculous.

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: the opportunity, so...

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: And all of you sit here
9 and let this stuff happen. This is... [CROSS-TALK]

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Council
11 Member... [CROSS-TALK]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: It's gonna happen to you
13 one day...

14 UNKNOWN: [INAUDIBLE]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: One day it's gonna happen
16 to you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We are going to now move
18 on to General Discussion... [CROSS-TALK]

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I... I...

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: which we were about to
21 move into... [CROSS-TALK]

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: You don't want somebody to
23 vote. I'm trying to keep... [CROSS-TALK]

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2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Unfortunately the motion
3 failed. We will now go to Council Member Farías...

4 [CROSS-TALK]

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: the peace, and they don't
6 want me to vote...

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: in General Discussions.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: What kind of stuff is
9 this? And you all sit just there and let this stuff
10 happen. It's gonna happen to ya'll...

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: [GAVELING]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: one day.

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: [GAVELING] Council
14 Member... [CROSS-TALK]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: You can bang all you
16 want...

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member Farías...

18 [CROSS-TALK]

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I don't respect the body
20 that is not... [CROSS-TALK]

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: is up for General
22 Discussions... [CROSS-TALK]

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: respecting me.

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member Farías?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: This is ridiculous. Gonna
3 tell me I can't vote. My people voted me in to vote,
4 and I go to... [CROSS-TALK]

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member...
6 [CROSS-TALK]

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: bring some peace and...
8 [CROSS-TALK]

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member...
10 [CROSS-TALK]

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: and, then you gonna tell
12 me I can't... [CROSS-TALK]

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: You have had your
14 opportunity to speak... [CROSS-TALK]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: even vote... [CROSS-TALK]

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: You missed the vote. A
17 colleague did not... [CROSS-TALK]

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: on the items?

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: offer unanimous
20 consent... [CROSS-TALK]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: This is ridiculous.

22 UNKNOWN: [INAUDIBLE] you were not here
23 [INAUDIBLE]... [CROSS-TALK]

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: This is ridiculous.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Enough. Enough. Council
3 Member Farías?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [INAUDIBLE]... [CROSS-
5 TALK]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Thank you, Majority
7 Leader... [CROSS-TALK]

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: one person says no...
9 [CROSS-TALK]

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: These are rules that we
11 are following through, so... [CROSS-TALK]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: and you can't vote...
13 [CROSS-TALK]

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: thank you for giving me a
15 moment. Today I am introducing an important
16 resolution to honor the bravery and service of the
17 Borinqueneers - a full Puerto Rican auxiliary that
18 served in the U.S. Army's 65th Infantry Regiment
19 during the Koren War. During their service in Korea,
20 the men of the 65th Infantry won four distinguished
21 service crosses and a 125 silver stars. The
22 Borinqueneers were also awarded the Presidential,
23 Meritorious Unit Commendations, two Korean
24 Presidential Unit Citations, and the Greece Gold
25 Medal... [CROSS-TALK]

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [INAUDIBLE] I don't care
3 [INAUDIBLE]... [CROSS-TALK]

4 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: for Bravery.

5 Resolution 813 would recognize April 13th
6 annually as Borinqueneers Day in the City of New York
7 in honor of the courage and contributions of the U.S.
8 Army's 65th Infantry Regiment and their lasting
9 legacy.

10 Thank you to cosponsors Council Member Ayala,
11 Council Member Holden, Council Member Salamanca,
12 Council Member Velázquez, Council Member Won, and
13 Council Member Lee, Council Member Rivera, Council
14 Member Stevens, and Council Member Avilés. I hope
15 you all will consider signing on.

16 Finally, thank you to our Women's Caucus Members
17 for wearing... and all members of this body - today
18 for wearing all shades of purple in support of New
19 York City's Go Purple Day, and in support of
20 survivors of domestic violence, and for kindly,
21 earlier today, meeting Honorary Dog Mayor, Sally Long
22 Dog, to promote adopting dogs from our overburdened
23 shelters. Please adopt, don't shop.

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

25 We will now go to Council Member Hanif.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you, Majority Leader.

Every corner of this city has been affected by the ongoing violence in southern Israel and Gaza. To date, well over 3,000 civilians, both Israeli and Palestinian, have died in the worst instance of violence in the region since the creation of the state of Israel nearly 75 years ago. Like many of you, I have spent time with my Jewish, Palestinian, and Muslim constituents comforting those who have lost loved ones, and praying with many for peace. Every corner of this city is in pain. Every corner is grieving in some way.

As New York City elected officials, it is incumbent upon us to protect our constituents from the rising wave of hate crimes across this country.

As our government fans the flames of war, rather than advocate for a ceasefire, Muslims, Jews, and many others are falling victim to this violence.

Just a few days ago, a six-year-old Palestinian boy, Wadea Al-Fayoume, was stabbed to death in a fit of Islamophobic rage in Chicago. Here in New York City, a 19-year-old Sikh man was also brutally attacked on a bus this week, while a Jewish woman was punched in the face on the subway.

2 While our Jewish and Muslim neighbors fear for
3 their loved ones thousands of miles away, now they
4 also fear for their safety here at home.

5 I join the calls of so many Jewish and Muslim
6 organizations to demand a ceasefire in Israel and
7 Gaza, thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

9 We will now hear from Council Member Yeger.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you, Mr. President.

11 I have spoken about this before in the floor.
12 The violence that takes place in that part of the
13 world didn't start 75 years ago. But, that's okay if
14 we want to both sides-ism it. If we want to attempt
15 to justify it, and if we want to stop military from
16 taking out a terrorist organization with a ceasefire.
17 I find it fascinating that the people who call for
18 ceasefires here and in Washington never called for a
19 ceasefire when Hamas was dropping missiles daily on
20 Israeli civilians. People lying in their beds at
21 6:30 in the morning were attacked, slaughtered,
22 raped, brutalized. Women shot in their head, stomach
23 cut open, her unborn baby stabbed to death. That's
24 what we're talking about. It's not going to be
25 another holocaust for a lot of reasons, because good

2 people in places like this council, many of you,
3 stood up and said something. And in the congress
4 there is near unanimous support for the Jewish people
5 with the exception of the congressional " Hamas
6 Squad". And all across the world people are standing
7 up. And unlike during the holocaust, Jewish people
8 have a defense force. And that wasn't there then.

9 [SPEAKING IN HEBREW] [TIMER CHIMES]... [CROSS-TALK]

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member...

11 [CROSS-TALK]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: [CONTINUES SPEAKING IN
13 HEBREW] Thank you.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Council
15 Member...

16 UNKNOWN: [INAUDIBLE]... [CROSS-TALK]

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Sir, you can't speak
18 here. He's leaving.

19 UNKNOWN: [INAUDIBLE]

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We will let him... give
21 him an opportunity to exit.

22 We will now go to Council Member Kevin Riley.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Okay, thank you, Majority
24 Leader. Good afternoon, colleagues, Speaker Adams,
25 I am here today to ask for your support on four

1 important bills being introduced today, Resolution
2 817, Introduction 1231, Resolution 819, and
3 Introduction 1222.
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5 Resolution 817 is a resolution calling on the New
6 York State Legislature to pass, and the New York
7 State Governor to sign, legislation, which would
8 create unlimited transfers within the two-hour period
9 of paying the Metropolitan Transportation Authority
10 subway or bus fare for pay-per-ride users. As we
11 know, the current transfer system allows riders a
12 one-time transfer for connecting to a additional bus
13 or train. Daily commuters who use the MTA have a
14 complex trip that requires several transfers for
15 their basic needs, like attending school, medical
16 appointments, and shopping for groceries. Complex
17 trips result in expensive commutes. And to ensure
18 that all New Yorkers are able to fairly ride the MTA,
19 we must fix the disparities created by the current
20 transfer policy.

21 In turn, Resolution 817 would generate greater
22 rider usage, funding more investments to our MTA
23 transit system in need of capital improvements.

24 In addition, I would like to ask my colleagues to
25 support 1231, cosponsored with Council Member

1 Nantasha Williams, which is a bill that addresses the
2 quality of life concerns created by unlicensed tire
3 shops. By requiring tire shops to obtain a two year
4 license through the Department of Consumer and Worker
5 Protection, this bill aims to ensure that there are
6 operating responsibly, reducing disruption in
7 productivity caused by annual renewal requirements.

8 I am also asking my colleagues to support
9 Introduction 1222, with Council Member De La Rosa,
10 which would authorize the Department of Citywide
11 Administrative Services (DCAS) to waive the civil
12 service examination fee for first time applicants and
13 for high school students. This bill eliminate
14 potential financial barriers for New Yorkers, opening
15 up access to a wider pool of qualified candidates. I
16 encourage all of my colleagues to sign on to these
17 bills. And [TIMER CHIMES] thank you so much,
18 Majority Leader.

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We will now
20 go to Council Member Joseph, followed by Council
21 Member Won.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you, Madam Speaker,
23 Majority Leader, and colleagues of the Council.
24 Today I am honored to present a proposed legislation
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1 Introduction 1227 for your consideration. This bill
2 aims to establish a dedicated parking enforcement
3 unit within the Department of Transportation. In my
4 role representing the Council's 40 District, I have
5 witnessed the countless concerns that our constituents
6 have regarding parking issues. Despite the dedicated
7 efforts of my team and collaboration with the local
8 precincts, resolving these problems often take an
9 excessive amount of time.
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11 Introduction 1227 is the solution we need. By
12 creating a dedicated parking enforcement within the
13 DOT we can effectively address our constituents'
14 parking concerns throughout the City.

15 My bill Introduction 1227 will improve the
16 persistent parking problems in our city. It will
17 ensure smoother and more efficient parking for our
18 residents. Moreover, it reinforces DOT's core
19 mission to enhance the crucial transportation
20 infrastructure that is so important to our city's
21 economy, well-being, and residents' quality of life.
22 Today, once again, I invite my fellow council members
23 to cosponsor this bill and work together to expedite
24 this passage for the benefit of our constituents. I
25 extend my gratitude to my dedicated staff and our

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2 Legislative Division for their diligent work in
3 drafting this vital legislation. Thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We will now go
5 to Council Member Won, then Council Member Barron.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Thank you, Speaker Adams.
7 Thank you, Majority Leader. Today I am introducing
8 Resolution 820 with Council Member Joseph, Council
9 Member Fariás, Council Member Krishnan, Council
10 Member Hanif, Council Member Gutiérrez, and Council
11 Member Hudson. It is calling on the calling on the
12 New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor
13 to sign, S.1037/A.423 to require public schools to
14 obtain prior written consent from parents or eligible
15 students before releasing their personal information
16 to third party contractors. We have heard over and
17 over again from DOE hearings as well as schools,
18 principals, teachers, and parents that children's
19 information of where they live, their grade level, as
20 well as their names are being sold to third party
21 vendors, which are then being used, for example, by
22 charter schools to poach students without parents'
23 consent. So, the current system as is requires an
24 opt out system, where it should really be an opt in
25 consenting that the parents release this private

1 information about their students. So, the protect
2 the students' privacy, I call on all of my colleagues
3 to please join me in signing on to this resolution,
4 thank you so much.

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We will now
7 go to Council Member Barron, followed by Council
8 Member Gutiérrez.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: You know, this is the most
10 ridiculous session I have ever been involved with.
11 We call this a democracy? This is a dictatorship of
12 the Speaker. The reason why they had to make noise,
13 is because they can't get a hearing in committee on
14 the elected Civilian Review Board. Because what we
15 have, the police commissioner determines the final
16 complaint or disciplinary action on the police -- who
17 are out of control many times. Another bill I can't
18 get a hearing on, the Retirees. Don't even want to
19 hear it. I am not even asking you to vote on it, just
20 hear it. But I talked to a chair, the chair of the
21 Civil Rights and Civil Service Committee said talk to
22 the speaker. Since when? The rules say that the
23 chairs make the hearings, not the speaker. Some
24 people said they wanted to sign on to the bill, when
25 they called the Legislature office, "Talk to the

1 Speaker." This is a dictatorship of the speaker, and
2 your sitting here silently, because some of your
3 bills are passing, but it's a damn shame that it has
4 gotten to this level. I went out there to make sure
5 it didn't escalate and nobody would get hurt. And
6 now I can't even vote. This is ridiculous. Finally,
7 the Palestinian issue: I am 1,000% pro-Palestinian.
8 Free Palestine. This is not an unprovoked war.
9 Since 75 years, the Balfour declaration, they've
10 killed Palestinians to take their land. The Nakba -
11 700, 800,000, their children, their babies were
12 killed to establish the state of Israel. In 2014,
13 1,500 Palestinians killed, 509 of them children.
14 Heard nothing from any of you! A Palestinian baby's
15 life is just as valuable as an Israeli baby's life.
16 So, I say, free Palestine. And you watch, this is
17 going turn around when people find out the truth.

18 [TIMER CHIMES]

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

21 We will now go to Council Member Gutiérrez,
22 followed by Council Member Brewer.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Thank you, Majority
24 Leader. As AI becomes increasingly prominent in our
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1 daily lives, it is imperative that we address the
2 profound impacted automated decision making systems
3 have on the everyday lives of New Yorkers.

4 Especially with the recently released plan for Mayor
5 Adams' Administration, which aims to regulate and
6 advise on the use of AI, it is even more pivotal for
7 us to codify much of what was outlined in to law. I
8 am excited to introduce legislation alongside Queens
9 Borough President, Donovan Richards, Junior, that
10 will identify and address bias in automated decision
11 making within our city agencies. Our agencies want
12 to serve the people of New York the best way they can
13 and Introduction 1223 will help them do that. This
14 bill would establish an Office Of Algorithmic Data
15 Integrity in partnership with the Office of
16 Technology and Innovation and the Department of
17 Investigations and support our city agencies in
18 equitably delivering critical services and recourse
19 to New Yorkers. The office will conduct audits of
20 automated decision making tools used by city
21 agencies; investigate public complaints; make
22 recommendations; and educate the public about the
23 City's use of algorithmic tools. It is vital for New
24 York City to lead in this field and address any
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2 issues that we have head on. These tools, some of
3 which use artificial intelligence, make life changing
4 decisions for everyday New Yorkers. This bill will
5 move us closer to a bias free, equitable New York
6 City ensuring that every New Yorker, regardless of
7 their background is treated with fairness and respect
8 in all decision making processes. Thank you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, we will now go
10 to Council Member Brewer, followed by Council Member
11 Richardson Jordan.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much. With
13 Council Member Rivera, I am going to talk about
14 Introduction 1220. It would require businesses that
15 sell or service e-bikes and e-scooters to obtain a
16 city issued license. The goal is to ensure that
17 businesses are in compliance with local laws and
18 particularly fire codes intended to prevent these
19 lithium ion battery fires. To obtain a license,
20 retailers and repair shops must be inspected by the
21 fire department and show proof of liability
22 insurance. The law would require administering
23 agencies to conduct appropriate outreach in all City
24 languages - for a minimum of 90 days - to alert
25 retailers of the new requirement. This requirement

1 is not a barrier or deterrent to e-bike ridership.
2 Micro mobility is a good thing, but there is still
3 work to be done on all levels to keep people safe.
4 Just this week, five people were injured, three
5 critically, in a massive fire sparked by a lithium
6 ion battery in Brooklyn. Lithium ion batteries, as
7 you know, have sparked 216 fires *this year*, that led
8 to 120 injuries and 14 deaths. I hope you will all
9 cosponsor Introduction 1220. Thank you very much.

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11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We will now
12 go to Council Member Richardson Jordan, who will be
13 followed by Council Member Dinowitz.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Hi, I just
15 wanted to take the opportunity to reintroduce the
16 Community POWER Act - just the legislation itself.
17 It doesn't matter who introduced it or all of the
18 personal feelings, all of that is noise. So, the
19 legislation itself is a police accountability
20 measure. It is an elected board, so instead of
21 people being appointed, there would be an unbiased
22 board of elected by the community... [CROSS-TALK]

23 UNKNOWN: [INAUDIBLE] bill...
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: that could
3 decide in cases of police abuse and misconduct...

4 [CROSS-TALK]

5 UNKNOWN: [INAUDIBLE]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Then the board
7 would also be able to have binding decision power,
8 instead of being kicked back to the police
9 commissioner. We would move from the police
10 supposedly policing themselves, which we all know
11 does not work, to a community control of policing.
12 The bill does merit consideration just on the face of
13 the legislation and text itself. Thank you

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Council
15 Member. We will now go to Council Member Eric
16 Dinowitz.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Thank you. You know,
18 the events of the past few weeks have certainly been
19 very difficult. But the words coming out of some
20 people in leadership positions and some high profile
21 groups have poured salt on the wound. You know, you
22 can be a 100% pro-Palestinian, a 100% pro-Israel, and
23 be 100% against Hamas. And to be clear, for those of
24 you who don't know, Hamas is the terrorist
25 organization that does not believe in peaceful

1 coexistence. They do not believe in a two state
2 solution. They showed what they believed on October
3 10th. They believe in rape; they believe in
4 kidnapping young children, entire families; they
5 believe in live streaming the execution of
6 grandmothers; they believe in slaughtering babies,
7 burning babies, beheading babies. That is not
8 resistance. That is not freedom fighting. That is
9 not working toward a solution that leaves
10 Palestinians with dignity and leaves Israelis with
11 security. Now we... We say... In the Jewish faith
12 with say that, this isn't just one enemy this one
13 time that has tried to attack us, this happens in
14 every generation. And it is happening now in our
15 generation that there are terrorist groups and
16 nations that seek the destruction of the Jewish
17 people and Israel. And in this generation we have an
18 opportunity right now to stand together in this
19 moment and say something so simple and yet profound -
20 that we can say that Israel has the right to exist,
21 and the Jewish people have the right [TIMER CHIMES]
22 to exist in freedom, safety, and dignity.

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Council
25 Member. We will now to go Council Member Rivera.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you, Majority

Leader. Good afternoon everyone, today I am proud to introduce legislation establishing flood evacuation protocols to enhance emergency preparedness, particularly for New Yorkers living in basement and first floor apartments. This bill would require property owners to create, post, and distribute flood evacuation plans to all current and prospective tenants. New York City is at the forefront of the climate crisis where extreme weather associated with climate change is becoming more frequent. The City saw record flooding in late September that resulted in water rescues from vehicles and basements and the suspension of a significant amount of the subway system lines - as well as just our city coming to a complete halt. Rainfall amounts for September 2023 were three times the usual amount for the month, the most on record for the City in over a century. We have seen disastrous years since the devastation Super Storm Sandy brought to our neighbors over ten years ago. And it is clear that New York City must remain committed to long-term resilience planning. We must be at the forefront of implementing policies that support a sustainable future, combat climate

2 change, and really just ensure that New Yorkers are
3 empowered and informed when disaster strikes. I ask
4 for your sponsorship on this bill, thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Do we have
6 anybody else signed up for General Discussion?
7 Council Member, I will come back to you, I just want
8 to see if there is anybody else signed up to speak
9 right now. We will take one quick second. Just
10 stand at ease for one second. Okay, thank you, I am
11 now going to call on Speaker Adrienne Adams to close
12 out today's meeting.

13 CHAIRPERSON BARRON: I know there is no quorum,
14 but I just want to protest this meeting for not
15 giving me a right... [CROSS-TALK]

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Council
17 Member. I call on Speaker... [CROSS-TALK]

18 CHAIRPERSON BARRON: to have a motion to...
19 [CROSS-TALK]

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Adrienne Adams to close
21 out the hearing... [CROSS-TALK]

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much, Majority
23 Leader... [CROSS-TALK]

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [INAUDIBLE]... [CROSS-
25 TALK]

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Before we conclude... [CROSS-
3 TALK]

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [INAUDIBLE] democracy that
5 does not [INAUDIBLE]... [CROSS-TALK]

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: I just want to impart... [CROSS-
7 TALK]

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I have the right to...
9 [CROSS-TALK]

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: how important it is that...
11 [CROSS-TALK]

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member, you have
13 had your opportunity... [CROSS-TALK]

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I have the right to
15 vote... [CROSS-TALK]

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: we as council members...

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: [GAVEL SOUND]

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I have the right to
19 vote... [CROSS-TALK]

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member...

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I have the right to
22 vote... [CROSS-TALK]

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The rules do not allow
24 you to vote. You missed the vote.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [INAUDIBLE]

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Before we conclude, I just want
3 to...

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Impart how important it is that we
6 as... [CROSS-TALK]

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [INAUDIBLE]

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: council members...

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [CONTINUES TO PROTEST
10 THROUGHOUT CLOSING REMARKS]

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: and leaders in our respective
12 communities, continue to respect one another and
13 value each other's humanity, despite our differences
14 of opinions. We must model for New Yorkers what it
15 means to express disagreements with empathy and
16 respect. This is how we move our city forward in
17 unity...

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Madam Speaker, one
19 second, please... [CROSS-TALK]

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [CONTINUES TO PROTEST
21 THROUGHOUT CLOSING REMARKS]

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: [GAVELING] Council
23 Member, we have heard your opinion, please sit
24 down... [CROSS-TALK]

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [CONTINUES TO PROTEST]

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: and let us close the
3 meeting out... [CROSS-TALK]

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [CONTINUES TO PROTEST
5 THROUGHOUT]

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The rules do not allow
7 you to vote.

8 UNKNOWN: [INAUDIBLE]

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member, the rules
10 do not allow a member to vote. We took...[CROSS-
11 TALK]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Can we make a motion to
13 allow him to vote?

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Madam Speaker, go ahead.

15 UNKNOWN: [INAUDIBLE]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Do we know what's going on?

17 UNKNOWN: Can't we just make a motion to pass it?

18 [CROSS-TALK CONTINUES]

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: We are going to adjourn.

20 [MULTIPLE MEMBERS SPEAKING]

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: We are going to adjourn this
22 meeting. The Stated Meeting of October 19, 2023 is
23 hereby adjourned. [GAVEL SOUND] [GAVELING OUT]

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [INAUDIBLE] your district,
25 your chairs, this is...

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



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