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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: LAURIE A. CUMBO  
Majority Leader

COREY D. JOHNSON  
Speaker

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- DIANA AYALA
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COUNCIL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

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

Bruce Barish  
Owner of Winzer Cleaners and Dyers

DeVernie Winston  
Coach at CUNY Hostos Community College of  
Caiman Women's Basketball Team

Rodneyse Bichotte  
Assembly Member and State Committee Woman,  
District Leader for New York State's 42<sup>nd</sup> Assembly  
District

Jeff Wells  
Lead Pastor of the Church of the Village

Julio Pagan  
Constituent of Council Member Espinal

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[gavel]

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: There we go...  
there we go. Hello. Good afternoon everyone, we are  
going to begin the ceremonials. We've got some  
excitement going on today. Can we have Council Member  
Gjonaj come on down? And we are pleased to bring  
forward Winzer Cleaners, can Winzer Cleaners please  
come forward? Wow it is an honor to have you all here  
today, we are in the midst of celebrities today,  
please join us. Come, come, come. Let me get in the  
middle with Council Member Gjonaj. Good afternoon  
everyone, I am Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo and we're  
proud to welcome all of you to City Hall today. We  
have three very important ceremonials that we are  
proud to celebrate. I am joined by Council Member  
Gjonaj and the Council of the City of New York is  
proud to honor the Tony Award winning Ernest Winzer  
Cleaners and Dyer, Dyers... Dryers for more than  
century of support to the Broadway community which  
brings 12 billion dollars to New York City each year,  
can I say that again? They are responsible for  
bringing 12 billion dollars of resources to the city

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2 of New York every single year. So, I am now going to  
3 turn it over to Council Member Gjonaj.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Thank you  
5 Majority Leader. I want to welcome Sarah Bruce  
6 Brendan Barish of Ernest Winzer Cleaners and Dryers  
7 and congratulate the small business from the great  
8 borough of the Bronx on their 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary and  
9 for their Tony Award for the support of Broadway.  
10 Let's give them a round of applause.

11 [applause]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Ernest Winzer  
13 Cleaners is a true mom and pop shop that has been  
14 family run for over 110 years and is now on its third  
15 generation. Businesses like this one are the backbone  
16 of New York City and they deserve recognition and  
17 support for their commitment and hard work. They are  
18 a shining example of what it means to be responsible  
19 businesses as they are one of the few cleaners to  
20 employ a unionized workforce, that's another round of  
21 applause.

22 [applause]

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: In my capacity  
24 along with my colleagues but in my capacity as  
25 Chairman of the Small Business Committee I salute and

1  
2 congratulate you not only for your 110 years but wish  
3 you another 100 years of family ownership and three  
4 more generations, thank you for what you do for this  
5 great city, thank you for the jobs that you create,  
6 thank you for being the backbone of this great city.

7 [applause]

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: And now we will  
9 hear from the Clerk who's going to read the  
10 proclamation.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council City of New  
12 York proclamation. The Council of the City of New  
13 York is proud to honor the Tony Award winning Ernest  
14 Winzer Cleaners and Dyers for more than a century of  
15 support to the Broadway community which brings 12  
16 billion dollars to New York City each year and  
17 whereas New York City's small businesses are the  
18 backbone of our communities and the cornerstone of  
19 our economy. We support and celebrate their impact on  
20 our everyday life. While the show A Bronx Tale is  
21 playing on Broadway, another mom and pop Bronx Tale  
22 has been playing out since 1908 on Cedar Avenue and  
23 whereas in 1908, as the gilded age was coming to a  
24 close Ernest Winzer opened Ernest Winzer Cleaners and  
25 Dyers in the Bronx delivering it's cleaning and dying

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2 services in horse drawn carts. The customers were  
3 Broadway's burgeoning theatre industry and the  
4 personal wardrobes of New York artists and business  
5 people. While the world has changed dramatically  
6 since then, Winzer remain to small businesses.. small  
7 business core values of excellence in service,  
8 quality and team spirit that have helped it succeed  
9 for the last 110 years. And whereas today Winzers is  
10 owned by Bruce and Sarah Barish, the third generation  
11 in the family business. Bruce Barish speaks proudly  
12 of his grandfather, Al Steinhorn's progressive roots  
13 and his support of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's union movement  
14 in the garment industry. In fact, Winzers is one of  
15 the city's few dry-cleaning operations to still have  
16 a union workforce. And whereas throughout the roaring  
17 20's, the jazz age, the Great Depression, two world  
18 wars and an... and into the new millennium, Winzer's  
19 reputation for old world service, state of the art  
20 cleaning and social conscious grew and accolades  
21 poured in for a membership in Broadway Green Alliance  
22 and the Green Cleaners Council to its most recent  
23 recognition for excellence by the American Theatre  
24 wing and the Broadway League more commonly known as a  
25 Tony. The hallmark of the business has always been

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2 about serving the customers' needs with excellence  
3 and whereas it is a point to pride to the third-  
4 generation owners; Bruce and Sarah Barish that Winzer  
5 Cleaners embodies all of the best things about small  
6 family owned businesses in New York City and they  
7 take a special delight in knowing they provide the  
8 same expertise and attention to garments belonging to  
9 any individual client as they do the one of a kind  
10 Broadway costumes. And whereas local mom and pop  
11 shops that have shaped neighborhoods throughout the  
12 five boroughs for decades and the New York City  
13 Council is committed to supporting them into the  
14 future with proactive policies that help them save  
15 jobs and protect our neighborhoods. Now therefore be  
16 it known that the New York City Council honors and  
17 congratulates Ernest Winzers Cleaners and Dyers upon  
18 receiving it's 2018 Tony Award and for 110 years of  
19 extraordinary support to the Broadway Theatre  
20 community in New York City. Corey Johnson, Speaker  
21 for the entire Council; Laurie Cumbo, Majority  
22 Leader; Mark Gjonaj, Chair of the Committee on Small  
23 Businesses; Vanessa L. Gibson, Council Member of the  
24 16<sup>th</sup> district, the Bronx.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Congratulations.



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MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Wow.

[applause]

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. This is an incredible honor and thank you Council Member Gjonaj and thank you Council Member Gibson for bringing your incredible work to the City Council because you are truly an example of what so many small businesses hope to achieve in the city of New York, you have done an exemplary job and given today's times the fact that you have a unionized workforce is certainly something to highlight and to celebrate and hopefully it can vibrate all across the country. Would you like to say a few words on behalf of your family?

BRUCE BARISH: I'd just like to thank you guys; Speaker Johnson, Councilman Gjonaj, Councilwoman Gibson, who's a neighbor of ours we just found out so... and the city of New York for 110 years. I'd like to thank my father and my grandfather who are not with us anymore and my family, my wife, my son who's with us here today and my daughter is not but possibly watching us right now. So, thank you guys very much, it's an honor.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Thank you, thank  
3 you.

4 [applause]

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you, your  
6 family is a beautiful one and one to celebrate. Let's  
7 take a brief...

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Thank you, thank  
9 you... [cross-talk]

10 BRUCE BARISH: Thank you guys...

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you, thank  
12 you... [cross-talk]

13 BRUCE BARISH: Appreciate it... [cross-  
14 talk]

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so  
16 much, thank you. Thank you again, congratulations.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: congratulations.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We are now going  
19 to bring up Council Member Salamanca from the Bronx,  
20 where's Council Member Salamanca? Yes. And Council  
21 Member Salamanca is proud to bring forward Hostos  
22 Basketball team, come on up. And he made the clear  
23 distinctions which need not be said because when we  
24 have winning basketball teams we automatically assume  
25 they're women basketball teams, but I will say we've

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2 got the dynamic women's basketball team of Hostos  
3 Community College. Wow, all of these dynamic  
4 powerful, beautiful women. This is so incredible.  
5 Let's get situated. I like that, they just assume  
6 their positions of power, they know how to situate  
7 themselves. I'm going to just read the... Hostos  
8 Community College of the City University of New York  
9 is in its 16<sup>th</sup> year of incorporating athletic  
10 programs into campus life which have made significant  
11 contributions to the retention and graduation efforts  
12 of student athletes. And we at the New York City  
13 Council are proud to welcome you here because you  
14 absolutely belong here and we hope that more women  
15 that are here today will assume the seats that are  
16 right in front of you because we need more women in  
17 leadership and athletics, right, athletics are the  
18 vehicle that so many women who run for office say is  
19 the common denominator, we have played athletic  
20 sports at one time in our lives. So, I'm so happy to  
21 welcome you all here today and without further ado I  
22 now turn it over to Council Member Salamanca.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you  
24 Majority Leader. Well first I want to welcome the  
25 Caimans, the Hostos Community College Women's

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2 Basketball team, welcome to the New York City  
3 Council. For exactly 50 years Hostos Community  
4 College has transformed the South Bronx offering a  
5 pathway for educational growth and development for  
6 thousands of students, preparing students for  
7 successful professional careers is in their life  
8 blood and I congratulate them for their tireless work  
9 and efforts in investing in our community, but it was  
10 clear that something was missing and in 2002 the  
11 Hostos athletic program was established, a year later  
12 the Hostos women's basketball team was born. This  
13 past 2017-2018 season was a historic year for the  
14 Caimans as they took home their first national  
15 championship in program history in the NJCAA division  
16 three women's basketball championship...

17 [applause]

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: ...defeating,  
19 defeating the top seated opponents 58 to 52. The  
20 championship final may have taken place in Illinois,  
21 but we felt it was here in the Bronx. In addition to  
22 this historic win, the Caimans also took home the  
23 region 15 champ title and the CUNY athletic  
24 conference championship, we're incredibly proud of  
25 all the young women on the team, the head coach,

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2 Winston, family, friends who all supported them, this  
3 is incredible, congratulations.

4 [applause]

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Wow, the energy  
6 in here is incredible. We are now going to hear the  
7 proclamation read by the Clerk.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council City of New  
9 York proclamation. Whereas Hostos Community College  
10 of the City of New York is in its 16<sup>th</sup> year of  
11 incorporating athletic programs into campus life  
12 which have made significant contributions to the  
13 retention and graduation efforts of student athletes.  
14 And whereas on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the program  
15 reached an incredible milestone when the Hostos  
16 Community College women's basketball team, the  
17 Caimans took home its first national championship in  
18 program history by beating top seated opponents 58 to  
19 52 in the final of the 2017-2018 NJCAA division three  
20 women's basketball championship in Rockford,  
21 Illinois. And whereas the victory ended a tremendous  
22 season as the Caimans finished 28 to 2 after winning  
23 23 straight. The teams only two losses came against  
24 division one and division two schools, Hostos did not  
25 lose a game after November 18<sup>th</sup>. And whereas Hostos

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2 also repeated as region 15 champs and won the CUNY  
3 athletic conference championship earlier this season.  
4 The fact that this all happened during the colleges  
5 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary made this triumph extra special. The  
6 women's team now joins the men's basketball team  
7 which won the first Hostos national athletics  
8 championship in 2005. And whereas since 2002 Hostos  
9 athletic programs have created a culture of good  
10 sportsmanship while emphasizing the importance of  
11 academic achievement; work, life, balance and  
12 community pride. The Hostos Women's Basketball Team  
13 came into existence in 2003 as part of an athletic  
14 program that included men's basketball, men's soccer  
15 and women's volleyball. And whereas Hostos Community  
16 College is an educational agent for change that has  
17 been transforming and improving the quality of life  
18 in the South Bronx and neighboring communities for a  
19 half century. Since 1968, Hostos has been gateway to  
20 intellectual growth and socioeconomic mobility as  
21 well as a point of departure for lifelong learning,  
22 success and professional careers and transfer to  
23 advanced higher education programs. Whereas Hostos  
24 offers 27 associate degree programs and two  
25 certificate programs that facilitate easy transfer to

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the city of New... the City University of New York's four-year colleges or a bachelorette studies at other institutions. Hostos is part of CUNY, the nation's leading urban public university which serves more than 500,000 students at 24 colleges. Now therefore be it known that the New York City Council gratefully honors and congratulates the Caimans, the Hostos Community College Women's Basketball Team on becoming the first women's basketball team in the school's history to win a national, national championship. Corey Johnson, Speaker for the... for the entire Council; Rafael Salamanca, Jr., Council Member 17<sup>th</sup> district of the Bronx and many other... and the rest of the Bronx delegation.

[applause]

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yah, this is an incredible day for the Bronx, would somebody like to speak on behalf of the team? Coach Winston give it up for Coach Winston.

DIVERNIE WINSTON: First of all, we would like to thank you all for having us, we are extremely honored for... to be honored by the City Council. These young ladies worked tirelessly on and off the court and this is just, just a byproduct of all the little

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2 things that they've been able to achieve throughout  
3 the, the, the school year. We also want to bring out  
4 there that the things that we do on and off the court  
5 our community service and everything that we do for  
6 our community, our efforts is that we want to exert  
7 the positivity in our community and one of the things  
8 that we would like to acknowledge is the recent  
9 violence from the young man in the Bronx, everything  
10 that we do for our community throughout our school  
11 is, you know just to exert that positivity for things  
12 like that. So, we would like to make sure that they  
13 know, the parents know, the families know, the  
14 community knows that, the national championship we're  
15 definitely dedicated to them.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: And thank you for  
17 your leadership. So, we're going to take a group  
18 photo, you did? Okay. Well, well I wasn't in it so  
19 I'm going to make sure I...

20 [off mic dialogue]

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Alright, thank  
22 you.

23 [off mic dialogue]

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Okay. Thank you  
25 all, thank you all so much for being here.



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[off mic dialogue]

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Hi everyone. So, our next proclamation is related to Little Haiti. So, for those who are here for that please come on up. Let me read some of the folks that I think are joining us. We have Assemblywoman Rodneyse Bichotte, we have Council Member Valerie Cartright, from the town of Brookhaven in Suffolk County, we have the Trustee from the village of Spring Valley, Eudson Tyson Francois in Rockland County, we have Nicolette Templier, Miss Brooklyn Earth, United States 2018, we have the Ambassador from Haiti, Daniel Supplice, Daniel, we have Doctor Jean Eddy Saint Paul, the founding Director of the CUNY wide Haitians Studies Institute and Professor of Sociology at Brooklyn College, we have Kenneth Mbonu from the Flatbush Junction BID, we have Jackson... I apologize if I get anyone's name wrong, I'm blaming it on Jumaane's handwriting. We have Jackson Rockingster from HABNET, the Co-founder of Little Italy, we have...

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Little Haiti...

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Sorry, Little Haiti, I'm so out of it Rodneyse... we have Jensen... what is it? Jensen, Jensen Desrosiers, he's a Co-founder of

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Little Haiti as well, we have Adu Hermalin [phonetic], the former council member... council staffer here and we have Genine Atia [phonetic], an honorary Haitian who's Trinidadian. So... okay. Thank you all very, very much. So, today I have the honor of designating Flatbush, Brooklyn within the streets... okay, with, with, within the... within the streets of East 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Parkside Avenue, Brooklyn Avenue, Avenue H, and Church Avenue as Little Haiti.

[applause]

SPEAKER JOHNSON: We recognize that the Haitian population in these neighborhoods in Brooklyn is an amazing thing because we saw the first wave of Haitian immigrants fleeing oppression, we all know the great contributions that immigrants have given to this great nation and to our city and the Haitian community is no different. Brooklyn is home to the largest foreign-born population of Haitian residents in the state with more than 40 percent residing in Flatbush and it has become a place where they can recreate together as a community and share cultural values, so I am proud to celebrate the Haitian American community by designating Flatbush, Brooklyn as Little Haiti, congratulations. I know, I know that

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1  
2 there were a lot of people that were involved in  
3 this. I want to particularly give thanks to here on  
4 the council to Council Member Jumaane Williams and  
5 Council Member Laurie Cumbo and I don't see Council  
6 Member Mathieu Eugene but the real... the real engine  
7 behind this, the real... the real powerhouse in this,  
8 the real person pushing this and making it happen and  
9 championing it is our Assemblywoman Rodneyse Bichotte  
10 and... [cross-talk]

11 [applause]

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: ...and, and before,  
13 before she makes some remarks I want to read the  
14 proclamation and then I want to let the Assembly  
15 Member talk about the importance of today and thank  
16 all the people that are joining us today. So, I'm  
17 going to ask the Clerk to please read the  
18 proclamation and Jumaane will speak as well and  
19 Laurie and Bob Holden and Fernando Cabrera.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council City of New  
21 York proclamation. The Council of the City of New  
22 York ceremonially designates Flatbush, Brooklyn  
23 within the bound... within the boundaries of East 16<sup>th</sup>  
24 Street, Parkside Avenue, Brooklyn Avenue, Avenue H,  
25 and Church Avenue as Little Haiti. And whereas New

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2 York City is one of the most diverse cities in the  
3 world and has been strengthened by its diversity  
4 since its earliest days. The first wave of Haitian  
5 immigration to the United States began in the late  
6 1950's with a significant group of educated Haitians  
7 including doctors, lawyers, engineers and others who  
8 were fleeing the oppression of the Francia Duvalier  
9 Regime and assimilating into the social fabric of New  
10 York City particularly in Brooklyn as well as other  
11 areas of the country. And whereas today's Haitian  
12 population continues to grow and as of 2015 there  
13 were 676,000 Haitian immigrants, an increase from  
14 587,000 in 2010 that accounting for almost two  
15 percent of the U.S. foreign born population. And  
16 whereas New Yorkers from the Haitian community  
17 represent a significant part of our city's ever  
18 growing cultural landscape. In fact, Brooklyn is home  
19 to the largest percentage of foreign born Haitian  
20 residents in New York State and with more than 40  
21 percent of the foreign-born population residing in  
22 Flatbush. According to 2015 data by the Migration  
23 Policy Institute, Brooklyn had the second highest  
24 concentration of Haitians in the United States. And  
25 whereas today Flatbush, Brooklyn is considered the

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heart of a neighborhood that embodies Haitian culture and is regarded by many Haitian Americans as a place where they can live, conduct commerce, worship, recreate together as a community, and share their cultural values. And whereas New York and the entire nation have benefitted from the many contributions of prominent Haitians such as Pierre Toussaint, a former slave from Haiti who was transported to New York City in 1787 and later gained his freedom in 1807, who is acknowledged and respected as one of the leading black New Yorkers of this time. He became a prominent hair dresser and used his assets to establish an orphanage for refugees and offer employment services for other poor residents. He also contributed to construction of the original Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Lower Manhattan and was later acknowledged as venerable by Pope John Paul the second, a step towards sainthood. And whereas the designation of Little Haiti in Flatbush, Brooklyn will serve as an inspiration to all Americans that... those who trace their ancestry from Haiti deserve recognition and celebration for their historic and continuing contributions to the city and nation and will encourage all who reside in or visit the city to

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1  
2 come to the area to experience the rich culture of  
3 Haitian Americans firsthand. Now therefore be it  
4 known that the Council of the City of New York is  
5 proud to celebrate Haitian American culture by  
6 ceremonially designating Flatbush, Brooklyn within  
7 the boundaries of East 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Parkside Avenue,  
8 Brooklyn Avenue, Avenue H and Church Avenue as Little  
9 Haiti. Corey Johnson, Speaker for the entire Council;  
10 Laurie Cumbo, Majority Leader of the New York City  
11 Council; Jumaane D. Williams, Council Member 45<sup>th</sup>  
12 district Brooklyn; and Doctor Mathieu Eugene, Council  
13 Member 40<sup>th</sup> district, Brooklyn.

14 [applause]

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I want to let Council  
16 Member Jumaane Williams introduce our great special  
17 guest and colleague.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you so  
19 much Mr. Speaker and again I want to thank Majority  
20 Leader Laurie Cumbo, Council Member Rafael Espinal  
21 and Council Member Mark Treyger who are in the  
22 council, really pushed to make this happen. I'm  
23 speaking as an Anglo speaking Caribbean American, my  
24 parents came from Granada, my grandmother did speak  
25 Creole, they never passed it down like a lot of

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2 islands, but this is particularly important and I'm  
3 just proud that this designation has come. We've  
4 heard our President call Haitian S-holes, we've heard  
5 our President demoralize at... when I was growing up  
6 when people made fun of folks it was Haitians and  
7 Africans and I think that was purposeful as people  
8 who have tried to make blacks across the world be  
9 ashamed of their heritage and I think that is because  
10 of the power of the heritage and the pride that we  
11 feel if we learned as I did that thanks to the  
12 Haitian community I'm a free black man, if we learn  
13 that thanks to the Haitian as an American we double  
14 the size of this country so I... there is a... this is  
15 local politics but there is some people who are  
16 questioning why we have to do this, I believe that we  
17 have to do this, if there's ever a group of people  
18 who feel aggrieved I want to be there. When I was  
19 younger my best friend was Haitian, he was so ashamed  
20 he anglicized his name and refused to use his Haitian  
21 name and perhaps that stuck with me for quite some  
22 time but I think this helps everyone rise and we  
23 can't have a little Caribbean, we can't celebrate  
24 others celebrating one, it does not mean we are  
25 demeaning others but there is so much going on in

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2 this country and in, in... even within our community we  
3 sometimes often demean others so I'm glad to stand  
4 here and be proud of, of the Haitian community, to  
5 myself being an honorary Haitian part of my Caribbean  
6 heritage and all of that means without Haitians this  
7 country wouldn't be what it was, black history  
8 wouldn't be what it was... what it is. We're going to  
9 be voting on Toussaint Louverture in a... in a little  
10 while, I'm proud of that. I'm proud of Toussaint  
11 Louverture, I'm proud of Jean Jacques Dessalines, and  
12 all they did to get us free. So, I want to say thank  
13 you everybody for being here, all my colleagues and  
14 as the, the Speaker said, and I want to thank the  
15 Speaker who helped get this done in an expeditious  
16 way, we're very thankful for that but as he  
17 mentioned.. oh I got to shout out my Deputy Chief of  
18 Staff Farrah Lewis who is also Haitian of Haitian  
19 descent who helped make this..

20 [applause]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: ...but as was  
22 mentioned the heart and soul of getting this done and  
23 once, you know she gets it in her head it isn't going  
24 to stop until it happens. So, let's give a big round  
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2 of applause please for Assembly Member Rodneyse  
3 Bichotte.

4 [applause]

5 RODNEYSE BICHOTTE: Thank you, thank you.  
6 Thank you, thank you, thank you so much. I want to  
7 first thank the City Council in general for just  
8 allowing us and commemorating the Haitians in  
9 Flatbush and just our culture. I want to thank Corey  
10 Johnson, our Speaker, thank you so much for the love  
11 that you have for the Haitian people, vulnerable  
12 people who's been ostracized for many, many years,  
13 thank you so much for bringing this forward and  
14 recognizing us. I want to thank our Majority Leader,  
15 Laurie Cumbo, thank you so much for helping push this  
16 and being a co-sponsor, thank you so much, I love you  
17 and we're going to be co-naming in your district as  
18 well Jean Jacques Dessalines, we just got to prove  
19 it, yeah so, I want to recognize the Chair of, of  
20 community board nine. I want to also thank Mark  
21 Treyger and Rafael Espinal who also were part of  
22 pushing this forward, thank you so much, I see Chaim  
23 Deutsch whose part of my district, so I have to  
24 recognize my, my, my... but I... this would not have  
25 happened obviously if we didn't have the mover, the

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1  
2 shaker, the person who's been pushing for the Haitian  
3 community for a very long time, our honorary Haitian  
4 Council Member Jumaane Williams.

5 [applause]

6 RODNEYSE BICHOTTE: We want to thank you  
7 for being the voice in our community, many times we  
8 don't have someone who's speaking out for us and I  
9 just want to thank you for all that you do for  
10 sticking up for us and as you mentioned, you know  
11 Haitians are now experiencing all these  
12 antiimmigration policies, you know we have a number  
13 of TPS holders, we have 15,000 TPS holders, temporary  
14 protective status holders in New York City who by...  
15 in, in the next year won't know... won't know where  
16 they're going to be, okay, so we need to fight  
17 against these antiimmigration policies and bringing  
18 Little Haiti to fruition is not just a ceremonial  
19 thing everyone, okay, it... this is the real deal, we  
20 are working with the Department of Transportation, we  
21 are working with the other agencies, Parks, we are  
22 working with the Cultural Arts because we want to  
23 beautify and revitalize our neighborhoods, okay, our  
24 people deserve a beautiful neighborhood, yes, we  
25 need... yes... [cross-talk]

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[applause]

RODNEYSE BICHOTTE: ...we want to make sure that our businesses are enhanced so that they can benefit from economic development, we're going to have these small businesses work with SBS. We want to make sure that the culture is promoted with, with public art, your murals and monuments so we're going to be working with the Department of Cultural Arts and Department of Transportation. We want to make sure that we have programming so that tourism can come in and see... and have a taste of Haiti, you know, we want to make sure that we have a good... you know and so forth. So, we are really excited... yeah, Tonal is in the house, yeah Tonal Restaurant is in the house, ginsing. So, you know we're really excited about this and, you know this is the place that all members of, of the Haitian communities are coming, this is the... this is the place that they're looking to have a model. We have elected officials from other areas, we have Eudson Tyson Francois from Rockland County, he's the Trustee, we also have Valerie Cartright, a Legislator from Nassau Suffolk, Suffolk, yes, yes...

[applause]

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2 RODNEYSE BICHOTTE: We even have an  
3 Ambassador all the way from Haiti, Ambassador Daniele  
4 Supplice who came because he wants to see this happen  
5 and let me tell you it didn't even stop here, we also  
6 have the first Executive Director of the Haitian  
7 Studies Institute that city council fund who's here,  
8 Jean Eddy Saint Paul...

9 [off mic dialogue/applause]

10 RODNEYSE BICHOTTE: Yes, yeah, we're  
11 going to need some more money but... oh yeah and we  
12 want to thank you for the extra money, thank you so  
13 much. Thank you, we thank you for that. We also have  
14 Miss Brooklyn, who's here, who's Haitian, yes, yes,  
15 yes. I mean we have so many people here, we have Adu  
16 here, we have all the City Council Members here, I  
17 know Robert you helped, thank you so much, we have  
18 everybody who's here, thank you Musa Moore I have to...  
19 I have to thank you. We have... we even have honorary  
20 Haitians, we have honorary Haitians, Theresa whose  
21 Jamaican, we the co-founder of Little Haiti, Jackson  
22 Rockingster from HABNET, thank you, thank you, thank  
23 you so much. So, we have... and we have Kenneth Mbonu  
24 who's from the Junction BID, we have everybody here  
25 because we are here, we are here because we want to

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celebrate this thing, we want to celebrate... okay, we want to celebrate this moment, sorry, yes. We're just really excited and right now we're going to end this ceremony, but we want to also recognize that we're going to have a resolution that's going to be passed so we want to celebrate the resolution that's going to be passed for Little Haiti, we're going to also pass the co-naming of the extension of Toussaint Louverture who was the first leader in Haiti to start the revolution. We also in July, I can say that? Okay. Okay, in July we also will be voting on Jean Jacques Dessalines who was the first president who led us into victory in 1804, Jean Jacques Dessalines and we will be doing the Co-naming not only in Flatbush but also in Crown Heights, yes, yes, yes so, we are very excited. Again, I want to thank everyone for being here, thank you City Council, thank you Mr. Speaker, thank you all, thank you Inez, thank you Antonio Reynoso, thank you so much, thank you all for being here and thank you. This is a victorious day.

[applause]

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Congratulations. Let's get a photo... let's get a photo.

[off mic dialogue]

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: If folks could please  
3 leave the floor now and we can go celebrate out in  
4 the rotunda.

5 [off mic dialogue]

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Okay, we're getting  
7 ready to start now, please clear the floor of the  
8 chambers, please clear the floor of the chambers  
9 please, can we please clear the center isle of the  
10 chambers please.

11 [off mic dialogue]

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Please clear the main  
13 floor of the chambers please. Sergeant at Arms could  
14 you please help clear the floor please.

15 [off mic dialogue]

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Come on folks we're  
17 about ready to start here, we need to clear the floor  
18 please, we need to clear the floor please, clear the  
19 main floor of the chambers.

20 [off mic dialogue]

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen at  
22 this time please place all cell phones, all cell  
23 phones to vibrate, all electronic devices to vibrate.  
24 At this time will all non-council employees, non-

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2 council employees please leave the main floor of the  
3 chambers, thank you. Majority Leader it's all yours.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Good afternoon, I  
5 am Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo, I am now reopening  
6 the recessed meeting of June 7<sup>th</sup> being held today on  
7 June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. If you all could please be seated,  
8 we are now going to begin roll call.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampy-Samuel?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [off mic]

17 Present.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli? Brannon?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNON: Here.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: [off mic] Here.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides?  
3 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Present.  
4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy?  
5 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Present.  
6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch?  
7 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Present.  
8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Diaz? Dromm?  
9 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Present.  
10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Espinal?  
11 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: [off mic]  
12 Present.  
13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene? Gibson?  
14 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Sorry, I'm here.  
15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Gjonaj?  
16 Grodenchik?  
17 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: [off mic] I'm  
18 here.  
19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden?  
20 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.  
21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos? King?  
22 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: [off mic] Present.  
23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo? Koslowitz?  
24 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: [off mic]  
25 Here.



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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman?  
COUNCIL MEMBER LAN: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander?  
COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?  
COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine?  
COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel? Maisel?  
COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca?  
COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller? Moya? Perkins?  
COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers?  
COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso?  
COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards?  
COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?  
COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [off mic]  
Here.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose?  
COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Present.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal? Salamanca?  
COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres? Treyger?  
COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich?  
COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Present.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone?  
COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: [off mic]  
Present.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya?  
COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer? Williams?  
COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [off mic] Here.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Yeger?  
COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo?  
COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: [off mic] Here.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo?  
MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Present.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

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SPEAKER JOHNSON: [off mic] Here.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. I am now adjourning the recessed meeting of June 7<sup>th</sup>, we will now open the Stated Meeting of June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. All rise for the pledge of allegiance.

[Pledge of Allegiance]

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Roll call.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?

COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?

COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli? Brannon?

COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNON: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen? Constantinides?

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch?

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Diaz?

COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm?

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Espinal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene? Gibson?

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Gjonaj?

Grodenschik?

COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: I'm still

here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos? King?

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: [off mic] Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo? Koslowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: [off mic]

Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANCOUNCIL MEMBERAN: [off  
mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gjonaj?

COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel?

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller? Moya? Perkins?

COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards?

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

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Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [off mic]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal? Salamanca?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres? Treyger?

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich?

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone?

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Yeger?

COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo?

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo?

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

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SPEAKER JOHNSON: I'm here.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We have a quorum.

We will now have today's invocation delivered by Jeff Wells, Lead Pastor Church of the Village located at 201 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan, welcome and can we all please rise?

SERGEANT: All rise.

JEFF WELLS: Good afternoon. Let us enter together into a time of reflection, creating and sustaining god, open our hearts and minds and spirits to your loving, forgiving and compassionate presence. Even though we go through our days frequently ignoring your movements, you invest yourself in every moment of our lives and continually offer us guidance forgiveness and a loving spirit and so we offer our deep gratitude today for all of the ways that you offer us unconditional love and amazing grace. All of those ways that we perceive and the ones that we fail to notice. We are thankful today to live in this amazing city. We are proud to live together in a place of such beautiful and incredible diversity that attracts people from around this nation and from around the world who seek to offer their gifts and also to grow and to benefit by living together in

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this place. We are also privileged to be in a city that was the birth place of pride. A city in which millions of people come out every year to celebrate and affirm our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer siblings and yet we also know that we have much work to do to create a just city in which everyone can thrive and feel safe. In the midst of this wonderful diversity we still have segregated neighborhoods and schools and in a city with three trillion dollars in wealth we have terrible and growing economic disparity, poverty, and homelessness. And so, god of love and justice we lift up the members of this body who all bring a passion and experience and skills to this important work, they all desire to do no harm and to do all the good they can and remain connected to you and to all of our human family in their spirits. And so loving one we ask you to guide their deliberations, their discernment and their decision making, help all of us to remember that each one of us is your beloved child and an amazing expression of your boundless creative love and in all that we do today and beyond may our actions always contribute to bringing justice,



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2 wellbeing, and peace to our city and to all who  
3 choose to live here. Amen.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you for  
5 your timely and inspirational prayer. Speaker Corey  
6 Johnson will now... I motion to spread the invocation  
7 in full upon the record by Speaker Corey Johnson.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I make that motion  
9 Madame Majority Leader that the invocation by Pastor  
10 Jeff Wells be spread full and upon the record.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We  
12 will now have the adoption of minutes by Council  
13 Member Barron.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I move that the  
15 minutes of this Stated Meeting of May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be  
16 adopted as printed.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council  
18 Member Barron. We will now have messages and papers  
19 from the Mayor.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: M... excuse me, M65, city  
21 debt and reserves.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Received, ordered,  
23 printed and filed.

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Communication  
25 from City, County and Borough offices.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: M66 to M69, charter  
3 revision commission appointees.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Received, ordered,  
5 printed and filed.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Petitions and  
7 communications.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Land Use Call-  
10 Ups.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: M70 through M76,  
12 various applications.

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on a call-up  
14 vote at this time, I will ask for a roll call... roll  
15 call vote on all of today's Land Use Call-Ups.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye on all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye on all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli?  
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COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: [off mic] I say  
aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brannon?

COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNON: [off mic] Aye on  
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Permission to  
vote on all items and Resolution, Resolution to  
today's general calendar.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
granted, thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye, aye on all,  
thank you so much.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen?

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: [off mic] Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides?

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on  
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy?

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch? Diaz?

COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm?

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Espinal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene? Gibson?

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gjonaj?

COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Grodenchik?

COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos? King?

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: [off mic] Aye on

all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo? Koslowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: [off mic] Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANCOUNCIL MEMBERAN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I vote aye on all

Land Use Call Ups and request permission to vote aye  
on all items on today's general order calendar.

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MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I vote aye, thank  
you.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel?

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: [off mic] Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya?

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Perkins?

COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: [off mic] Aye on  
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards?

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [off mic] Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres? Treyger?

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich?

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone?

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: With permission  
I'd like to vote on all items on today's calendar.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Thank you, I  
vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [off mic] Aye  
3 on all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Yeger?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: [off mic] Aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo?

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Today's Land Use  
12 Call-Ups are adopted by a vote of 44 in the  
13 affirmative and zero in the negative. And now we will  
14 have communication from Speaker Corey Johnson.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you Madame  
16 Majority Leader. Good afternoon. First, I want to  
17 thank Pastor Jeff Wells for delivering the invocation  
18 today. Pastor Wells leads the Church of the Village  
19 in my district and I am fortunate that they call  
20 district three home. Pastor Wells and the Church of  
21 the Village have long fought for social justice and  
22 advocated for New Yorkers who need it most. I thank  
23 Pastor Wells for being here and for all he does for  
24 my district and for the city. Council Member Dromm  
25 and I were in the Church of the Village not that long

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2 ago for the commemoration of the founding of PFLAG,  
3 Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays  
4 which was founded in that church by Jeanne Manford  
5 and so Pastor Wells carries on a great tradition of  
6 social justice from the Church of the Village and I'm  
7 really grateful for everything that he's done. Before  
8 we begin with today's agenda I'd like to take the  
9 time to honor someone who we are holding in our  
10 hearts this week, Lasandro Junior Guzman Fleece. New  
11 Yorkers everywhere are still in shock and mourning  
12 this young man who had a very bright, bright future.  
13 Junior was a member of the NYPD explorers and dreamed  
14 of becoming a police officer. I attended Junior's  
15 wake and I met his parents. As painful as it was to  
16 be there and see Junior's heartbroken parents it was  
17 amazing to see the community come out and support his  
18 family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with  
19 them during this extremely difficult time and we  
20 thank the NYPD for working hard to swiftly bring  
21 justice for Junior. I would also like to honor Chief  
22 of Fire Prevention, Ronald R. Spadafora, a 40-year  
23 veteran of the New York City Fire Department who  
24 succumbed to world Trade Center related cancer. He  
25 supervised the rescue and recovery efforts at the



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2 world Trade Center site as a Deputy Chief and became  
3 the world Trade Center Chief of Safety for the entire  
4 recovery operation. Chief Spadafora, who was 63 years  
5 old is the 178<sup>th</sup> member of the FDNY to die of world  
6 Trade Center related illnesses. If folks could rise  
7 so we could have a moment of silence for these  
8 individuals. Thank you. Alright, we're going to jump  
9 into our docket for today. The council's going to  
10 vote on the following Land Use items; 45 Broad Street  
11 subway improvement, the council's approving a special  
12 permit to make an... to make important transit  
13 improvements to the Broad Street J/Z station and the  
14 Wall Street 45 station to facilitate the development  
15 of a mixed-use skyscraper in Council Member Chin's  
16 district which will provide ADA access to the station  
17 that currently doesn't have it. Block 675 is in my  
18 district, the council's approving two applications  
19 which are part of the block 675 redevelopment. 601  
20 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street submitted by Douglaston Development  
21 and 606 West 30<sup>th</sup> Street submitted by Lalezarian  
22 Properties. Together both applications propose to  
23 contribute a total amount of 52 million dollars for  
24 the completion of the Hudson River Park improvements  
25 in exchange for transferring unused development

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2 rights from Piers 59, 60 and 61 to facilitate the  
3 redevelopment of portions of block 675, it will  
4 create over 300 units of affordable housing at no  
5 cost to the city of New York. The council's  
6 modifications include reducing the maximum tower  
7 height of the Douglaston Development tower to 591  
8 feet, securing four million dollars in additional  
9 funding to facilitate the completion of the park  
10 improvements between West 32<sup>nd</sup> and West 34<sup>th</sup> Streets  
11 and designating open space funds to Chelsea Park and  
12 New York City Park in the neighborhood. The Council  
13 also negotiated an agreement for the acquisition of  
14 some space for the FDNY to provide a much-needed EMS  
15 facility on 29<sup>th</sup> Street. I want to thank the folks  
16 that are here who have worked on this, I... my staff  
17 has spent a long time on this. I want to thank Erik  
18 Bottcher and Louis Cholden-Brown, and Raju Mann and  
19 Matt Greene from my staff. We've spent over four  
20 years on this project and I'm very excited. We have a  
21 bunch of other developments we're voting on today;  
22 one... I'm not going to read all of it. We are voting  
23 on a, an application in Council Member Cumbo's  
24 district, 14250 South Portland Avenue and then we're  
25 going to have an MIH option one in that development,

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2 180 Avenue the Americas in Council Member's... in, in  
3 my district, it's a commercial overlay, 1568 Broadway  
4 text amendment, it's for the Times Square Hotel, it  
5 has to do with signage requirements, it's in the  
6 theatre subdistrict core, that's in Council Member  
7 Power's district, 85 Mercer Street, it's an  
8 application giving a waiver to allow retail uses,  
9 that's in Council Member Chin's district. The  
10 council's also approving seven individual landmarks;  
11 95 Madison Avenue in Council Member Carlina Rivera's  
12 district, Hotel Seville in Council Member Keith  
13 Power's district, PS109 in Council Member Diana  
14 Ayala's district, Benjamin Franklin High School in  
15 Council Member Diana Ayala's district, Richard Webber  
16 Harlem Packing House in Council Member Diana Ayala's  
17 district, Dr. Maurice T. Lewis House in Council  
18 Member Carlos Menchaca's district, the Dime Savings  
19 Bank of Williamsburgh in Council Member Reynoso's  
20 district, East Village I which is an Article XI 40  
21 year partial tax exemption and that is in Council  
22 Member Carlina Rivera's district as well as East  
23 Village II the same thing in Council Member Carlina  
24 Rivera's district and La Cabana, the council vote to  
25 approve an application for three related actions in

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2 order to facilitate new mixed income development at  
3 La Cabana Properties in South Williamsburgh... on the  
4 South side of Williamsburgh which I believe is in  
5 Council Member Reynoso's district. Next on the agenda  
6 the Council will vote on the following legislation.  
7 First, we will vote to co-name 95 thoroughfares in  
8 public places based on requests of Council Members  
9 whose districts include the location. Of these 95 co-  
10 names seven are either relocation of a previously  
11 enacted co-naming or a revision to the street sign  
12 installed with respect to previously enacted co-  
13 naming. There are too many Council Members to name  
14 sponsoring the legislation, but we thank all of them.  
15 I want to thank the staff who worked on this, Patrick  
16 Mulvihill and Chris Sartori. Next, we will vote on a  
17 number of bills aiming to enforce a cleaner city,  
18 four of which are sponsored by Minority Leader Steven  
19 Matteo. Introduction 851 would mandate the Department  
20 of Sanitation to create a plan for increasing  
21 enforcement against littering from vehicles in areas  
22 where such littering has been shown to be an issue.  
23 Introduction 655-A would enhance the Department of  
24 Sanitation's ability to enforce prohibitions on  
25 unauthorized dumping by allowing it to use

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2 identifying information found among unlawfully dumped  
3 material as evidence of the identity of the person  
4 doing the dumping. Introduction 850-A would increase  
5 civil penalties for littering from a vehicle and  
6 Introduction 203-B would raise the penalties for  
7 public littering for the second violation or the  
8 third violation within a 12-month period, the bill  
9 would not change the penalty for a first violation  
10 that remains at 75 dollars. Introduction 656-A  
11 sponsored by Council Member Daneek Miller would raise  
12 civil penalties and criminal fines for unlawful  
13 commercial dumping. I want to thank the staff who  
14 worked on this package of bills, Nicole Abene, Nadia  
15 Johnson and Johnathan Seltzer. finally, the Council  
16 is voting on several bills making affordable housing  
17 fairer for all New Yorkers. I am proud to have  
18 sponsored two of these bills. Introduction 601-A  
19 would require the city to report annually on the  
20 implementation of affordable housing plan with  
21 specificity including the number of units targeted to  
22 be created or preserved each year and the number of  
23 units that are actually created or preserved in the  
24 preceding year in each neighborhood tabulation area.  
25 This legislation would also require the city to write

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2 a summary of the current demand for affordable  
3 housing and a description of obstacles to fulfilling  
4 that demand. Introduction 772-A... 722-A would require  
5 the Department of the Housing Preservation... of  
6 Housing Preservation and Development to create a  
7 system to track the expiration dates for all  
8 Department of Regulatory Agreements, HPD would also  
9 be required to report on the status of implementing  
10 such tracking system and once the tracking system is  
11 in place the expiration dates of regulatory  
12 agreements and preservation efforts. Council Member  
13 Donovan Richards has a bill today, Introduction 607-A  
14 which would require the city to include measures to  
15 affirmatively further fair housing in its report on  
16 the creation or preservation of affordable housing. I  
17 want to thank the staff who worked on these bills;  
18 Megan Chin, Jose Conde, and Sarah Gastelum.  
19 Resolution 0423 sponsored by Council Member's  
20 Williams and Cumbo... Majority Leader Cumbo, we will  
21 vote on a Resolution sponsored by Williams and Cumbo.  
22 This Resolution will recognize the tremendous  
23 contributions that New Yorkers of Haitian ancestry  
24 have made to our city and nation. It would  
25 ceremonially designate an area of Flatbush in

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2 Brooklyn as Little Haiti. I want to thank the staff;  
3 Chris Sartori and Patrick Mulvihill who worked on  
4 that. I want to congratulate all the members who are  
5 passing bills, this concludes our agenda for today's  
6 stated. I want to wish everyone a happy summer and I  
7 look forward to proceeding with today's votes. Thank  
8 you very much.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank, thank you  
10 Speaker Johnson, now we will move into the discussion  
11 of general orders and we will begin with Council  
12 Member Chaim Deutsch.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Thank you. So,  
14 today I'm introducing... I actually had these four  
15 streets, street renaming's in my district that we'll,  
16 we'll be voting on today, but I will just like single  
17 out one, that is for police officer Leon Fox. It was  
18 a typical day at work for Police Officer Leon Fox, a  
19 ten-year veteran of the NYPD. He was assigned to the  
20 60<sup>th</sup> police precinct and he was escorting a movie  
21 theatre manager to the bank to deposit his daily  
22 earnings. As officer Fox and the manager approached  
23 the bank entrance he was approached by three men. The  
24 men grabbed the suitcase of cash and fled on foot.  
25 Officer Fox went in pursuit and one of the criminals

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2 turned around and shot him where he died at the scene  
3 at the corner of West 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Surf Avenue. At  
4 that point I was approached by a police officer in  
5 the, the 60<sup>th</sup> precinct asking to see if we could do a  
6 street re-naming where I agreed. Trying to contact  
7 any family I finally contacted the pension board of  
8 the NYPD where I was able to locate a son in  
9 California. I called up the son in California and  
10 explained to him what a Council Member is and  
11 explained to him what a street re-naming is and he  
12 sobbed, the son is 84 years old, he was seven years  
13 old when his dad was shot and killed at the corner of  
14 Surf Avenue and West 12<sup>th</sup> Street. So, I just want to  
15 say that this happened in 1941, 77 years ago. Officer  
16 Leon Fox has been largely forgotten by the history  
17 books, today we're voting to re-name the street  
18 corner where he lost his life, Surf Avenue and West  
19 12<sup>th</sup> Street will stand as a memorial to Officer Fox  
20 and his sacrifice to protect the people of this city  
21 and I'm proud that I'm asking all my colleagues to  
22 join me in voting for this crucial street re-naming  
23 to remember the memory of one of New York's finest,  
24 thank you very much.  
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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council  
3 Member Deutsch for keeping Officer Fox's memory  
4 alive. We will now hear form Minority Leader Matteo.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Thank you Madame  
6 Majority Leader. I think we could all agree that  
7 litter is a consistent problem throughout this city.  
8 That is why during my first budget as Council Member  
9 in Fiscal Year '15 I supported a new initiative along  
10 with many of my colleagues called the New York City  
11 Clean Up. I think most of us would agree that this  
12 has been a very successful initiative judged by the  
13 widespread support and the fact that funding for it  
14 has increased each fiscal year since. With those  
15 funds we on Staten Island have created a dedicated  
16 Staten Island clean team that has cleaned nearly  
17 1,200 locations across the borough, removing weeds  
18 and graffiti and collecting 7,000 contractor bags of  
19 trash and literally tons of debris. For me there are  
20 two major takeaways from this experience, one the  
21 overwhelming positive response from constituents  
22 confirmed what I already knew that people desperately  
23 want to keep their communities clean, this is a top  
24 quality of life issue for them. And two, the New York  
25 City clean up initiative is not enough, we clean it

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2 up, people litter, we clean it again, people litter  
3 more. Drivers toss garbage out of their car windows  
4 despite all of our efforts, the problem still  
5 persists, we need to do more. That is the impetus  
6 behind the bills I introduced in this comprehensive  
7 legislative package to combat littering and illegal  
8 dumping. Intro 851 will help us create better  
9 enforcement strategies to tackle littering hotspots  
10 specifically locations where people dump from the  
11 vehicles. Intro 203 will increase fines to deter  
12 persistent litter offenders. Intro 850 specifically  
13 addresses those who toss garbage from their cars.  
14 Intro 655 will provide sanitation with the tools to  
15 really tackle illegal dumping by establishing a  
16 rebuttable presumption that the person or company  
17 whose name is on the vehicle that transported an  
18 illegal dump material is responsible. Keeping our  
19 communities clean is not just about appearances or  
20 the pride that we all feel when our streets are not  
21 strung with garbage, there are obvious environmental  
22 benefits and real financial benefits to a clean city  
23 because we know people won't... do not want to live, to  
24 shop and to work in a city that is strung with  
25 garbage. I want to thank Sanitation Committee Chair

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2 Antonio Reynoso for his strong supports, the Speaker,  
3 Jeff Baker, Laura Popa, Nicole Abene, Nadia Johnson,  
4 Jonathan Seltzer and from my staff Peter Spencer,  
5 David Carr and Angelo Saun and I look forward to  
6 voting on these bills, thank you.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We now  
8 have Council Member Ayala.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Thank you. Good  
10 afternoon colleagues. Today I'm proud to sponsor  
11 legislation to co-name East 118<sup>th</sup> Street and Park  
12 Avenue as Firefighter William E. Woodland Place. Mr.  
13 Woodland was one of 12 African Americans in his class  
14 when he joined the Fire Department in January of  
15 1982. He was assigned to engine 39 on the Upper East  
16 Side until 1996 and later transferred to engine 21 in  
17 Murray Hill where he remained until his retirement in  
18 2002. He was known as the mayor of his block at the  
19 organized annual block party, an event that his  
20 family continues to hold to honor his legacy. On  
21 September 11<sup>th</sup> after seeing smoke travel into his  
22 neighborhood Mr. Woodland rode his daughter's bike  
23 from East Harlem to the World Trade Center to help  
24 with rescue efforts. On August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Mr.  
25 Woodland passed from 9/11 related causes. According

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2 to his family he was a boisterous trail blazing  
3 person who never lost hope. I am proud to honor such  
4 a brave person today and I thank you all for joining  
5 me in doing so. Additionally, I am thrilled to co-  
6 sponsor legislation to co-name 111<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup>  
7 Avenue as 111<sup>th</sup> Street Old Timers Way. The 111<sup>th</sup>  
8 Street Old Timers Organization has coordinated the  
9 long running block party in East Harlem which brings  
10 together thousands of visitors each year in  
11 celebration of community, culture, and tradition. The  
12 largest attraction of the block party is a stick ball  
13 game, a beloved staple of the community. The  
14 organization also engages in community efforts such  
15 as mentoring formerly incarcerated youth, sustaining  
16 cultural institutions and supporting local artisans  
17 and businesses. The 111<sup>th</sup> Street Old Timers are a  
18 bedrock in our community and I am proud to support  
19 them. Thank you.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council  
21 Member Ayala. We will now have... hear from Council  
22 Member Grodenchik.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Thank you  
24 Madame Majority Leader. I wanted to speak today about  
25 the young people at Martin Van Buren High School. We

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2 don't hear many wonderful stories coming out of the  
3 New York City public education system but of course  
4 there are countless wonderful stories and my last  
5 event before I came to the stated today was their  
6 graduation. Six years ago, when Mr. Sam Soshay took  
7 over that school, it's a renewal school, the  
8 graduation rate was 45 percent and today I'm happy to  
9 report that the preliminary graduation rate, the 250  
10 some odd children that graduated today, young people  
11 is now 76 percent. It's a testament to these young  
12 people and to their educators, most of those children  
13 do not reside in my district, they come from very far  
14 away and many of them have to get up before six in  
15 the morning to travel to Eastern Queens but I'm... I  
16 want to know this... I wanted to make sure that their  
17 story is on the record of the City Council and I want  
18 to congratulate each and every one of them, the  
19 educators, their families and everybody who worked so  
20 hard. I also did want to note that I was happy to  
21 preside over the Parks Committee meeting this week  
22 where we passed Pre-Considered Intro 988 at a  
23 committee. There are a lot of famous people being  
24 honored today by this council and when the Mayor  
25 signs that legislation we will make these

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2 thoroughfares some true all-time greats like the  
3 greatest of all time, Muhammad Ali and Ruby Dee and  
4 Ossie Davis and we had a New York Times magazine  
5 reporter come to talk to us about Ida B. Wells and  
6 the great work that she did reporting on lynching's  
7 in the deep South and the not so deep South. We're  
8 also honoring two people that... Mary Audrey Gallagher  
9 and Andy Pops King who had something to do with  
10 making Council Member as well not only doing great  
11 things. So, I'm delighted to have passed this bill  
12 and I thank you for listening to me today my  
13 colleagues.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you and we  
15 are now going to hear from Council Member Rodriguez  
16 but I just want to remind our colleagues we are now  
17 just focused on the legislation that we are voting  
18 upon as well for many are discussing street co-  
19 naming's as well. Council Member... [cross-talk]

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Thank you...  
21 [cross-talk]

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: ...Rodriguez...

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, thank  
24 you. Today I'm proud to bring important co-name to  
25 Northern Manhattan to New York City I want to

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highlight, a, a special one for me. Arnulfo Romero, a capital leader and a human rights leader who was assassinated in El Salvador and Arnulfo Romero was a champion of the poor who became a human rights activist in Latin American when he was killed by a right-wing death squad in 1980. [Spanish dialogue]. Today we're co-naming 179<sup>th</sup> and Fort Washington in front of where we have the great undocumented women Amanda who came from Guatemala and she lived in the church right in front of where we're co-naming that intersection after this great human rights leader Archbishop Arnulfo Romero, thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We will now hear from Council Member King.

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Thank you Madame Majority Leader. I just wanted to say thank you today to everyone as we're voting on our street re-naming. I have two that's going to... we're voting on today, one is Sandy Gresham Way, the President's wife of 1199 George Gresham's wife but also a very special one for me today is the, the, the young man who created me, my father Andy Pops King Junior for the work he's done to save about 10,000 young men's lives growing up who became doctors, lawyers, judges,

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2 administrators and as my great friend Grodenchik just  
3 said, elected officials as well as creating me so I  
4 just want to put on the record thanks Pops, we love  
5 you in the North Bronx and in the Bronx and our young  
6 men are in greater place with you being in all our  
7 lives, god bless. Thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We  
9 will now hear from Council Member Richards.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Thank you.  
11 Earlier this year the Fair Housing Act turned 50  
12 years old and it's clear that we still have a lot of  
13 work to do to ensure everyone has opportunity to find  
14 a safe and affordable place to live especially with  
15 the Trump administration showing little to no faith  
16 that they will continue to follow this law.  
17 Segregated communities create vast disparities in  
18 resources, healthcare, education and opportunity, it  
19 prevents bright students from obtaining their full  
20 potential, it keeps the unemployed and underemployed  
21 struggling to make ends meet, it's the prime reason  
22 high poverty neighborhoods exist in this city. As we  
23 work to desegregate our education system, addressing  
24 racial disparities in housing will have a direct  
25 impact on creating more diverse communities. While



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2 our trains, buses and workplaces are the most diverse  
3 in the world, our schools, homes and neighborhoods  
4 are the most divided. By creating a comprehensive  
5 plan to address historic patterns of segregation we  
6 can finally begin to address all of the systematic  
7 factors that have led to a lack of resources for  
8 schools, jobs and public amenities in communities of  
9 color across the city. Every child should get to  
10 experience the beauty and uniqueness of the hundreds  
11 of different cultures spread out across the five  
12 boroughs and learn the importance of value in  
13 different races in ethnicities firsthand. Your zip  
14 code shouldn't be a detriment to opportunity. I would  
15 like to thank the Speaker and Council Member Lander,  
16 our legislator division and Jordan Givens and Serina  
17 on my staff for their work on this bill and I urge my  
18 colleagues to vote aye on it. Thank you.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We  
20 will now hear from Council Member Barron.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. I  
22 wanted to just speak on some of those persons who are  
23 included in the co-naming. Frank and Doris Bell who  
24 established Bell Funeral Home which is in our  
25 community so well known for the care and attention

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2 that they give to their clients. Ida B. Wells, who  
3 was an educator, a journalist, owned... co-owned a  
4 newspaper and she highlighted lynching's and the fact  
5 that those who were lynched were not accused of  
6 crimes but that they were challenging white  
7 businesses and white establishment mainly in the  
8 South but also coming towards the North and she did  
9 that in the face of being black and being a woman at  
10 a time when both of those were impediments to  
11 achieving your goals. The New York Wrens Court, the  
12 New York Wrens was the first black professional  
13 basketball team, they're not well known but if you  
14 check your history you'll find out about their great  
15 accomplishments particularly about as we gave  
16 acknowledgment today to Haiti the fact that Jean  
17 Jacques Dessalines was the first President of Haiti  
18 and Toussaint Louverture led the rebellion in Haiti  
19 that was successful that forced the United States...  
20 that gave the United States an opportunity to acquire  
21 what we thought of as the Louisiana Purchase from the  
22 French and had a great contribution to making a  
23 significant impact during that war and finally  
24 Muhammad Ali... oh, Ossie and Ruby Davis who were not  
25 just actors but were activists, they defended Paul

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2 Robinson at a time when he was a target of this  
3 government, they just... they defended so many others,  
4 they participated in the protest that took place at  
5 One Place Plaza that were organized by my husband and  
6 Reverend Daughtry and finally Muhammad Ali because  
7 this is a person who put his professional future on  
8 the line, he sacrificed it, he was willing to give up  
9 his career, he gave it up not knowing what the  
10 outcome would be but knowing that the cause that he  
11 was fighting for and the position that he had taken  
12 was a just one. So, I want to commend all of those  
13 who presented these names for co-naming's. Thank you.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you...

15 [cross-talk]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Oh, and I'm  
17 sorry, my colleague King, Andy King, his father as  
18 well. Thank you.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Thank you.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council  
21 Member Barron. We'll now hear from Council Member  
22 Powers.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you and  
24 thank you... share many of the feelings and beliefs of  
25 those who just spoke. I wanted to welcome today into

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2 the Chamber the son of Jimmy Breslin, the legend here  
3 in New York City to be here for the renaming of 42<sup>nd</sup>  
4 Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in my district, Jimmy Breslin  
5 Way. Just last year we lost a legend in New York  
6 City, somebody who wrote about this city including  
7 this body with passion and fervor that we have not  
8 seen in a very long time and my predecessor Council  
9 Member Garodnick along with the Mayor did a temporary  
10 street renaming in his honor where the former Daily  
11 News building was and today we get to make that  
12 permanent and honor somebody who contributed to this  
13 city and the fabric of this city and somebody who  
14 reminds us the importance of media at a time where it  
15 is being undermined every single day. So, first of  
16 all I want to welcome the Breslin family for being  
17 here today and certainly look forward to putting that  
18 sign up in my district. I also wanted to welcome  
19 those here with the Rudin family to join Jack Rudin's  
20 name along with Lew Rudin in my district as well to  
21 honor those who have contributed so much to our city  
22 as well and, and finally just two more I wanted to  
23 acknowledge, a slain FBI agent, I think it... I believe  
24 it's in Council Member Cumbo's office Edwin  
25 Woodruffe, I have constituents, FBI members who

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2 actually reached out to me about this feeling  
3 passionately to have the street renamed and I know  
4 that they're watching today as well and are, are  
5 honored to have that street renamed and, and finally  
6 to both Council Member King and to Council Member  
7 Dromm I know this is also a special day to be  
8 honoring people so special to you who I know we all  
9 we wish could be here today to see that so  
10 congratulations and of course the greatest fighter  
11 who said he refused to fight Muhammad Ali, it is  
12 always an honor to be honoring such a great legend in  
13 this city. Thank you so much.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council  
15 Member Powers and we will now finally hear from  
16 Council Member Steve Levin.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very  
18 much Madame Majority Leader. Today we are voting as  
19 my colleagues have said on the street co-naming of  
20 civil rights leader Ida B. Wells. Ida B. Wells needs  
21 no introduction, her work as a journalist,  
22 abolitionist, suffragist, civil rights leader,  
23 shining a bright light on lynching throughout our  
24 country especially I the South has left an indelible  
25 legacy on our fight for equality and racial justice

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and her muck raking and investigative work has trot a path for journalists to this day. In this political moment when the notion of a free press is being actively undermined, demonized and attacked by our president our responsibility to honor the legacy of leaders like Ida B. Wells is more urgent than ever. Yet while her legacy is often well known her time spent in Brooklyn is much less so, it was here that she gave talks and inspired the beginning of the NAACPs women's club movement focusing on the need to address the intersections of race and gender in civil rights. Miss Wells was ahead of her time and so it is long overdue that we grant her family this, this honor today. I want to acknowledge and thank her great granddaughter, Michelle Duster who is leading the campaign to build a monument in their home city of Chicago along with journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones, local historian Jacob Morris and Brooklyn Community Board two for their support in co-naming Gold Street between Myrtle and Willoughby Streets in Brooklyn Ida B. Wells Place. There is much more we need to do to honor the contribution of visionary women in history, in fact less than ten percent of monuments nationwide

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2 honor women. I'm proud to be part of this effort  
3 today to help change that. Thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you and I  
5 want to applaud all of my colleagues for the  
6 groundbreaking street co-naming's that are going to  
7 immortalize the history and herstory of so many New  
8 Yorkers and those around the country that have made  
9 this country a great place. We are now going to have  
10 report of special committees.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We are now going  
13 to have reports of standing committees.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
15 on Housing and Buildings, Intro's 601-A, 607-A, and  
16 722-A, affordable housing.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
18 general orders.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
20 on Land Use LU 89 through LU 94, Special Hudson River  
21 Park district.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with  
23 modifications and referred to the City Planning  
24 Commission pursuant to rule 11.7b of the rules of the  
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2 Council and Section 197-d of the New York City  
3 Charter.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Excuse me, LU 107 and  
5 Reso 424, sidewalk café.

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
7 orders.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU's 108 and 109,  
9 special downtown Brooklyn district.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with  
11 modifications and referred to the City Planning  
12 Commission pursuant to rule 11.7b of the rules of the  
13 Council and Section 197-d of the New York City  
14 Charter.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU... excuse me, LU 110  
16 and Reso 425 through LU 113 and Reso 428, tax  
17 exemptions and zoning amendments.

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
19 orders.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 114 and Reso 429  
21 through LU 121 and Reso 436, sidewalk café and  
22 landmark designations.

23 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
24 orders.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-Considered LU 126  
3 and Reso 437 through Pre-Considered LU 131 and Reso  
4 442, East Village.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
6 orders.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-Considered LU 132  
8 and Reso 443 through Pre-Considered LU 134 and Reso  
9 445 La, La Cabana, Brooklyn.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
11 orders.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
13 on Parks and Recreation, Pre-Considered Intro 988,  
14 naming of 95 thoroughfares and public places.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
16 orders.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
18 on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management, Intro's  
19 203-B, 655-A, 656-A, 850-A and 851... [cross-talk]

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled... [cross-talk]

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: ...littering and unlawful  
22 dumping.

23 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
24 orders.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: On the general order  
3 calendar, Intro 720, site safety training.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Laid over.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 84 and Reso 446  
6 through LU 109 and Reso 454, various applications.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
8 orders.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Resolution appointing  
10 various persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
12 orders and at this time I would ask for a roll call  
13 vote... roll call vote on all items on today's general  
14 order calendar.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCOUNCIL MEMBERAN: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampy-Samuel?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Permission to  
25 explain my vote?

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
3 granted.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. I'm  
5 voting aye on all with the exception of 84, 89, 90,  
6 91, 92, 93, and 94 and the accompanying Resolutions.  
7 As you may know I'm always looking at the percentage  
8 of housing that we are providing that is so called  
9 affordable and part of what I've noticed is the  
10 affordability does not match what matches the  
11 percentages of people who live in New York City at  
12 those income bands. So, for those reasons I'm voting  
13 no on those and aye on all the others. Thank you.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brannon?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNON: [off mic] Aye on  
17 all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: [off mic] Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on  
24 all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch?

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Diaz?

COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm?

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Espinal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Permission to  
explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I just want to  
highlight that I'm joined by a very bright  
constituent of mine, Julio Pagan who will be voting  
in, in, in my favor.

JULIO PAGAN: Aye on all.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I'll just need  
you to also vote aye on all Council Member Espinal.

COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye on all.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene?

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson?

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

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
5 granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you Madame  
7 Majority Leader and good afternoon to all of our  
8 colleagues. I too want to join in supporting today's  
9 agenda that includes a number of streets to be  
10 renamed and co-named after prominent members of our  
11 community and in addition to Ida B. Wells and  
12 Muhammad Ali and Sandra Gresham and Andy Pop King  
13 Junior as well as the mother of our Finance Chair,  
14 Council Member Dromm, I certainly want to acknowledge  
15 too fallen NYDP Detectives that we are going to be  
16 co-naming streets after in the Borough of the Bronx.  
17 NYPD Detective Joseph Lemm who was killed in the line  
18 of duty in Afghanistan as well as NYPD Detective  
19 Miosotis Familia who was a detective in the 46<sup>th</sup>  
20 precinct where I live in the Borough of the Bronx and  
21 we're going to recognize the one-year anniversary of  
22 her tragic passing July 5<sup>th</sup>, two members of service  
23 who served us well and certainly many of the members  
24 of service that we're honoring and renaming streets  
25 after both NYPD and FDNY. I certainly want to

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2 recognize that, and I want to congratulate Council  
3 Member Williams and Majority Leader Cumbo on... in  
4 recognizing the incredible contributions of the  
5 Haitian American community. While I may be from  
6 Trinidad I certainly honorary consider myself a  
7 member of the community as well and want to thank you  
8 for the Resolution in recognizing Little Haiti and I  
9 also want to congratulate our Speaker and Council  
10 Member Richards and others who are passing a very  
11 important package related to affordable housing and  
12 certainly looking at a lot of... a lot of the trends  
13 that many of our communities have experienced when  
14 you talk about segregation and not making sure that  
15 affordable housing is truly affordable and available  
16 to every New Yorker. I look forward to today's vote  
17 and certainly all the work that lies ahead and with  
18 that I vote aye on all. Thank you, Madame Majority  
19 Leader.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council  
21 Member Gibson.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gjonaj?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye on all.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Grodenchik?  
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Permission to  
3 briefly explain my vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
5 granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: I just want  
7 to remember also that we are naming two thoroughfares  
8 in my district after houses of worship; one after the  
9 Muslim Community at McGlaughlin and the Grand Central  
10 Parkway, Armenia Way which is just above the LIE in  
11 Bayside Hills and after our fallen heroes and all  
12 those who died on 9/11 Bayside Hills Memorial Way  
13 where each and every year hundreds of people turn out  
14 to commemorate those who have fallen, with that I  
15 vote aye on all Madame Majority Leader, thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: King?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye on all.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: In honor of  
23 Audrey Gallagher I vote aye on all.

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all and  
3 congratulations to Council Members King and Dromm on  
4 these very meaningful street co-names as well, thank  
5 you.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: [off mic] Aye on  
8 all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: [off mic] Yes.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Perkins?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: [off mic] Aye on  
17 all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Permission to  
22 explain my vote with congratulations to Council  
23 Member Matteo and Little Haiti, I vote aye on all.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards?  
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COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: I vote aye on  
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [off mic] Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres?

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger?

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich? Rosenthal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Thank you, aye  
on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer? Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: May I be  
excused to explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you, I'm  
going to be voting aye, aye on all but I did want to

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2 align myself with Council Members Barron's comments  
3 on housing. I'm voting aye because I have the... a, a  
4 history of just supporting those who choose option  
5 one but my hope is that this body will relook at MIH,  
6 we know now that it, it was not what it was supposed  
7 to be, I think we failed in our duties as we move  
8 forward, we should relook at that because most of the  
9 zonings that come through this... through here we know  
10 can use some additional affordability so I'm glad it  
11 does have MIH option one which is the only option I  
12 will support but we do need to relook at this. Thank  
13 you Council Member Barron and I vote aye on all.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Yeger?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: May I be excused  
19 to explain my vote?

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
21 granted.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you Madame  
23 President. I am voting aye on all and I'd like to  
24 give a specific mention to the package of legislation  
25 that we're voting on with regard to dumping and

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2 littering and trash management and a particular  
3 congratulation to Mr. Minority Leader and Council  
4 Member Miller, I am co-sponsoring two of these bills  
5 along with them and the reason that I'm doing this  
6 is... you know I didn't come here to, to seek to raise  
7 fines on the people of New York and none of my  
8 colleagues did but this is... has truly become a  
9 scourge on our neighborhoods as we go through our  
10 neighborhoods and we see the illegal dumping  
11 particularly the, the kind of dumping that  
12 introduction 656-A seeks to address which is in  
13 regard to illegal dumping for commercial activities,  
14 it is simply a scourge on the neighborhoods that we  
15 represent. People are doing this, they are... they are  
16 truly bad actors and with regard to the neighborhood  
17 waste baskets, they are a personal gripe of mine, I  
18 have been on a... I was on the community board before I  
19 came here for 18 years, we fight to keep our  
20 neighborhoods clean, we try to get the extra  
21 sanitation pickups and the one thing that we always  
22 hear back from sanitation is that no matter how much  
23 they go and clean up these street baskets... [cross-  
24 talk]

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Quite in the  
3 chambers.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: ...that we put out  
5 there, people simply put their household trash  
6 alongside and it was constantly a frustrating  
7 experience that sanitation could not write summonses  
8 to people who... unless they actually saw them put the  
9 trash alongside the waste basket. This package of  
10 legislation addresses that, these are good bills and  
11 again Mr. Minority Leader and Council Member Miller  
12 thank you very much for your leadership on this. I  
13 vote aye on all.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Permission to  
17 explain my vote?

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
19 granted.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I just wanted to  
21 add my thanks to the council and my colleagues for  
22 approving the street renaming bill, there's several...  
23 well all of them are truly deserving and notable in  
24 their own right but I just want to mention just a  
25 handful of them. In my district we are honoring Maria

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2 Thompson, a long time civic leader in Woodhaven who  
3 really dedicated her life to the betterment of her  
4 community, we're, we're really looking forward to  
5 that and, and keeping her memory and her service  
6 alive and well and we want to honor her in a special  
7 way. There's... I, I noticed that we're also naming a  
8 street after a Shri Gosih who was upended in the  
9 local Hindu Mandir in Ozone Park, he founded it on  
10 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue and he was a great man and also of  
11 course the late great Jimmy Breslin, I know it's in  
12 Council Member Power's district, but his son is here  
13 with us today, Kevin Breslin, he lives in the  
14 Rockaways and Jimmy really changed the face of this  
15 city and contributed to, you know good government in  
16 an enormous way through, through his articles in the  
17 newspapers and, you know he is certainly deserving of  
18 this honor and all the people that are being  
19 mentioned, you know they're with the lord now but we  
20 want to keep their names out there and honor them in  
21 a special way so I want to vote aye on all and say  
22 thank you to my colleagues, thank you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo? Cumbo?

25 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

3 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All items on  
5 today's general order calendar were adopted by a vote  
6 of 47 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and  
7 zero abstentions with the exception of LU's 84, 89,  
8 90, 91, 92, 93, 94 with accompanying Resos which was  
9 adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, one  
10 negative and zero abstentions. We will now have the  
11 introduction and reading of bills.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: All bills have been  
13 referred to committees as indicated on the agenda.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Now we will have  
15 the discussion of Resolutions starting with Council  
16 Member Jumaane Williams.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you, this  
18 is on Resolutions, correct?

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Yes, Resolutions..

20 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you very  
21 much. Today we're going to be passing a Resolution to  
22 concretize Little Haiti as a Resolution in this city,  
23 so I want to thank the Majority Leader, Council  
24 Member Mark Treyger, Council Member Espinal for.. and  
25 of course the Speaker for all the work that they've

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2 done to help get us here and of course recognize the  
3 first Haitian born elected official, Council Member  
4 Mathieu Eugene that we have in our body here.. I'm  
5 sorry, first Haitian City Council Member Mathieu  
6 Eugene who we have right here in this body, it is  
7 with great pride as I myself and Council Member  
8 Eugene represent the largest... the largest grouping of  
9 Haitians and Haitian Americans outside of Haiti and  
10 Florida to have the body designate this area in our...  
11 in my district. As I mentioned when we did the  
12 proclamation it is a lot of source of pride because  
13 when many of us were younger unfortunately like the  
14 president calling this a country S-holes there were  
15 many folks that tried to make people ashamed of two  
16 black cultures in particular... oh, I forgot I had two  
17 minutes, let me close up but... Haitians and the  
18 Africans were some of them and as a black man I'm  
19 always proud because I'm free because of the actions  
20 of Toussaint Louverture who we're... also we're doing a  
21 street renaming for today and Jean Jacques Dessalines  
22 who we'll be doing later and as an American doubling  
23 the size of Haiti so I'm so proud of America, I'm so  
24 proud that we're able to, to provide this and the  
25 Haitian culture should be celebrated from here and

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2 abroad. With that I'll pause and just say hopefully I  
3 can the support of everyone, thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council  
5 Member Williams and it's been an honor to work with  
6 you on this important resolution. Pre-Considered  
7 Resolution 423 is a resolution ceremonially  
8 designating Flatbush Avenue within the boundaries of  
9 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Parkside Avenue, Brooklyn Avenue,  
10 Avenue H and Church Avenue as Little Haiti. As far as  
11 Pre-Considered Resolution 423 goes all in favor say  
12 aye.

13 [everyone says aye]

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All opposed. Any  
15 abstentions? The ayes have it. This is a most  
16 historical day for the city of New York. We will now  
17 move on to general discussions and we will begin with  
18 Council Member Barron.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. I had  
20 some comments that I was going to make last stated  
21 but I'm going to change because next week we'll be  
22 celebrating the fourth of July. So, I just wanted to  
23 share with you the speech from Frederick Douglass  
24 from 1853. What, to the American slave, is your 4th  
25 of July? I answer; a day that reveals to him, more



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2 than all other days in the year, the gross injustice  
3 and cruelty to which he is the constant victim. To  
4 him, your celebration is a sham; your boasted  
5 liberty, an unholy license; your national greatness,  
6 swelling vanity; your sounds of rejoicing are empty  
7 and heartless; your denunciation of tyrants, brass  
8 founded... fronted impudence; your shouts of liberty  
9 and equality, hollow mockery; your prayers and hymns,  
10 your sermons and thanksgivings, with all your  
11 religious parade and solemnity, are, to Him, mere  
12 bombast, fraud, deception, impiety, and hypocrisy-a  
13 thin veil to cover up crimes which would disgrace a  
14 nation of savages. There is not a nation on the earth  
15 guilty of practices more shocking and bloody than are  
16 the people of the United States, at this very hour.  
17 So, then we know that about ten years after that  
18 Abraham Lincoln signed the so called Emancipation  
19 Proclamation but what that did was it declared  
20 freedom to those who were enslaved in the confederate  
21 states that were still a part of the union that had  
22 slavery and we did not declare the slaves in those  
23 states to be free so that was a mockery and a sham  
24 but we do know that we celebrate June-tenth as a day  
25 when supposedly all of those who had been enslaved

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2 were declared free and we know following that we got  
3 the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment which ended slavery everywhere  
4 except as a punishment for a crime and that became  
5 the basis for what we are now experiencing as mass  
6 incarceration. Thank you.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council  
8 Member Barron, we will now hear from Council Member  
9 Rose.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you Chair. I,  
11 I wanted to talk about two bills that I was going to  
12 sponsor last time. So, I just want to briefly call  
13 your attention to them, Intro 982 which will  
14 establish an office of the waterfront which would be  
15 responsible for coordinating among the various city  
16 agency's matters that relate to the waterfront  
17 supporting waterfront management advisory board and  
18 implementing the New York City comprehensive  
19 waterfront plan and since the waterfront is like our  
20 sixth borough it behooves us to not only have the  
21 waterfront management advisory board but also to  
22 develop this comprehensive plan. And as Intro 982 and  
23 then Reso 378 calls upon New York State legislature  
24 to pass and the governor to sign critical gun safety  
25 legislation A6640 S7828 and A7021 and A7023/63. This

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2 package of bills would establish the framework for a  
3 gun safety research fund because as we look in horror  
4 on a continuing cascade of gun violence and mass  
5 shootings that is terrorizing our schools and  
6 communities across the country it is critical that we  
7 work diligently to address this public health crisis  
8 and this fund will help New York lead the way in  
9 developing ways to properly treat it. And then I  
10 sadly announce and bid farewell to my legislative  
11 aid, Lisa Thompson, she will be greatly missed, she's  
12 truly an asset to my, my office, she's irreplaceable  
13 and I will truly miss the color-coded budget  
14 spreadsheets, her enthusiasm, initiative and  
15 organizational skills. I love Lisa and I wish her  
16 well on her new endeavors. Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Beautiful  
18 tribute, thank you so much, Council Member Cornegy.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I'd like to take  
20 a moment to draw your attention to... I'd like to take  
21 a moment to draw your attention to two bills I'm  
22 introducing today that I believe go a long way toward  
23 making our city fairer for the New York... for New  
24 Yorkers who depend on us. First, I'd like to make you  
25 all aware of 995 which I am introducing to help

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2 protect the owners of one and two-family homes who  
3 offer extra space in their abodes on a short term  
4 basis from enforcement of the city's illegal  
5 conversion law, Law 45 of 2012 by the Mayor's Office  
6 of Special Enforcement. This also brings the city's  
7 regulation of short term rental market on par with  
8 the state's multiple dwelling law which prohibits the  
9 rental of units in multiple dwellings with three or  
10 more units for less than 30 days. As someone who  
11 represents areas of the city where middle class  
12 people of color struggle to make ends meet, I have  
13 and always will support the ability of individual  
14 homeowners to share in economic opportunities of the  
15 sharing economy as a means to combat the  
16 affordability crisis. This is precisely why I believe  
17 Intro 995 is important. At the same time, I  
18 understand we cannot turn a blind eye to the abuses  
19 of the affordable housing market where we've seen  
20 tenants get evicted and displaced by unscrupulous  
21 commercial operators who misuse online platforms such  
22 as Airbnb for their own profit. From renters in my  
23 district covering Bedstuy and Crown Heights to  
24 tenants in Upper Manhattan, the Bronx and every  
25 community in between we need better enforcement tools

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2 to identify and stop the bad actors who are removing  
3 affordable housing and driving up rental prices for  
4 everyday New Yorkers. This is why I also support  
5 Council Member Carlina Rivera's legislation to  
6 require online platforms to provide the city with the  
7 proper data to do its job more efficiently and  
8 thoughtfully. This bill will give us the information  
9 to separate and punish the bad actors who are hurting  
10 our neighborhoods, taking away housing and taking  
11 with them all the profits from the local homeowners  
12 who are acting in good faith to supplement their  
13 income. Coupled with Intro 995, I'm confident we can  
14 ensure the enforcement of Intro 981 to go after the  
15 bad actors, remains true to its intent. The second  
16 bill I'd like to speak to is Intro 996, which I guess  
17 I'll have to get to at another time because I'm  
18 running out of time, but I also would just like to  
19 take one second to acknowledge my friend and mentor  
20 who unfortunately killed himself yesterday, Mr.  
21 McCall who was facing some mental health issues and  
22 was unable to deal with them. We have mental health  
23 crisis in this city that is at epic proportions and  
24 I'm just happy to have a Speaker and a Council that

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2 addresses that and has done so in the budget so thank  
3 you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I'm so sorry for  
5 your loss. Council Member Chin.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you. I would  
7 like to draw my colleague's attention to Reso 414, a  
8 resolution that urges the federal government to  
9 reinstate two way tolling on the Verrazano Bridge  
10 through an act of congress. Thirty-two years ago,  
11 congressional leaders moved to... removed two way  
12 tolling on the Verrazano Bridge to ease congestion  
13 for vehicles leaving Staten Island. Unfortunately,  
14 this created unintended consequences in Lower  
15 Manhattan, almost immediately we began seeing a flood  
16 of truck traffic in neighborhoods like Little Italy,  
17 Tribeca and Hudson Square; Canal Street and all the,  
18 the feeder streets North and South of it are now  
19 overflowing with vehicles heading to the Harlem  
20 Tunnel stuck in stop and go traffic during rush hour.  
21 The congestion has simply moved to Lower Manhattan,  
22 this is unfair to the residents that live there as  
23 well as workers who travel in and out from other  
24 boroughs like Staten Island. Unlike 30 years ago,  
25 tolless technology can allow vehicles to move through

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tolled areas without stopping by splitting the current cost of entering Staten Island in half and reinstating two way tolling on the Verrazano Bridge with the same fee we can ensure an equal distribution of truck traffic without increasing commuting cars or diminishing the quality of life of Staten Islanders. I hope that my colleagues particularly those living on Staten Island will join me in this endeavor and sign on to Reso 414. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council Member Chin, we will now hear from Council Member Williams followed by Council Member Holden.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you Madame Majority Leader. I just wanted to call my attention to three bills. One is on homeless shelter siting plans to develop a citywide shelter siting plan for implementation by DHS, a green building waiver which waives building permit fees for buildings on renovations, projects for one to two full families and increase energy on water efficiency and shore front all release notification requiring DEP and OEM to publicly report on their websites and notify the council effected... council members and effected community boards in the event of any release

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2 of oil. I neglected to mention a co-naming of  
3 Flatlands Avenue in my district after firefighter  
4 William Gormley, a district 45 resident who died  
5 unfortunately due to illnesses from working at Ground  
6 Zero on 9/11. I also want to just lift up the name of  
7 Lasandro Guzman Fleece also known as Junior, it's  
8 been emotional for me looking at that, I can no  
9 longer look at the horror on his face in those videos  
10 and those pictures, I just want to thank everyone  
11 that posted other pictures and other videos that  
12 showed his life and showed him in a better light and  
13 hopefully the press conference today we'll see even  
14 more funding for young people, yes, when we see  
15 something we should say something, yes, those young  
16 people and others need to be held accountable but we  
17 cannot talk about personal accountability without  
18 giving the resources for people to make better  
19 decisions and so if we see something we should say  
20 something including a lack of educational  
21 opportunities and lack of proper housing and the lack  
22 of jobs and fill those as well. Lastly, we are in  
23 danger now with the conservative court determined to  
24 strip away basic rights, we've seen the Muslim man,  
25 we've seen Janice, the likelihood that Kennedy's were



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try.. will make even more, we have to be steadfast where there's LGBTQ rights, Roe v. Wade, segregation, education, fair housing, fair elections there's a problem, there is consequences in elections, there's also consequences in how parties administer themselves and force people to feel some ways, not to participate in those elections and I hope everyone learns their lessons as we move forward in 2018. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council Member Williams, we'll be followed by Council Member Holden and finally by Council Member Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Thank you Majority Leader Cumbo. Today I have two intros and six resolutions. I want to highlight a couple of them, I'm doing an intro to require 3-1-1 service center to respond accurately and honestly if the agency is unable to respond to a service request or complaint. Right now, many times they don't get to it and they, they leave you hanging, they don't say anything about what happened to your complaints so now they.. they're compelled to say if they can't get to it and I think that's important measure. Also, I'm doing a resolution calling upon the New York City

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2 Department of Education to create more districts of  
3 gifted and talented programs in classes and create a  
4 pathway for admissions to gifted and talented  
5 intermediate school programs. And also, a couple of  
6 reso... a couple of local laws in relation to  
7 establishing a task force on vehicles registered out  
8 of state so a, a problem in many neighborhoods and  
9 people are obviously getting around New York State  
10 insurance rates and registering their vehicle  
11 improperly out of state. Thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
13 Council Member Levin.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very  
15 much Madame Majority Leader. First, I want to  
16 acknowledge four students who are this year's... part  
17 of this year's cohort of Hope Reichbach fellows. Hope  
18 Reichbach was a staff member here at the city council  
19 in my office and for the last seven years... six years  
20 we've been having fellowships that provide  
21 internships to Brooklyn based not-for profits for  
22 college aged students here in New York City, so I  
23 want to welcome Aliza Khan who is a Brooklyn college  
24 student who's in... having a fellowship with the  
25 Brooklyn Defenders this summer; Jerrell Gray who is a

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2 University of Rochester student who has a, a  
3 fellowship at Bedstuy Restoration; Nashany Rodriguez  
4 who is a student in Albany, student who has a  
5 fellowship at Brooklyn Community Services and Rasna  
6 Ekra who is a Lafayette college student who has a  
7 fellowship at Safe Horizons and I want to welcome  
8 them today. I also want to speak for a moment on the  
9 retirement announcement of Justice Anthony Kennedy  
10 which is a stark reminder of the importance of  
11 elections and the impact that they have not just on  
12 congress and the presidency but also on our nation's  
13 courts. This week we have seen the power of the  
14 supreme court to roll back civil rights and civil  
15 liberties and advance the Trump administration's  
16 political agenda. The courts Trump versus Hawaii  
17 everyone upheld the president's ban on travel from  
18 several predominately Muslim countries allowing for  
19 broad discrimination against our Muslim neighbors and  
20 causing the separation of more immigrant families. As  
21 Justice rightly stated in her dissenting opinion this  
22 decision is no better than the 1944 one that allowed  
23 for the internment of Japanese Americans during World  
24 War II. With, with Justice Kennedy's retirement these  
25 attacks will only get worse, Roe versus Wade in the..

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2 sorry, the supreme court also ruled this week to  
3 allow crisis pregnancy centers, unlicensed facilities  
4 that often give the impression that they provide  
5 abortion care that they lie to clients about the  
6 services that they do... do not provide and shame,  
7 harass or mislead women looking for comprehensive  
8 medical care. These will only get... these attacks on,  
9 on basic rights will only get worse. Roe v. Wade and  
10 the LGBTQ rights that have been upheld by Justice  
11 Kennedy's decisions are at risk. The stakes for human  
12 rights are too high, the American people deserve a  
13 voice in this matter and so congress must hold off on  
14 any confirmation vote until after the November  
15 election. History is watching, we cannot let excuses  
16 to civility allow us to be complacent or complicit,  
17 so I want everybody to call their US senator, 202-  
18 224-3121 and urge them to follow their own rules and  
19 not vote until next year in the new congress. Thank  
20 you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council  
22 Member Levin, Council Member Williams for brief  
23 remarks.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you so  
25 much, I forgot to announce the departure of Mike

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2 Toomey, my Legislative Director so I just wanted to  
3 thank him and welcome Mike Wright who comes from HPD  
4 and President of MYD. Thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you and I  
6 am honored to close out this meeting today with  
7 Speaker Johnson. I want to thank you all for an  
8 incredible year, we have made tremendous strides  
9 budget wise, legislative wise. We've made a bit of  
10 history but we've made a whole lot of herstory and  
11 I'm very proud to share it, my parents are in the  
12 back today who have come today to celebrate our final  
13 session and meeting and I just want to encourage all  
14 the Council Members, yes, Council Members need a  
15 break and they do need rest so I do recommend that  
16 you all take some sort of break over these next  
17 couple of months and I will now turn it over to  
18 Speaker Corey Johnson for closing remarks.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Everyone have a very  
20 nice 4<sup>th</sup> of July, be safe, spend time with your  
21 friends and family. Today's stated meeting of June  
22 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 is now adjourned.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

24 [off mic dialogue]

25 [gavel]

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