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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Corey Johnson
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne E. Adams
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Peter Koo
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Brad Lander
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Deborah Rose
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Ritchie J. Torres
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Eric A. Ulrich
Paul Vallone
Jimmy Van Bramer
Kalman Yeger

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

1 JOHN VIANDO: This a microphone check.
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3 Today's date is February 11, 2020, recording of the
4 Stated Meeting, being recorded by John Viando, City
5 Hall, Council Chambers.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Are we ready?
7 Everybody's ready. I'm gonna start at the beginning.
8 All right, good afternoon everybody. I'm Council
9 Member Cohen, and I've invited here as our guest the
10 Manhattan College Jasper Dancers, Division one
11 College Dance Team that competes nationally, and this
12 year they are winners of the national, no, they
13 compete in the Division of the National Dance
14 Alliance, Collegiate National Champions. The Jaspers
15 won first place. Let's give it up for first place.
16 [applause] In the 2019 championships held in the
17 State of Florida, the team performs competitively in
18 both jazz and hip hop. This past year the Jaspers
19 took home the championship with their hip hop dance
20 performance. Nearly a hundred teams compete in this
21 competition, so it's a very serious, meaningful
22 competition, with over 20 teams competing in the hip
23 hop category, hip hop category. And then being on
24 the team, let's see here, being on, we have, oh, this
25 is our cochair. On top of being full-time graduate

2 students, the team trains approximately 15 hours a
3 week and still manages to maintain a cumulative GPA
4 of 3.54. That's pretty good. That also deserves a
5 round of applause. [applause] All right. And then
6 we have our head coach, Kaitlyn Marquette, she is
7 holding the plaque for her dedication, as well as
8 leadership for the Jaspers and coaching them to the
9 first place nationals. Manhattan College as a whole
10 and the whole Bronx community is extremely proud of
11 this team's accomplishment. We wish Kaitlyn and the
12 team as much success in the future as I know you're
13 going to have. And I guess you're, oh, you're
14 getting ready to defend. We're already, ah, April,
15 where is it gonna be in April?

16 UNIDENTIFIED: Daytona Beach.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Back in Florida,
18 April 9 through the, maybe I have to go and, ah, and
19 supervise. So really I want to say congratulations
20 on behalf on of the entire delegation, Speaker Corey
21 Johnson, you have the full Bronx delegation and the
22 speaker, ah, signing this proclamation. Ah, is the
23 point where I ask the clerk to read the proclamation?

24 UNIDENTIFIED: Yes.
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Mr. Sweeney,
3 please.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Council City of New York
5 Proclamation. The New York City Council is proud to
6 honor the Manhattan College Jasper Dancers for their
7 outstanding teamwork that lead to their victory at
8 the National Dance Allegiance, Alliance, Collegiate
9 National Championship. And whereas the Manhattan
10 College Jasper Dancers are a Division one college
11 team, ah, dance team, established in 1999 as an
12 official student government association club. Under
13 the auspices of the Office of Student Engagement and
14 Division of Student Life, the Jasper Dancers perform
15 throughout the year at all men's and women's Division
16 one basketball games on the Manhattan College campus.
17 And whereas for the last seven years head coach
18 Kaitlyn Marquette has guided her dancers to great
19 success. Ms. Marquette has a BFA in dance
20 performance and has more than two decades of dance
21 experience, including performances in Japan and
22 India. For the last seven years she has also been a
23 teacher at Paramount Dance Academy on Long Island,
24 both there and at Manhattan College. She has worked
25 tirelessly to empower students with confidence and a

2 commitment to hard work. And whereas with Ms.
3 Marquette as head coach the Manhattan College Jasper
4 Dances have also competed annually at the National
5 Dance Alliance Collegiate National Championship.
6 Each year new dancers train for hours to master new
7 choreography, perform their best, and make their
8 mark. These young women approach practice schedules,
9 team workouts, attire, and all other aspects of the
10 team with incredible dedication and stamina to ensure
11 their succeed. And whereas the 2019 team was
12 comprised of 11 full-time undergraduate students,
13 including Imogene Donovan, Madeline Donohue, Megan
14 Walker, Kimberly Heller, Megan Drerer, Taylor
15 Malingone, Natalia Rivere, Taylor Olosio, Sadria
16 Fletcher, Alissa Holostro, and Madeline Mullahy.
17 These Jasper Dancers shared a commitment to
18 excellence in both their individual and collective
19 efforts. All of the time and energy they invested in
20 rehearsal was on full display at the 2019
21 championship in Daytona, Florida and led to their
22 first place national championship title for hip hop
23 dance. And whereas the same discipline and drive
24 required to be Jasper Dancers have also supported
25 their other roles, including editor-in-chief of the

2 school paper, members of student government, members
3 of Manhattan College engineering clubs, and members
4 of academic honor societies, such as Lambda Phi Eta,
5 Chi Epsilon, Epsilon Sigma Phi, [fil] Sigma Tau,
6 Kappa Delta Phi, and Sigma Tau Delta. After
7 graduation many of the Jasper Dancers go on to dance
8 professionally, whether performing or teach. Now
9 therefore be it known that the New York City Council
10 is pleased and proud to honor Manhattan College
11 Jasper Dancers for their outstanding achievements in
12 dance. Corey Johnson, speaker for the entire
13 council, Andrew Cohen, council member, 11 District
14 the Bronx, and the entire Bronx delegation of the New
15 York City Council. [applause]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Thank you very
17 much. I just want to say that this is a, I've been a
18 council member for six years, this is my first
19 ceremonial. But I really, Manhattan College has been
20 such a great partner in the community. They do such
21 good work. I'm really proud to represent you, so I'm
22 really pleased that when I was gonna do it that I did
23 it for Manhattan College and the Jaspers, and
24 Kaitlyn, I'd like you to say a few words, if you
25 don't mind.

2 KAITLYN MARQUETTE: I want to thank you,
3 Councilman, for allowing me to be here on behalf of
4 my team and I feel honored and blessed to be
5 recognized for our accomplishments and our
6 achievements. Dance team as a whole is very
7 overlooked sometimes and I feel very proud to be
8 standing here with you today, being recognized for
9 all the hard work that we've put in throughout the
10 years. This year I have 15 girls on my team.
11 They're working really hard and we're gonna bring
12 home another national championship for the Bronx.
13 [applause] Yes we will. Go Jaspers. Thank you so
14 much.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Congratulations.
16 Thank you very much. Good job, good job.

17 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentleman,
18 can I have your attention, please. Quiet on the
19 floor, please. Shhh. At this time please place all
20 electronic devices, all electronic devices to
21 vibrate. Will all non-council employees, non-council
22 employees, please leave the main floor of the
23 chambers. There is additional seating upstairs in
24 the balcony. Thank you. Mr. Public Advocate.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Would everyone please
3 stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

4 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

5 ALL: I pledge allegiance to the flag of
6 the United States of America, and to the republic for
7 which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible,
8 with liberty and justice for all.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Roll call.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli. Brannan.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: I'm 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: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Present.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Present.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Present.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Diaz. Dromm.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene. Gibson.

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Gjonaj. Grodenchik.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: King.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Present.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.
3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.
5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.
7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.
9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.
11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli.
12 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Here.
13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca.
14 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.
15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller.
16 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Present.
17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya.
18 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.
19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Perkins.
20 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Here.
21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers.
22 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.
23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso.
24 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Present.
25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.
COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.
COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Present.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Gjonaj.
COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose. Rosenthal.
COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca. Torres.
Treyger.
COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich. Vallone.
COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.
COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Yeger.
COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres.
COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo.
MINORITY LEADER MATTEO: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo. Speaker
Johnson.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Present.

3 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you. We
4 will now have today's invocation, which will be
5 delivered by Pastor Brenda Starks Ross, the spiritual
6 leader of Trinity Pentecostal House of Prayer,
7 located at 548 Fountain Avenue in Brooklyn, NY.

8 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

9 PASTOR STARKS ROSS: Good afternoon,
10 Speaker Corey Johnson, Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo,
11 Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Council Member Inez
12 Barron, who I affectionately call the queen of East
13 New York, Mark Levine, and the entire council. It is
14 an honor, privilege, and pleasure to be at the Stated
15 Meeting with the City Council. I would like you all
16 to know that I pray for you on a weekly basis. My
17 prayer is that you use the authority given you to
18 govern New York with vision and wisdom. The Bible
19 informs without vision people perish. Therefore, I
20 am thanking God today for leaders such as yourselves
21 to continue to use your God-given vision and wisdom
22 to make the hard decisions that will improve the
23 lives of New Yorkers. I appreciate the dedication,
24 devotion of service, and stamina you bring to the
25 decision-making table on a consistent basis. Father,

2 I thank you for these fearless leaders. Permit them
3 to use vision, wisdom, and collective decision-making
4 every time they are tasked with coming up with
5 solutions for your people. Let them remember
6 Proverbs 13:10. Where there is strife there is
7 pride, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.
8 Let them continue to advise one another and do what
9 they have done consistently to protect your people.
10 Matthew 25:40 says, Verily I say unto you in such as
11 ye have done it unto one of the least these of my
12 brethren ye have done it unto me. God bless you and
13 may his mighty hand keep you in his perfect peace.
14 Amen.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you very
16 much, Pastor. Now I'd like to call on Council Member
17 Barron to spread the invocation on the record.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, Mr.
19 Public Advocate. Brenda Starks Ross succeeds her
20 father as a senior pastor at Trinity Pentecostal
21 House of Prayer in East New York, Brooklyn, and just
22 as East New York, like the phoenix, is rising from
23 the ashes, Pastor Ross is a symbol of that rebirth.
24 She is a mother, nurse, group facilitator, and
25 administrator. At Trinity Pastor Ross is the

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2 leadership for the youth and women's group. They
3 conduct health fairs, Unity in the Community Marches,
4 Educational Workshops on HIV and AIDS in the church
5 as well as in the surrounding community, and more.

6 Currently Pastor Ross serves as the deputy executive
7 director and COO of Alliance for Positive Change, a
8 community-based organization that transforms lives of
9 New Yorkers living with HIV/AIDS and other chronic
10 illnesses. Additionally, she is the staff liaison to

11 the Alliance Community Advocacy Council. In the mid
12 1990s Pastor Ross worked in the medical-surgical unit
13 at Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn, with AIDS patients

14 and for several years she did that, but then later
15 moved on to work as the administrator. Finally,

16 while employed as coordinating manager at Gouverneur
17 Diagnostic and Treatment Center in the early 1990s,

18 Pastor Ross became the founder and facilitator of

19 True [Path], a 28-year-old support group for

20 individuals and families infected with AIDS and HIV.

21 The group is one of New York City's oldest, with five
22 of its original members still in attendance today.

23 And with that, I move to spread the invocation in
24 full on the record. Thank you.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you,
3 Council Member. We'll now on Council Member Maisel
4 for the adoption of minutes.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: I move to adopt
6 the minutes of December 19, 2019.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you.
8 Messages and papers from the paper, I'm sorry,
9 messages and papers from the mayor.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Mr. Public Advocate, I
11 believe it was the minutes of December 19 and January
12 8 of 2020 as well, both minutes.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Yes, you're
14 correct.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: My bad. I amend
16 my, my motion. Sorry.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: So amended.

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: You're forgiven, Alan
19 Maisel.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you very
21 much. Messages and papers from the mayor.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: [clears throat] Excuse
23 me. M-210 through M-215, various budget documents.

24 UNIDENTIFIED: [inaudible]

25 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Finance.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: M-216, Preliminary
3 Mayor's Management Report.

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

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: M-217 and M-218,
7 Conflicts of Interest Board appointments.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Rules, privileges, and
9 elections.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Communication
11 from city, county, and borough offices.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Petitions and
14 communications.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: M-219, submitting an
16 annual report pursuant to Rule 2.75 B.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Received, ordered
18 printed, and filed.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: M-220, Council Member
20 Rafael L. Espinal, Jr. resignation.

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

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Land use call-
24 ups.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: M-222 through M-223.

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled under call-up
3 vote. And at this time I'm asking for a roll call
4 vote on today's land use call-ups. We're just voting
5 on the land use call-ups.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brannan.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy.
COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch.
COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Diaz. Dromm.
COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene. Gibson.
Gjonaj.
COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Grodenchik.
COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden.
COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos.
COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: King.
COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.
COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.
COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman.
COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Yes.
3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.
5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.
7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.
9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.
11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca.
12 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Yes.
13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller.
14 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Yes.
15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya. Perkins.
16 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye.
17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers. Reynoso.
18 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.
19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards.
20 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.
21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.
22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.
23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.
24 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.
25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose. Rosenthal.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca. Torres.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich. Vallone.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: I abstain on
11 Land Use 604 and 605, and aye on the rest. Aye on
12 all except for Land Use 604 and 605.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Yeger.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo. Cumbo.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Johnson.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: We will now
22 have communications, ah, sorry. Today's land use
23 call-ups are adopted by a vote of 43 in the
24 affirmative and zero in the negative. We will now
25 have communications from Speaker Corey Johnson.

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Public
3 Advocate. It's nice to see you here in the chambers.
4 Good afternoon. Very happy Tuesday. I want to
5 everyone for being here for today's Stated Meeting.
6 I want to begin this Stated by talking about the
7 tragedy our city dealt with this weekend in the Bronx
8 when two officers were shot. Officer Paul Strofalino
9 and Lieutenant Jose Gudro were targeted because of
10 the uniform they wear and the job they do protecting
11 New Yorkers. Thankfully both Officer Strofalino and
12 Lieutenant Gudro are recovering. But make no
13 mistake. As has been said by others, this was an
14 assassination attempt. It is only by the grace of
15 God and by these officers being smart and alert on
16 the job that they survived. The work that our brave
17 women and men of the NYPD do each day to protect the
18 greatest city in the world cannot be underestimated
19 or overstated. We are forever grateful for their
20 service, and I want us to stand and give Officer
21 Strofalino and Lieutenant Gudro a round of applause
22 for their service [applause] to New York City and us
23 wishing them well in their recovery. We are praying
24 for them and I think it's also important to say that
25 we condemn any acts of inciting violence against

2 police officers here in New York City. Anyone who
3 stands up or defaces doors or walks up to police
4 officers and screams in their face and calls them
5 epithets, they are dividing our city. [applause]
6 They are not helping our city and it's important for
7 us to say that explicitly, that you can be someone
8 that may want to push for further reforms, but you
9 can also be someone who can say it is unacceptable to
10 divide New Yorkers by using irresponsible and
11 dangerous rhetoric and we should not be doing that.
12 As we do at every Stated, I want to remember the
13 lives of those that we lost to 9/11-related
14 illnesses. Two members of the FDNY, Firefighter
15 Richard Jones, 63 years old, and Lieutenant Paul
16 Deyo, Jr., 74 years old. They both passed away from
17 9/11-related illnesses on February 7. Our
18 condolences are with their families, with the FDNY,
19 which has lost so many members related to 9/11-
20 related illnesses. If we could all stand and let us
21 pause for a moment of silence for Firefighter Jones
22 and Lieutenant Deyo, Jr. [moment of silence] Thank
23 you. February marks Black History Month. This month
24 is an opportunity to honor and celebrate the
25 achievements that black people have made in this

2 country and in our city. I've been seeing all of
3 Council Member Majority Leader Cumbo's posts every
4 single day with wonderful folks that we should be
5 recognizing that don't always get the recognition
6 they deserve and I know a lot of the memories here
7 have similar to the highlighting wonderful black New
8 Yorkers that have made an incredible difference in
9 our country and in our city. It's also a solemn
10 reminder of inequality that our nation still
11 struggles with and the council is proud to work every
12 day to tackle those inequalities that we see and to
13 make New York a national model for equity. We have a
14 long way to go, but this council is committed to
15 engaging in the fight for equality in everything that
16 we do. This month is also American Heart Month. I
17 want to encourage everyone to take as many
18 preventative measures as possible to avoid heart
19 disease, such as having your blood pressure and
20 cholesterol checked regularly. Heart disease is a
21 killer for both men and women so we all should be
22 taking the precautions that we need to protect
23 ourselves. Now let's dive into today's legislative
24 agenda. On today's Stated agenda the council will
25 vote on the following land use items. First, there

2 is 147-40, 15th Avenue rezoning, in Council Member
3 Paul Vallone's district. There is an Astoria 22-60
4 46th Street rezoning, in Council Member Costa
5 Constantinides' district. And there is a site
6 selection of a new 476-seat primary school at 6902
7 Queens Boulevard in Council Member Bob Holden's
8 district. Lastly, we affirm the designation of five
9 landmark buildings in Council Member Brad Lander and
10 Steve Levin's district. These buildings were
11 prioritized for designation as part of the Gowanus
12 Neighborhood Planning Study. And out of the Finance
13 Committee the council will vote on the following
14 items. Introduction 113-A, sponsored by Council
15 Member Brad Lander, would require the creation and
16 implementation of a public online capital projects
17 database to track the progress of capital projects
18 citywide. This database would be the first time that
19 the city tracks capital projects across one system in
20 a public manner. It will provide critical
21 information and data regarding these projects to the
22 administration and to the public and will hopefully
23 led to improved capital project delivery. I want to
24 from the finance division Rebecca Chasen, Nithan
25 Toth, and Stephanie Ruiz. We will also vote on two

2 Article 11 property tax exemptions. The first is at
3 528 East 11th Street in Council Member Carlina
4 Rivera's district. And the second is the Carol
5 Gardens Portfolio in Council Member Brad Lander's
6 district. Moving on, the council will vote on the
7 following pieces of legislation. Earlier this year
8 the council released a plan to combat food insecurity
9 in our city. We are the greatest city in the world,
10 yet more than one million residents are considered
11 food insecure. It's unacceptable and today the
12 council will be voting on a package of legislation
13 designed to expand New Yorkers' access to healthy,
14 affordable food. First, the council will be voting
15 on two resolutions by Council Member Farah Louis.
16 Resolution number 1025 would call on the state
17 legislature to pass and the governor to sign
18 legislation to opt into the SNAP restaurant meals
19 program to allow disabled, elderly, and homeless SNAP
20 recipients to use their benefits on hot meals and
21 other prepared foods at participating grocery stores,
22 delis, and restaurants. This would make New York
23 State the largest municipality to participate in this
24 program. Next, Resolution 1024-A calls on the New
25 York State Office of Temporary and Disability

2 Assistance to expand eligibility for SNAP to public
3 colleague students. Federal law prevents most able-
4 bodied students who enrolled in college at least half
5 time from being eligible for SNAP unless they work 20
6 hours a week. States can expand the regulations by
7 exempting students in certain college and training
8 programs from the work requirement. College students
9 are not immune from food insecurity and students
10 should never have to choose between a Metro card,
11 taking care of their financial obligations, or their
12 next meal. I want to thank the staff who worked on
13 this, Crystal Pond and Natalie Omari, and I want to
14 congratulate you, Council Member Louis, on these
15 really important resolutions that we're voting on
16 today. Next is proposed Introduction number 1650-A,
17 sponsored by Council Member Adrienne Adams. It will
18 require the Human Resources Administration to provide
19 information about the Health Bucks program in
20 farmers' markets in New York City to all individuals
21 who receive or apply to receive SNAP benefits. Next,
22 proposed Introduction number 1659-A, sponsored by
23 Council Member Margaret Chin, would require the
24 Department of Social Services working in
25 collaboration with the Department of Aging to develop

2 a plan to identify and enroll seniors who are
3 eligible for, but not currently enrolled to receive
4 SNAP benefits. And I want to Amita Kilowan from the
5 staff for her work on those two bills. Next is
6 proposed Introduction number 1664-A, sponsored by
7 Council Member Vanessa Gibson, which would require
8 the Mayor's Office of Food Policy to formulate a 10-
9 year food policy plan for the city. Currently there
10 is no comprehensive citywide food plan with a formal
11 community engagement strategy or consistent
12 meaningful tools to measure their impact of city
13 agencies' efforts to address food issues. The office
14 would be required to develop this comprehensive plan
15 within 180 days following the bill's package. The
16 office would also be required to report on the 10-
17 year plan to the mayor and the speaker every two
18 years after its release. For far too long food
19 insecurity has not been a priority in our city. This
20 bill will require that it is at the forefront of our
21 planning. The time to act on this issue is now and
22 I'm proud to have worked on Council Member Ben Kallos
23 on the following bill. Proposed Introduction number
24 1666-A, sponsored by Council Member Kallos, requires
25 the Office of Food Policy within the City Charter and

2 to delegate specific responsibilities to the office.
3 Currently the office exists pursuant to a mayoral
4 mandate and coordinates food policy initiatives and
5 reports along with the Mayor's Office of
6 Sustainability, the Department of Health and Mental
7 Hygiene and other agencies. To date the office has
8 not yet been codified into law or given a legislative
9 mandate. And I want to thank the staff who worked on
10 this, Andrea Vasquez, Alex Polinoff, Nadia Johnson,
11 and Emily Forgione. Finally, we have a bill aimed at
12 deterring reckless drivers. These are vehicles that
13 rack up red light and speeding tickets. They are
14 small but dangerous group that put the safety of New
15 Yorkers at risk every single day. We can't continue
16 to watch the number of pedestrians and cyclists being
17 killed by vehicles going up without taking bold
18 action to hold reckless drivers accessible. This
19 bill is bold and it is necessary action that we must
20 take. Proposed Introduction number 971-A, sponsored
21 by Council Member Brad Lander, would create a
22 Dangerous Vehicle Abatement Program that requires
23 owners of vehicles with five red light camera
24 violations or 15 speed camera violations within 12
25 months to take a safe vehicle operation course

2 offered by the Department of Transportation. Failure
3 to complete the course may result in their vehicle
4 being impounded by the sheriff. Beginning this fall
5 drivers who receive a red light or speed camera
6 ticket will be notified that those violations will
7 count towards Dangerous Vehicle Abatement Program.
8 After receiving notice that a vehicle is covered
9 under the program an owner will have the opportunity
10 to contest in order to avoid seizure of their
11 vehicle. Council Member Lander has worked tirelessly
12 on this bill and I'm really grateful to his
13 leadership and his efforts. I want to thank Danny Harris
14 from Transportation Alternatives and the Feet in the
15 Team at Families for Safe Streets, Fabiola Mendieta,
16 Rachel Jones, and Katherine Lepp, and of course my
17 good friend Amy Cohen. She is amazing and we are
18 just so grateful for her leadership. Brad, you've
19 worked so hard on this. You've been working on this
20 every single week and I'm really grateful that you
21 saw this over the finish line. I want to thank the
22 staff who worked on this, Elliot Lin, Rick Arbelo,
23 and Alex Washington. Two more quick things. I want
24 to congratulate our colleague, Council Member Andrew
25 Cohen, for his appointment as the chair of the

2 Committee on Consumer Affairs and Licensing. He is a
3 great Council Member and we're really grateful for
4 his elevation to this spot. And I want to remind
5 folks that Council Member Debbie Rose has been
6 recuperating and I hope you all are keeping her in
7 your thoughts and prayers. Check in on her, make
8 sure she's doing OK. I've been talking to her every
9 single day, but it would be nice if she heard from
10 members here. And then lastly I'm happy, because I
11 know that, ah, Council Member Lander has more than
12 two minutes of what he wants to say, to yield some
13 time now if he would like to talk about the reckless
14 driver. Right now it's called the Dangerous Vehicle
15 Abatement Program, before we move into general
16 orders. So, ah, Mr. Public Advocate, I'm going to
17 yield some time to Council Member Lander.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Yield away.

19 Council Member Lander.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you very
21 much, Mr. Speaker. And, you know, Corey, we always
22 say thanks to the speaker but on this one it really
23 is true that your steadfast leadership was essential
24 to getting this done. This was a challenge one and
25 would not have happened otherwise. Ah, two years ago

2 next month on March 5, 2018, a reckless driver with a
3 history of red light and speed camera violations blew
4 through the intersection right down from my district
5 office and killed 4-year-old Abigail Blumenstein and
6 1-year-old Josh Liu, and hit Abigail's mom and she
7 lost the baby that she was pregnant with at the time.
8 And that are broke the hearts of our neighborhood.
9 And of course we've had way too many broken hearts
10 since in the two years since then. Over 400 people
11 have been killed in traffic crashes on the streets of
12 our city. Some of their family members are here
13 today up in the balcony, and I just want to start,
14 as we always do, by recognizing the extraordinary
15 courage of Families for Safe Streets, who somehow
16 find a way to turn shattering grief into advocacy to
17 save the lives of other people's children and loved
18 ones, and let's just say a big thank you to them for
19 what they've brought to our city. [applause] We've
20 done a lot together to make the streets of our city
21 safer in this council. We've reduced the speed
22 limit. We've made sure that a lot of roads and
23 intersections have been redesigned. We've expanded
24 education and expanded enforcement. But that crash
25 called our attention to one thing that we have not

2 yet done enough of, which is to focus on the harm
3 caused by the most reckless drivers. It seems
4 obvious that the very most reckless drivers would be
5 the ones who are most likely to injure and kill their
6 neighbors, but we haven't before had a program that
7 held those folks accountable, and there hasn't been
8 one like it around the country. So when we learned
9 about the camera violation history of the vehicle
10 that killed Abigail and Joshua, we pledged to take
11 action to target those most reckless vehicles and to
12 intervene with their owners or drivers before they
13 injure or kill more of our loved ones. It's taken a
14 lot of hard work on the part of so many people here.
15 Ah, it was originally the Reckless Driving
16 Accountability Act but now we call it the Dangerous
17 Vehicle Abatement Program, or DVAP. It really was a
18 big partnership with the administration to work
19 through the legal issues and the operational issues.
20 And the program that we're establishing with DOT and
21 the sheriff will create a groundbreaking new program
22 that targets the owners of the most reckless vehicles
23 that speed through red light cameras or speed school
24 zone cameras, vehicles with five more red light
25 violations or 15 or more speed camera violations over

2 a 12-month period. We estimate that that will be
3 about the 5000 most reckless vehicles each year. As
4 the speaker mentioned, those owners or the drivers
5 who operated the vehicle so recklessly will have the
6 opportunity to take a driver accountability program,
7 modeled on one at the Red Hook Community Justice
8 Center by the Center for Court Innovation, which has
9 been shown to reduce recidivism in reckless driving
10 by about 40% through small classes and real work to
11 get people to connect the dots that they are missing
12 between the reckless driving that they are doing and
13 the risk to injure or kill their neighbors. But if
14 those vehicle owners do not take or have the
15 responsible driver take the driver accountability
16 course then the vehicle will be subject to
17 impoundment by the New York City Sheriff because you
18 cannot continue to operate your car like a weapon
19 aimed at your neighbors. This legislation takes an
20 innovative data-driven and restorative justice
21 approach that will hold people accountable, reduce
22 dangerous driving, and we believe save lives. It
23 would not have happened without an extraordinary
24 partnership, all the folks from Families for Safe
25 Streets, Transportation Alternatives, Danny Harris

2 and Mark O'Connor, Streets Pack, Eric McClure, Steve
3 Acaro and Blythe Austin, Aaron Naperstack, Brian
4 Howell and Will Farrell, who did a lot of the data
5 work that helped us figure this out, and the folks at
6 the Center for Court Innovation, and again I really
7 want to thank the speaker for his steadfast
8 leadership here, without which we would not have
9 gotten it across the line, and his partnership on
10 this issue in general. Thanks to Chair Rodriguez.
11 On the central staff there was a lot of work here, so
12 Kelly Taylor, Elliot Lin, James Digiovanni, Jeff
13 Baker, thank you all. On my staff Julia Ermine, my
14 former policy director, Andy Levers and Naomi Dan.
15 This was a partnership with the law department and
16 DOT and the sheriff and City Hall, and I am
17 optimistic that they will be setting this program up
18 with real fidelity to what we need. I know some
19 people want this law to go further and cover a larger
20 number of reckless vehicles, and I do, too. So the
21 bill includes a rigorous evaluation of how well the
22 program works to change reckless driving behavior,
23 reduce crashes, and save lives, so that the council
24 can adjust, extend, and hopefully expand the program
25 at the end of the three-year pilot phase. We have a

2 long way to go to that vision zero where no one is
3 killed in preventable traffic crashes and when we
4 don't lose anymore loved ones. But today we're
5 keeping the promise that we made to the families of
6 Abigail and Joshua, and everyone who has lost a loved
7 one to reckless driving. Thank you again so much.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you, Brad. I
9 yield it back to you, Mr. Public Advocate.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you very
11 much. And we're now on general orders. And we'll
12 call first Council Member Rodriguez. Is Council
13 Member Rodriguez here?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: He's waiving
15 his time.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Oh. Ah,
17 Council Member Menchaca.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you,
19 Public Advocate. I want to speak on Intro 971. You
20 just heard Council Member Brad Lander and Speaker
21 speak about and remind ourselves that we do have a
22 duty and responsibility to the families who've lost
23 loved ones to reckless vehicle drivers. Council
24 Member Brad Lander with advocates by his side and all
25 of us, we led the way to fight to hold these reckless

2 drivers accountable and like so many fights with this
3 administration they have had to force, we had to
4 force them to confront the issue. However, while the
5 bill is a step in the right direction, it is a
6 compromise bill and as someone who's district has
7 endured some of the worst reckless driving in the
8 city and has buried too many cyclists and
9 pedestrians, one of them my friend. I worry we are
10 compromising our power while lives are on the line.
11 And I'm not alone in this feeling in that we didn't
12 go far enough. And I voted no on the bill in the
13 Transportation Committee yesterday. We spoke to
14 advocates and they told me that the mayor said that
15 why, about why we needed to water it down. There are
16 not enough resources or capacity to process the
17 20,000 reckless drivers and RFP would take too long,
18 that we need more data to show the restorative
19 approach works, etcetera, etcetera. The mayor's
20 logic forced us to create a pilot program with an end
21 date. Instead of codifying it into law the city's
22 judgment that reckless drivers must be held
23 accountable, we are leaving it up to a future mayor
24 and a future council to decide the issue again. Why
25 are we settling when it is so clear that the threat

2 of reckless driving is a perpetual and unaddressed
3 threat? Because I respect and honor the will of the
4 people and especially the advocates who have been
5 working so hard on this, I'm voting yes on the floor
6 today. Colleagues, we cannot forget our power as a
7 council. The mayor's job is not to set the law or
8 policy. It is to enforce and execute the will of the
9 people as embodied by this legislative council. And
10 my community has endured too much already and I did
11 not want to settle for less. It is in their name
12 today that I ask for more. And my community is
13 holding us accountable to keep pushing. And I will
14 join with you to the very end. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you.

16 Council Member Kallos, followed by Council Member
17 Cohen.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Thank you to
19 Speaker Corey Johnson for his groundbreaking growing
20 food equity in New York City report of last year and
21 for passing this first of this food package today. I
22 also want to thank Council Member Brad Lander, who
23 tilled the soil carrying this legislation before me
24 and giving it to me to care for as this bill grows
25 into a law. In one of the wealthiest cities in

2 America, even the world, there's no reason why anyone
3 should go hungry. Hunger is not a question of
4 resources, ah, especially when we pay farmers not to
5 grow food. It is a problem of information and
6 distribution. This fiscal year 10 city agencies will
7 be spending 328 million dollars on food. The
8 Department of Education will offer free breakfast,
9 lunch, snack, and supper for more than million public
10 school students. Department for the Aging will offer
11 free and low-cost breakfast, lunch, and dinners at
12 senior centers across our City Council districts, as
13 well as on Meals on Wheels. Department for Homeless
14 Services will serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner to
15 more than 60,000 homeless families, children, and
16 individuals, not to mention the Department of
17 Corrections, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene,
18 and the Human Resources Administration. The Mayor's
19 Office of Food Policy, which recently remained vacant
20 and could have just as easily been dissolved, will be
21 added to the charter, with the power to convene all
22 of these agencies to use the purchasing power of one-
23 third of a billion dollars to buy local, improve
24 access to healthy food, and to end hunger. Thank
25 you.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you.
3 Council Member Cohen followed by Council Member Chin.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Ah, thank you,
5 Public Advocate. Ah, in addition to all the great
6 bills we're gonna vote on today I just want to
7 encourage my colleagues to vote for preconsidered
8 Reso 1235, which will do, among other things, make me
9 the chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, a
10 prospect in which I'm very excited about. So I
11 really want to thank the Speaker...

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I abstain on that, ah,
13 preconsidered resolution.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: [laughs] Well, I'm
15 gonna thank you anyway. I'm gonna thank all of my
16 colleagues for the confidence and support. Thank
17 you, Mr. Public Advocate.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you,
19 Council Member, and congratulations. Council Member
20 Chin.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you, Public
22 Advocate. You know, isolation is one of the biggest
23 determinant of health risk in older New Yorkers. And
24 not every senior is able to visit a senior center to
25 access vital services. We can't talk about food

2 justice without talking about older New Yorkers. As
3 chair of the Committee on Aging, I fought to secure
4 an additional permanent 50 million dollar in funding
5 for senior center meals. And today I'm proud to pass
6 Intro 1659-A, legislation that would require the city
7 to create an outreach plan to enroll these seniors in
8 SNAP and make sure they not neglected. I thank
9 Speaker Johnson, our chair of the General Welfare
10 Committee, Steve Levin, and all of the council staff
11 for their support for this bill and for their
12 commitment to securing food justice for the most
13 vulnerable New Yorkers. I urge my colleagues to vote
14 in support. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you,
16 Council Member. Council Member Gibson.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you, Public
18 Advocate, and good afternoon colleagues. I want to
19 quickly speak on my bill before the council today,
20 Intro 1664-A, ah, which would establish a 10-year
21 food policy under the Mayor's Office of Food Policy
22 and really recognize that in this day and age we can
23 do a lot more to address food insecurity across our
24 City of New York. Ah, this bill would require the
25 Mayor's Office of Food Policy in consultation with

2 relevant city agencies, community-based
3 organizations, community leaders, food justice
4 advocates and stakeholders, and many others to truly
5 formulate a comprehensive 10-year food policy. The
6 goal of this plan would essentially be to reduce
7 hunger in our city, improve nutrition, increase
8 access to healthier food options, reduce food waste,
9 develop and improve food and farm economies, and
10 increase urban agriculture and sustainability. And
11 it has been recognized and this City Council has
12 pushed to work with the Department of Ed on universal
13 breakfast and universal lunch and making sure that
14 our families and especially our children are going to
15 school with a nutritious meal. But still we find
16 that there are far too many families that are going
17 to bed hungry at night and far too many that wake up
18 hungry in the morning. It is unacceptable in this
19 city. And this really is a game-changer. Many do
20 not know the Mayor's Office of Food Policy was
21 established by an executive order years ago and this
22 is our effort to not only beef up the office but to
23 really ensure that they're doing work providing this
24 comprehensive food policy plan that we fundamentally
25 believe is going to make a difference and really an

2 impact in this city. I'm proud that working with all
3 of our colleagues, Council Member Ben Kallos, who has
4 the bill that would codify the Mayor's Office of Food
5 Policy, Council Member Margaret Chin, Council Member
6 Adrienne Adams, who have bills that are relative to
7 SNAP and providing more access for seniors, and
8 Council Member Farah Louis that has a resolution on
9 this as well. I look forward to working with all of
10 my colleagues and urge you to vote aye on Intro 1664.
11 Thank you, Public Advocate.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you,
13 Council Member, and just before I move on I wanted to
14 add my words of support to Intro 971-A and
15 congratulate again Council Member Lander and the
16 Speaker for the work they did on that. It's been
17 made quite publicly in the paper my discretions, ah,
18 with speed cameras and actually rightfully so since
19 none of us are above the law. After becoming
20 defensive when Council Member Lander brought it up to
21 me, I actually took the course and I found it very
22 impactful, and I know the people who took it with me
23 found it impactful as well. So it is a good course
24 and I'm congratulating this council is doing
25 something. I know, based on the numbers, thankfully

2 I would not have had to take it with this current
3 bill, but I know it is a great start and as we move
4 forward we'll capture more and more people to keep
5 our streets safe. Lastly, I did want to, there's a
6 lot of folks in the gallery, in the, ah, upstairs,
7 who have dedicated their lives after losing loved
8 ones. I just wanted to lift up Fabiola Mendiera, who
9 just finished an internship in my office. She's been
10 through a lot, including losing her son, and it's
11 amazing that her and everyone else, ah, the way they
12 turned their pain into purpose and got this body and
13 this government moving. So congratulations to you
14 and everyone's who there's. Thank you. We'll ow
15 move on to report of special committees.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Reports of
18 standing committees.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
20 on Economic Development, Intros 1664-A and 1666-A,
21 Office of Food Policy.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
23 general orders.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
25 on Finance, Intro 113-A, capital projects database.

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

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered LU 611
5 and Reso 1242, and preconsidered LU 612 and Reso
6 1243, tax exemptions.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
8 orders.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
10 on General Welfare, Intro 1650-A, Health Bucks
11 program.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
13 general orders.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1659-A, SNAP
15 benefits.

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

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
19 on Land Use, LU 597 and Reso 1244 through LU 601 and
20 Reso 1248, landmark designations.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
22 orders.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 603 and Reso 1249,
24 zoning amendment.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
3 orders.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 604 and 605, zoning
5 amendment.

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

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered LU 613
11 and Reso 125, primary school.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
13 general orders.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
15 on Rules, Privileges, and Elections, preconsidered
16 Reso 1235, committee changes.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amendment to strike
18 Andy Cohen as chair, no, I'm, ah [laughter]. Coupled
19 on general orders.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: M-206 and Reso 1251,
21 approving the appointment of Losee Heredia
22 Charmashuk, Taxi and Limousine Commission.

23 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
24 orders.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
3 on Transportation, Intro 971-A, Dangerous Vehicle
4 Abatement Program.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
6 general orders.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: On the general order
8 calendar, LU 604 and Reso 1252, and LU 605 and Reso
9 1253, 46th Street rezoning.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
11 orders.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Resolution appointing
13 various of persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

14 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
15 orders. And at this time I'm asking for a roll call
16 vote on all of the items on today's general order
17 calendar.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I ask for
20 unanimous consent to vote on all land use items as
21 well as the matters on the general order calendar.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Yes.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: OK, thank you.
24 Ah, I vote aye on all, with the exception of 971-A.
25 I vote no. Thank you.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams.

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

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
6 granted.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you, Mr.
8 Public Advocate, and welcome back to the chambers.
9 Good to see you today. Unfortunately our current
10 food system is broken. Every day people struggle to
11 pay for food to feed themselves and their families.
12 We need to increase access to healthy nutritious food
13 for New Yorkers with easy and affordable ways for
14 residents to meet fruit and vegetable requirements.
15 Previous efforts to increase food access have not
16 created the comprehensive systemic change needed to
17 dismantle the deepening racial and economic
18 inequities experienced in too many communities across
19 the City of New York. Drastically, our food system
20 continues to exacerbate existing gaps in access and
21 continues to alienate historically marginalized
22 communities. New efforts to increase food equalize
23 are needed that cross multiple sectors, as unhealthy
24 food is a problem that falls disproportionately on
25 poor and low-income people, creating the false

2 narrative that they will only eat fast food, they
3 love fast food. This is exponentially false. The
4 number of vegetarians, vegans, and otherwise healthy
5 food consumers represented by applying food options
6 in communities of color are staggering. A healthy
7 diet can be transformative. My bill, Intro 1650,
8 mandates that the requirement of HRA to inform SNAP
9 recipients about the Health Bucks program, its
10 benefits and enhancement of healthy eating and the
11 obligation of farmer markets to accept these
12 recipients. I'd like to say thank you to the speaker
13 and all of my colleagues who worked so hard on this
14 legislation package that will benefit hundreds of New
15 Yorkers and their families. Congratulations to all
16 of my colleagues passing such important legislation
17 today and congratulations to Aloyse Arrera Gemashuk
18 on her appointment to the TLC commission. Thank you.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye on all.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote no on
3 971-A and aye on all the rest. Thank you.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brannan.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Fernando Cabrera.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo.

9 MINORITY LEADER MATTEO: I'd like to vote
10 yes on all land use call-ups and I vote no on 971 and
11 aye on the rest.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye on all.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on
20 all.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Permission to
23 explain my vote?

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
25 granted.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: First of all,
3 I would like to dedicate my vote to the loved one
4 that already we lost, members of the Families for
5 Safe Streets, relative, you are the one that lead our
6 fight. We can never understand the emptiness that
7 you have in your heart when you have seen the loved
8 one losing their life, so thank you, Council Member
9 Lander and Speaker Johnson, the rest of the
10 colleagues, for voting on this important bill. We
11 need to educate the 1.4 million New Yorkers who own
12 cars in the City of New York. There's 7.2 million
13 New Yorkers that rely on buses, ferry, bicycle, they
14 walk our street, they're safe. And even the 1.4
15 million New Yorkers who own vehicles they also walk
16 the street. They have mothers. They got children.
17 So everyone had to do their part to do the reckless
18 drivers out of the street. Second, I'd like to
19 congratulate Aloyse Arrera for with the vote today
20 hopefully to be the new TLC commissioner. A lot of
21 work has to be done. Drivers are fed up. They're
22 tied. They don't, cannot wait for another study.
23 They cannot wait for another task force. They need
24 action and I hope that with the new TLC commissioner
25 working together with City Hall and the council we

2 should be able to put the money on the table to build
3 bail-out to create financial support, to increase
4 enforcement, and that we require from someone, a
5 leader like her, to take the lead in this fight. And
6 also I hope that the livery task force and the
7 corporate black car bill that we already have a
8 hearing in the council will be passed so that we also
9 are able to bring the stakeholder for those industry
10 and put recommendation to save them too. With that I
11 vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Ah-huh.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I want to request
20 the unanimous consent to vote on all the land use
21 call-up and other item in today's agenda.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
23 granted.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: With this I vote
25 aye on all.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Permission to
4 explain?

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
6 granted.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you. I
8 first want to congratulate Council Member Cohen as
9 our new chair of Consumer Affairs and Licensing. I
10 also want to congratulate our nominee for the TLC
11 commission, Aloyse Arrera Jarmarshuk. I'm excited
12 about her coming into lead the TLC for such a time as
13 this. I believe her experience working the deputy
14 mayor's office and the Department of Education and
15 really coming to this with a very unique perspective
16 is going to be transformative for TLC. So I look
17 forward to working with her in her new role and her
18 team. And finally I want to thank Council Member
19 Lander on two bills today that are on the agenda, the
20 public online capital tracker system for all of our
21 capital projects. Whether you're in participatory
22 budgeting or not, less than 25 million dollars, which
23 is a majority of our projects, we will finally have
24 an opportunity for our constituents to track these
25 capital projects online. Many of us are asked at

2 community board meetings what's going on, the cost,
3 the timeframe, and through this capital tracker we're
4 going to now have access. So I want to thank Council
5 Member Lander for working on this, his relentless
6 efforts, as well as his work on the Dangerous Vehicle
7 Abatement Program, and all of the work he's done to
8 make sure that this is a balanced approach to go
9 after reckless drivers and create safer streets for
10 all, pedestrians, bicyclists, New Yorkers, and
11 everyone. Um, certainly thanking Transportation
12 Alternatives and Families for Safe Streets, and all
13 of our advocates who have been completely dedicated
14 to this cause and making sure that we not only enact
15 legislation, but we also attach resources behind
16 that. Um, I dedicate my vote on this bill today to
17 my dear friend who I grew up with, Nelson Palacios,
18 who was killed by a reckless driver on January 9,
19 2017. Um, walking to pick up his son from daycare
20 center, he never made it, and I dedicate my vote in
21 his honor and all of those that we've lost to
22 reckless drivers. With that I vote aye on all Land
23 use call-ups and all items on today's agenda. Thank
24 you.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gjonaj.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye on all.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Grodenchik.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: With
5 congratulations to my colleagues who are passing food
6 bills today to continue the fight for the hunger in
7 New York City, and to Brad Lander on the capital
8 tracker bill, which is very important, I vote aye on
9 all except Intro 971-A.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Permission to
12 explain?

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
14 granted.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Ah, I was proud
16 to get a 476-seat K to 5 school halfway through the
17 ULURP process. School District 24 is at over
18 capacity. Most of the seats are desperately needed.
19 I want to Speaker Corey Johnson and his staff, Jason
20 Goldman, Raju Mann, John Douglas, and my staff for
21 working to secure the school. However, I am
22 seriously disappointed with the ULURP process in
23 general. Developers too often get their way and in
24 this case the application seriously was changed by
25 Madison Realty Capital. After agreeing to the deal

2 that would lower the unit count and the size of the
3 building, increased parking, and create one more,
4 more one- and two-bedroom units, Madison Realty
5 Capital broke it by adding a minor mod. Now, the
6 minor mod increased the size of the unit, and that, I
7 don't call it a minor mod. It added 74 units. So
8 instead of as-of-right, they were allowed 289, they
9 got almost 500. So that, that's ridiculous. We went
10 through ULURP, we negotiated for a year, and a minor
11 mod add 74 units to this development. So I'm
12 frustrated, ah, with the process. I think we as a
13 council should look at this. If they're going to do
14 a minor mod we should define that a little bit more
15 clearer. Um, I'm happy to get the school, but I'm
16 very frustrated with adding bulk to the, um, to the
17 complex because it's out of character with the
18 surrounding area. Right behind we have one- and two-
19 family homes. So I just, I'm very frustrated with
20 that. But with that I vote aye on all.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Just one moment, I just
23 want to reiterate that I similarly share the concerns
24 and we've seen this many times. We saw it on Two
25 Bridges in Council Member Chin's district, where they

2 said there was a minor mod. We're seeing it in
3 Council Member Holden's district, where they're
4 saying it's a minor mod. It's not a minor mod in
5 these projects, and it's disrespectful to the City
6 Council and all the work and negotiations that
7 individual council members put into these projects,
8 and we are as a body going to be more strict about
9 going after DCP from deviating when they say they
10 have a deal with individual council members. So,
11 Council Member Holden, I'm glad you spoke up on this
12 today.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Kallos.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: King.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Congratulations to
17 everyone today. I vote aye on all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: I vote aye on
24 all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Request
3 permission to explain my vote?

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
5 granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you. First
7 I want to congratulate Council Members Louis, Gibson,
8 Kallos, and Chin, and the speaker as well on the
9 food equity. It's really easy if you live in a
10 neighborhood like mine to ignore food inequities and
11 all of the challenges that folks are facing, and I'm
12 really glad this council is pushing forward. I want
13 to congratulate Council Member Cohen on the Consumer
14 Affairs chair. I want to the Public Advocate for
15 your words about taking the course and your openness
16 to being honest with New Yorkers about, you know,
17 how, how we change things, which is really powerful.
18 And then I want to speak very briefly on Intro 113,
19 the capital projects tracker bill. Every member of
20 this council has a story about a capital project that
21 went anguishingly long, that cost more money than you
22 expected, that got lost track of. Um, we know that
23 with our city facing the challenges of climate
24 resiliency, of aging infrastructure, of growth and
25 schools, we need a capital projects management

2 process that is better. There have been some project
3 progress made for sure. But there is still not just
4 a simple place where you go online and see
5 comprehensively all of the capital projects underway
6 in the city, whether they're on time or behind,
7 whether they're on budget or behind, and compare
8 bathroom costs across agencies or a contractor who's
9 worked for one agency or another. I want to thank
10 Chair Gibson, whose committee has helped make space
11 to make this move forward and really shine a
12 spotlight on what needs to change. The bill we're
13 passing today is an agreement with the administration
14 to move forward to establish that capital projects
15 tracker, creates a task force with an advisory board
16 that the council is represented on it. It's going to
17 be hard work. But even in the interim the
18 administration has agreed to start putting a lot more
19 data online through the capital projects data report
20 in the city's financial management system, so we're
21 getting a lot more data already. Lots of thanks here
22 to Corey, to Chair Dromm, to Vanessa, to Rebecca
23 Chase and especially, and Nathan Toff and Stephanie
24 Ruiz, to Stef Zokwosi, on my team. Thank you all for
25 making this happen. When it's online council members

2 and our constituents will be able to make sure that
3 we're really getting our money's worth and our
4 projects done on time and our neighborhood's ready.
5 Thank you very much. I vote aye on all.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Permission to
8 explain my vote?

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
10 granted.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you. Ah, I
12 just want to congratulate my colleagues on the
13 legislation that they're passing today, Council
14 Member Adams, Council Member Louis, Council Member
15 Chin, Council Member Gibson, Council Member Kallos.
16 I know Council Member Kallos was working on this bill
17 for how long, Ben? Seven years, and so
18 congratulations to you all. And to Council Member
19 Lander, who has dedicated a tremendous amount of time
20 and thought to making sure that we have
21 accountability on our streets. And that people that
22 are licensed to drive a 2000-pound vehicle that can
23 take somebody's life in an instant, um, are requested
24 to use discretion with that vehicle and not break the
25 law with total with total impunity. And I want to

2 thank the members of the Families for Safe Streets
3 and Transportation Alternatives, particularly members
4 of the Families for Safe Streets for, for persevering
5 in the face of unimaginable grief and transform that
6 grief into meaningful impact in the memory of their
7 loved ones in order to save other people's loved
8 ones. And I think that that's a very worthy thing to
9 do. So with that I vote aye on all. Thank you.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: I vote aye on
12 all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca.

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

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
21 granted.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you,
23 Public Advocate. I also want to say congratulations
24 to newly minted Chair Cohen, ah, for Consumer Affairs
25 and Council Member Yeger, who's also on the

2 committee. There's some beautiful legislation on its
3 way, Council Member Chin and I, um, are pushing
4 together that is, um, important for street vendors
5 across the city. So looking forward to talking to
6 you about that. Also, an extra shout-out to Council
7 Member Lander on the capital budget tracker. Ah, I
8 basically allocate about 4 out of 5 million dollars
9 to capital projects for participatory budgeting every
10 year, so we are looking for some answers. And
11 finally I want to dedicate my vote today to Fabiola
12 Mendieta. She lost her son in 2006, Brian, and she
13 is someone who is part of this incredible movement of
14 families who are seeking safer streets. But not only
15 that, she was by the side of a mother this last week
16 when an ICE officer shot her son, a Mexican tourist,
17 and we were there at the hospital. Hour by hour she
18 was there by the side of a mother who was angry and
19 confused and wanted answers. And it was Fabiola who
20 was there to console. This is the kind of movement
21 that is holding the hands of people who have lost so
22 much, who are demanding that government do the best
23 that they can. And so last night in a call with
24 Antonio Reynoso and I we told her how much we were
25 fighting for more. And then she said well you

2 better. And I will never forget that. We will now
3 stop fighting. Thank you so much, and I vote aye on
4 all.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye on all, with
7 the exception of 971-A, and I'll be abstaining.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Perkins.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye on all.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all, and
14 congratulations to Council Member Lander for a very,
15 very important bill that will save lives. Thank you.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso.

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

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
20 granted.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Thank you. I
22 want to congratulate Council Member Brad Lander for
23 the great work on the capital projects bill and also
24 the reckless driver act. I do want to say, I want to
25 be very mindful of the fact that the administration

2 Mayor de Blasio and his obstructionist nature of
3 negotiating these bills, this is what we come to
4 after the advocacy put forth by the speaker and
5 Council Member Brad Lander. And to be very careful
6 about people taking victory laps on the work that is
7 being done by this council, and I do think that we
8 could have possibly done better if we had a more
9 willing partner in the mayor's office, or in the
10 mayor's administration. So I just want to make sure
11 that we account for that. Also, when I hear concerns
12 over modifications of land use items and so forth, it
13 speaks to the need for comprehensive planning. That
14 is what it speaks to. We've, um, we've given away a
15 lot of our authority in the City Council on land use
16 items because we don't have the infrastructure built
17 in-house to work on land use because DCP does that
18 work. If we want to get serious about being the sole
19 body that handles land use in a meaningful way we
20 have to think about the value of DCP and whether or
21 not that type of work should be done in house in the
22 City Council so that we can assert our mandated right
23 to land use in this city. That is what we need to
24 do. It should no longer be under DCP. And then I
25 want to thank all other folks that have passed

2 legislation related to food. I really appreciate it,
3 and I vote aye on all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye on all.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Permission to
8 explain my vote?

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
10 granted.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you. I
12 just wanted to say congratulations to my colleagues
13 on the bills around food and of course around safer
14 streets, and to thank my colleagues for their
15 support. I have an Article 11 tax exemption for 528
16 East 11th Street, which provides affordable home
17 ownership for another 40 years in my district. Thank
18 you so much, and with that I vote aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Ah, Permission
21 to explain my vote?

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission
23 granted.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Thank you. I
25 vote aye on all and, um, just want to congratulate my

2 colleagues for all their bills and, you know, thank,
3 ah, the Families for Safer Streets, thank the
4 Families for Safe Streets for their tireless
5 advocacy, um, you know, you're moving the ball
6 forward every day and there's real outcome from your
7 efforts. It must be so painful to have to do this
8 every day, but you're really making a difference. So
9 I want to thank you for that. I said at the
10 beginning, aye on all.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Permission to
13 explain my, I just want to congratulate my colleague,
14 Council Member Brad Lander, on an extraordinary
15 package. It's a win for good government and a win
16 for public safety. So a quite impressive package to
17 do in one Stated Meeting. And I just want to
18 congratulate one of my favorite colleagues, Andy
19 Cohen on his appointment as the chair of Consumer
20 Affairs and Business Licensing. He's, he's just an
21 extraordinary public servant and you couldn't have
22 made a better choice, Mr. Speaker. I vote aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on all, with
3 the exception of LU 604 and 605, which I abstain, and
4 no on 971-A.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Yeger.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Johnson.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I just want to make
13 sure that we got Council Member Yeger's vote correct.
14 I'm joking [laughs].

15 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Mr. Speaker, I'm
16 happy to give a little dissertation on it, if you'd
17 like.

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Aye on all. [laughs] I
19 vote aye on all. Thanks.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS:
21 Congratulations to all my colleagues who are passing
22 bills today and all items on today's general order
23 calendar are adopted by a vote of 47 in the
24 affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.
25 With the exceptions of LUs 604 and 605, with

2 accompanying resos, which is adopted by a vote of 46
3 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 1
4 abstention. And Intro 971-A, which was adopted by a
5 vote of 41 in the affirmative, 5 in the negative, and
6 1 abstention. The revised land use call-ups, 47 in
7 the affirmative and 0 in the negative. We'll now
8 have introduction and reading of the bills.

9 SPEAKER JOHNSON: All bills are referred
10 to committees, as indicated on today's agenda.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you.
12 We'll now move into discussion of resolutions. We
13 have nobody signed up. Now I'll read today's
14 resolutions into the record. Members who wish to
15 vote against or abstain on either of today's
16 resolutions should register your vote with the clerk
17 at the dais. Resolution 1024-A, an amended
18 resolution calling upon the New York State Office of
19 Temporary and Disability Assistance, OTDA, to expand
20 eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
21 Program, SNAP, to public colleague students. All in
22 favor say aye.

23 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: All opposed?
25 Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Resolution 1025,

2 resolution calling upon the New York State
3 Legislature to pass and the governor to sign
4 legislation to opt into the Supplemental Nutrition
5 Assistance Program, SNAP, restaurant meals program,
6 to allow disabled, elderly, and homeless SNAP
7 recipients to use their benefits on hot meals and
8 other prepared foods at participating grocery stores,
9 delis, and restaurants. All in favor say aye.

10 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: All opposed?
12 Any abstention?

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Congratulations,
14 council members.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: The ayes have
16 it.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Congratulations.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS:
19 Congratulations, Council Member Louis. I will now
20 move into general discussion. They have two on
21 Council Member Kallos and Council Member, Majority
22 Leader Cumbo. Council Member Kallos?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: As summer break
24 approaches, tens of thousands of low-income public
25 school students and their families are relying on

2 summer youth programs to keep them safe, fed, and
3 positively engaged. However, 20 million dollars in
4 funding for summer youth programs serving at least
5 34,000 middle school students was excluded entirely
6 or in part from the preliminary budget in fiscal
7 years 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, with funding
8 restored each time by the City Council in the
9 executive budget, ah, whether through the leadership
10 of Youth Services Chair Rose or Youth Services Chair
11 Eugene before her. I'm proud today to co-introduce
12 legislation with Youth Services Chair Debbie Rose to
13 eliminate the proposed budget cuts and mandate
14 universal youth programs. Our children need us to
15 take care of them, whether after school or doing
16 summer break, it doesn't matter. These children need
17 access to healthy food, enrichment, and positive
18 engagement. This universal youth programs
19 legislation will finally put an end to the budget
20 dance and put our city on a path to a guarantee every
21 child a place to enjoy their summer. I ask you all
22 today to join Debbie Rose and me as co-sponsors on
23 Introduction 1886, and I want to Council Member Farah
24 Louis for already signing on. That was very, very
25 quick. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Council Member
3 Rodriguez. Council Member Rodriguez.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Yes. I would
5 like to take this opportunity to invite all my
6 colleagues to be part of the [inaudible] that we're
7 doing on Sunday the 23rd [inaudible] First and
8 Amsterdam Avenue and [speaking in Spanish] in honor
9 of Dominican Independence Day. So you should know
10 from the 8.6 million New Yorkers in the City of New
11 York one million New Yorkers are Dominican descent.
12 Most of them are USS citizen. They are all over the
13 place. They're [inaudible] from the 1960s when there
14 was only 4000 Dominicans in the United States. So
15 that day, the Sunday the 23rd we [inaudible]
16 Dominican Independence Day. Everyone is invited.
17 The second thing that I would like to share is that
18 today we have a great meeting, a great breakfast, led
19 by the Immigration Coalition supporting the municipal
20 voting right. It is so great to see the public
21 advocate being one of the supporter, Borough
22 President Eric Adam, Borough President Gail Brewer,
23 City Comptroller Scott Stringer, Reverend Sharpton,
24 NAACP, and close to 30 council members that already
25 believe that the same thing that is happening in

2 Colombia in South America that if you [inaudible] and
3 if you are a resident there you have the right to
4 elect your mayor. You have the right to elect your
5 leader. So for those that have any concern about it
6 shouldn't the right to vote only be given to anyone
7 who is a citizen, yes, for those who vote in national
8 election. But those who vote in a municipal election
9 we should address not the section with our
10 representation so I encourage all my colleagues to
11 please join the bill that we are trying to move,
12 establish the rights of New Yorkers with green card
13 and working permit to vote in municipal election.
14 Thank you.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you very
16 much. And I think that this body should proud from
17 food insecurity to dealing with the capital budget
18 and dealing with safe streets, a very good day for
19 the council. And I'd like to pass it over to Speaker
20 Corey Johnson to close today's meeting.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Mr. Public Advocate,
22 we're happy to have you here. Thanks for being here.
23 The Stated Meeting of February 11, 2020, is hereby
24 adjourned. [gavel]

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