

CITY COUNCIL
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Of the

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JUNE 30, 2021
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Recess: 1:10 P.M.

HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
OVERFLOW ROOM FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC VIEWING AT
250 BROADWAY

B E F O R E: MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO

COUNCIL MEMBERS: LAURIE CUMBO
SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON
ADRIENNE ADAMS
ALICKA AMPRY-SAMUEL
DIANA AYALA
INEZ BARRON
JOSEPH BORELLI
JUSTIN BRANNAN
SELVENA BROOKS-POWERS
FERNANDO CABRERA
MARGARET CHIN
ROBERT CORNEGY
DARMA DIAZ
RUBEN DIAZ
ERIC DINOWITZ
DANIEL DROMM
MATHIEU EUGENE
OSWALD FELIZ
JAMES GENNARO

VANESSA GIBSON
MARK GJONAJ
BARRY GRODENCHIK
ROBERT HOLDEN
BEN KALLOS
PETER KOO
KAREN KOSLOWITZ
BRAD LANDER
STEVEN LEVIN
MARK LEVINE
ALAN MAISEL
STEVEN MATTEO
CARLOS MENCHACA
I. DANEEK MILLER
FRANCISCO MOYA
KEN POWERS
ANTONIO REYNOSO
KEVIN RILEY
CAROLINA RIVERA
YDANIS RODRIGUEZ
DEBORAH ROSE
HELEN ROSENTHAL
RAFAEL SALAMANCA
MARK TREYGER
ERIC ULRICH
JAMES VAN BRAMER
KALMAN YEGER

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

RABBI MICHAEL S. MILLER

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3 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentleman,
4 at this time, please place all electronic devices to
5 vibrate. Madame Majority Leader, it's all yours.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. Good
7 morning. Welcome. I ask that each of you today, I
8 welcome to the recess Stated Meeting of June 17th,
9 2021, being held on June 30th, 2021. I am Majority
10 Leader Laurie Cumbo.

11 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Madame Majority
12 Leader, before you call roll call.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes.

14 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I just want to
15 let members know for the roll call, you can say your
16 present or here from your desk, but at any other
17 point, if you wish to speak during the meeting, give
18 remarks, explain your vote, anything along those
19 lines, you have to go up to one of the four mics.
20 So, the only time that you should speak is during
21 roll call from your desk, you can say here or
22 present, but then after that, if you'd like to speak
23 on anything else, the Majority Leader will recognize
24 you, and then you will walk to the front of the room

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2 and speak to one of the four mics. Thank you, Madame
3 Majority Leader.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
5 much, Speaker Corey Johnson, I'd like to ask if
6 anyone has their phones, to please silence them.
7 Please take a moment just to check to make sure that
8 your phone is silenced, and we will now begin with
9 roll call.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Adams.

11 CM ADAMS: Present.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Adams
13 is present. Amprey-Samuel.

14 CM AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Ampry-
16 Samuel is present. Ayala. Barron.

17 CM BARRON: Blessed and present.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Barron
19 is present. Borelli. Brannan.

20 CM BRANNAN: Here.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
22 Brannan is present. Brooks-Powers. Cabrera.

23 CM CABRERA: Here.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
25 Cabrera is present. Chin.

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2 CM CHIN: Present.

3 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Chin
4 is present. Cornegy. Darma Diaz.

5 CM DARMA DIAZ: Present.

6 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Darma
7 Diaz is present. Rubin Diaz.

8 CM RUBEN DIAZ: Present.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Ruben
10 Diaz is present. Dinowitz.

11 CM DINOWITZ: Present.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
13 Dinowitz is present. Dromm.

14 CM DROMM: Present.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Dromm
16 is present. Eugene.

17 CM EUGENE: Present.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Eugene
19 is present. Feliz.

20 CM FELIZ: Here.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Feliz
22 is present. Gennaro.

23 CM GENNARO: I'm back.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
25 Gennaro is present. Gibson. Gjonaj.

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2 CM GJONAJ: Present.

3 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Gjonaj
4 is present. Grodenchik.

5 CM GRODENCHIK: I'm still here.

6 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
7 Grodenchik is present. Holden.

8 CM HOLDEN: Here.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Holden
10 is present. Kallos.

11 CM KALLOS: Here.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Kallos
13 is present. Koo.

14 CM KOO: Present.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Koo is
16 present. Koslowitz.

17 CM KOSLOWITZ: Here.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
19 Koslowitz is present. Lander.

20 CM LANDER: Here.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Lander
22 is present. Levin.

23 CM LEVIN: Here.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Levin
25 is present. Levine.

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2 CM LEVINE: Here.

3 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Levine
4 is present. Louis. Maisel.

5 CM MAISEL: Here.

6 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Maisel
7 is present. Menchaca.

8 CM MENCHACA: Presente.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
10 Menchaca is present. Miller.

11 CM MILLER: Present.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Miller
13 is present. Moya. Perkins. Powers.

14 CM POWERS: Here.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Power
16 is present. Reynoso.

17 CM REYNOSO: Here.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
19 Reynoso is present. Riley.

20 CM RILEY: Present.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Riley
22 is present. Rivera.

23 CM RIVERA: Present.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Rivera
25 is present. Rodriguez.

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2 CM RODRIGUEZ: Presente.

3 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member

4 Rodriguez is present. Rose.

5 CM ROSE: Present.

6 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Rose

7 is present. Rosenthal.

8 CM ROSENTHAL: Here.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member

10 Rosenthal is present. Salamanca.

11 CM SALAMANCA: Present.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member

13 Salamanca is present. Treyger.

14 CM TREYGER: Here.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member

16 Treyger is present. Ulrich.

17 CM ULRICH: Yes.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Ulrich

19 is present. Vallone. Van Bramer.

20 CM VAN BRAMER: Here.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Van

22 Bramer is present. Yeger.

23 CM YEGER: Here.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Yeger

25 is present. Matteo.

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2 CM MATTEO: Here.

3 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Matteo
4 is present. Cumbo.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Present.

6 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Majority Leader Cumbo
7 is present. Speaker Johnson.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I'm here.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Speaker Johnson is
10 present. Council Member Brooks-Powers.

11 CM BROOKS-POWERS: Present.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Brooks
13 Powers is present. Madame Majority Leader, we have a
14 quorum.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. The
16 recessed meeting of June 17th, 2021 is hereby
17 adjourned. We will now open the June 30th, 2021
18 Stated Meeting. I'd like to thank you all for
19 joining us at the meeting of the New York City
20 Council. If you would like to follow along, the
21 agenda for today's meeting is posted on our website.

22 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Will everyone please
23 join us for the Pledge of Allegiance.

24 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

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2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: I pledge allegiance
3 to the flag of the United States of America and to
4 the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under
5 God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. Roll
7 call.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Adams.

9 CM ADAMS: Still present.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Adams
11 is still present. Ampry-Samuel.

12 CM AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

13 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Ampry-
14 Samuel is present. Ayala. Barron.

15 CM BARRON: Blessed and present.

16 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Barron
17 is present. Borelli.

18 CM BORELLI: Present.

19 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
20 Borelli is present. Brannan.

21 CM BRANNAN: Here.

22 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
23 Brannan is present. Brooks-Powers.

24 CM BROOKS-POWERS: Present.

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2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member

3 Brooks-Power is present. Cabrera.

4 CM CABRERA: Here.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member

6 Cabrera is present. Chin.

7 CM CHIN: Present.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Chin

9 is present. Cornegy.

10 CM CORNEGY: Present.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member

12 Cornegy is still present. Darma Diaz.

13 CM DARMA DIAZ: Present.

14 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Darma

15 Diaz is present. Ruben Diaz.

16 CM RUBEN DIAZ: Presente.

17 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Ruben

18 Diaz is present. Dinowitz.

19 CM DINOWITZ: Present.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member

21 Dinowitz is present. Dromm. Eugene.

22 CM EUGENE: Present.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Eugene

24 is present. Feliz.

25 CM FELIZ: Presente.

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2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Feliz
3 is present. Gennaro.

4 CM GENNARO: Here.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
6 Gennaro is present. Gibson.

7 CM GIBSON: Yeah, I'm here.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Gibson
9 is present. Gjonaj.

10 CM GJONAJ: Present.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Gjonaj
12 is present. Grodenchik.

13 CM GRODENCHIK: Still here.

14 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
15 Grodenchik is present. Holden. Council Member
16 Holden.

17 CM HOLDEN: Here.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Holden
19 is present. Dromm.

20 CM DROMM: Present.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Dromm
22 is present. Kallos.

23 CM KALLOS: Present.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Kallos
25 is present. Koo.

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2 CM KOO: Present.

3 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Koo is
4 present. Koslowitz.

5 CM KOSLOWITZ: Here.

6 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
7 Koslowitz is present. Lander.

8 CM LANDER: Here.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Lander
10 is present. Levin.

11 CM LEVIN: Here.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Levin
13 is present. Levine.

14 CM LEVINE: Here.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Levine
16 is present. Louis. Maisel.

17 CM MAISEL: Here.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Maisel
19 is present. Menchaca.

20 CM MENCHACA: Presente.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
22 Menchaca is present. Miller.

23 CM MILLER: Present.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Miller
25 is present. Moya.

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2 CM MOYA: Present.

3 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Moya
4 is present. Perkins. Excuse me, Powers.

5 CM POWERS: Here.

6 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Power
7 is present. Reynoso.

8 CM REYNOSO: Here.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
10 Reynoso is present. Riley.

11 CM RILEY: Present.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Riley
13 is present. Rivera.

14 CM RIVERA: Present.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Rivera
16 is present. Rodriguez.

17 CM RODRIGUEZ: Presente.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
19 Rodriguez is present. Rose.

20 CM ROSE: Present.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Rose
22 is present. Rosenthal.

23 CM ROSENTHAL: Here.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
25 Rosenthal is present. Salamanca.

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2 CM SALAMANCA: Present.

3 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member

4 Salamanca is present. Treyger.

5 CM TREYGER: Here.

6 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member

7 Treyger is present. Ulrich.

8 CM ULRICH: Here.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Ulrich

10 is present. Vallone. Van Bramer.

11 CM VAN BRAMER: Here.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Van

13 Bramer is present. Yeger.

14 CM YEGER: Here.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Yeger

16 is present. Matteo.

17 CM MATTEO: Here.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Minority Leader

19 Matteo is present. Cumbo.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Present.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Majority Leader Cumbo

22 is present. Speaker Johnson.

23 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I'm here.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Speaker Johnson is

25 present. Madame Majority Leader, we have a quorum.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We
3 will now today's invocation which will be delivered
4 by Rabbi Michael S. Miller, Spiritual Leader at
5 Jewish Community Relations Council located at 225
6 West 34th Street in Manhattan. It's an honor to have
7 you here today.

8 SERGEANT AT ARM: All rise.

9 RABBI MICHAEL S. MILLER: Ribono shel
10 olam. Lord of the universe, we ask that you bestow
11 your divine blessings on the Council of the City of
12 New York. We beseech you as we are living in
13 precarious times on one of the hottest on the
14 calendar, we witness our society as having become
15 perilously polarized. Our views on politics,
16 ideology, and issues are rigidly frozen in place ever
17 more distance from our counterparts. Isn't it all
18 too frequent that we don't merely disagree, rather we
19 demonized? We all know that hate crimes are being
20 reported in abundance by multiple faith, ethnic,
21 language and gender sectors, but do we pause to
22 recognize that our hostility toward the other side
23 venomously contributes to societal climate change,
24 the poisoning of the public atmosphere. When tragedy
25 is experienced, gun violence on the streets out of

2 city or a building collapses in Surfside, Florida, we
3 seem to take time off from inertness and nastiness to
4 grieve and mourn together to console one another, but
5 why must it take, why must we wait for a calamity for
6 there to be assemblance of comradery of unity. As
7 the wise biblical King Solomon wrote in
8 Ecclesiastics, or in Hebrew, Qohelet, 8 Lacroa,
9 there's a time for ripping, for tearing the
10 (inaudible) at a time for sewing, for stitching. The
11 social fabric of our city, of our state, of our
12 nation is already ruptured. A season is set for
13 everything, a time for every experience under heaven,
14 and now is the time for mending. The verse
15 continues, 8 lahashod, a time for silence,
16 (inaudible) and a time for speaking. The repairing
17 will not happen spontaneously on its own. The voices
18 of leadership need be raised and be heard, the
19 divides need to be bridged. The abysses need to be
20 joined, the cassums need to be spanned. King Solomon
21 then concludes this passage 8 milhama, a time for
22 battle. Yes, there is a time for conflict, the 8
23 shalom, a time for peace. Now is the time for peace.
24 Lord, we pray that you instill within the members of
25 this augus legislative body, the strength and

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2 fortitude to lead, to heal, to build, to bind, to
3 love, to the agents of peace. (Speaking a foreign
4 language). May God who makes peace on high make
5 people for all of us among all of us, amen.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Rabbi
7 Miller for that very timely prayer that we all needed
8 so much at this moment. We are going to stand at
9 pause for a few moments as we are addressing the
10 issue around the live streaming.

11 SERGEANT AT ARM: We can keep proceeding.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Okay, at this
13 time, I would now ask Speaker Johnson to spread the
14 invocation onto the record.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you Madame
16 Majority Leader. I am very please to recognize my
17 very good friend, Rabbi Michael Miller, who has stood
18 at the helm of the JCRC of New York for nearly four
19 decades. He has tirelessly advocated for the Jewish
20 community in all of its culture and ethnic diversity,
21 locally, nationally, and globally. Rabbi Michael
22 Miller has been the Executive Vice President and CEO
23 of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York
24 of the JCRC since October of 1986. Rabbi Miller has
25 been recognized as one of the foremost influential

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2 leaders of the New York Jewish community. He has led
3 more than 70 missions accompanying to Israel over 500
4 influential New Yorkers including former Senator and
5 Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, current Senators
6 Schumer and Gillibrand, Mayors Dinkins, Giuliani,
7 Bloomberg, and Di Blasio and many of us in these
8 chambers have had the honor of joining Michael on
9 some of those trips to Israel, and during these
10 missions, Michael has inspired many of us with us
11 unfaltering love and genuine support for the Jewish
12 community as well as the people of State of Israel.
13 Today is Rabbi Miller's last day, last day as
14 Executive Vice President and CEO of the JCRC. He
15 will transition to a new role as a consultant and CEO
16 emeritus. He leave behind a tremendous legacy of
17 intracommunal consensus building, his ability to
18 bridge gaps between people of various ethnicities and
19 religions, is renown throughout the country and
20 throughout the world, so in closing I want to thank
21 Michael and I want to wish him and his wonderful wife
22 the best, give him a (Speaking a foreign language) on
23 a job very well done and just to say Michael, you
24 are, you're a treasure, you're a gift, you are
25 someone who has done so much for our city for so many

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2 years, and we know you will still be involved.
3 People at all levels of government have counted on
4 you for guidance and for advice and for healing and
5 for bringing folks together. So, from the New York
6 City Council, on this last day of June 2021, I want
7 to give you a standing ovation to thank you for
8 everything that you've done. Thank you, Michael.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
10 Speaker Johnson. We will now have the adoption of
11 minutes by Council Member Vanessa Gibson.

12 CM GIBSON: Thank you, Madame Majority
13 Leader. I hereby make a motion that the minutes of
14 the Stated Meeting of May 27th, 2021 be adopted as
15 printed. Thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.
17 Messages and papers from the mayor.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: M321 city debt and
19 reserves.

20 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Uh, before we get
21 there, Madame Majority Leader, I forgot to make a
22 motion to spread the invocation in the full and upon
23 the record.

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

25 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Okay.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We'll begin at
3 the top again. Messages and papers from the mayor.

4 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: M321 city debt and
5 reserves.

6 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Received,
7 ordered, printed, and filed.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Communication
9 from city, county, and borough offices.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered M317
11 transfer of city funds.

12 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Finance.

13 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered M318
14 new city revenues.

15 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Finance.

16 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered M319
17 chancellor 5-year plan.

18 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Finance.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Petitions and
20 Communications.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Land use callups.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We
3 will now have communication from Speaker Corey
4 Johnson.

5 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Thank you, Madame
6 Majority Leader. Good afternoon. Welcome back to
7 the chambers everyone. It is really good to finally
8 be back. This is a historic occasion for many
9 reasons. I have to say I am so grateful we are not
10 on Zoom, and we are together. It is our first in-
11 person meeting in 16 months. It is last budget
12 together as a Council, and one of the most
13 consequential. New York City has been through so
14 much since we last saw each other collectively in
15 person. Today, we are voting on a budget that will
16 help us rebuild from this awful pandemic. We imagine
17 our city in a way that is more fair and equitable and
18 with a focus on recovering from the losses that we
19 never could have imagined a year ago. Throughout
20 this pandemic, I have given us the total number of
21 New Yorkers that we have tragically lost, and today,
22 the latest number is 33,415 New York City residents
23 have lost their lives; 33,415 of our city's residents
24 are gone. As I often say, it's important for us to
25 remember these are our friends, our neighbors,

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2 parents, siblings, co-workers, colleagues. Let us
3 pause for a moment of silence for all of those New
4 Yorkers that we've lost during this pandemic. Thank
5 you. Today, we're going to vote on the budget for
6 fiscal year 2022, our final spending plan. In the
7 past three and half years, this Council has stayed
8 true to its priorities in doing the most good for the
9 people who need it the most even when economic
10 downturn ripped a hole in our city budget last year,
11 we protected the safety net for our vulnerable New
12 Yorkers and increased emergency funding for food
13 pantries. This year, we're able to restore so much
14 of the funding that we had to painfully cut last June
15 and enhance funding for programs that will keep us on
16 the path to recovery. None of this work would have
17 been possible without a top-notch team. The members
18 of the council and the staff have day and night, and
19 so I want to thank, in no particular order, I want to
20 thank the Chair of our Finance Committee Danny Dromm,
21 who has done a wonderful job. Thank you, Danny, and
22 I want to thank the Chair of our sub-committee on the
23 Capital Budget, Helen Rosenthal, whose done a great
24 job. I want to thank all of the members of the Budget
25 Negotiating Team each and every one of them for them

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2 long hours they put in, the detail that they really
3 cared about in understanding all of the initiatives.
4 I want to thank all of the members who participated
5 in the delegations and who have been working on the
6 budget for a long time, and I really, really, really
7 want to thank someone who has made this all possible
8 before I get to the Finance team, I want to just
9 recognize the Chief of Staff of the City Council,
10 Jason Goldman (SP?), who has done a wonderful,
11 wonderful job, very grateful to Jason for everything
12 that he has done. Thank you, Jason, and of course, a
13 special thanks to the entire Finance team, and in
14 particular, the Finance Division's leadership team,
15 and that includes Ray Majeski (SP?), Nathan Toth
16 (SP?), Regina Prater-Ryan (SP?), Paul Skimore (SP?),
17 Emory Dove (SP?), Rebecca Chasen (SP?), Paul Sturm
18 (SP?), Dohini Sempura (SP?), Aisha Wright (SP?),
19 Korean Francisco (SP?), John Russell (SP?), and Chima
20 Obechire (SP?). I want to thank all of them for
21 their tireless work. Thank you to the Finance team,
22 whoever is here, I see Rebecca here, and then last,
23 but not least, we do it every year, she deserves a
24 huge amount of gratitude, a number of hours dealing
25 with each member, working with the staff, getting us

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2 to the finish line, someone who has been a wonderful,
3 fantastic, accomplish, just great person to work
4 with, our Budget Director, Latonya McKinney. I want
5 to thank you, Latonya. Thank you, thank you, thank
6 you, Latonya for everything. Thank you. I'm glad to
7 get to thank you in person, really glad. So, this
8 budget will help rebuild our city. We restored the
9 quality-of-life services that we were forced to cut
10 during the pandemic, that includes litter basket
11 service, parks maintenance, and library service. New
12 Yorkers deserve to walk on clean streets, play in
13 safe parks, and read in neighborhood libraries. We
14 also have been building our reserves. We're adding
15 500 million dollars more to the rainy-day fund that
16 we created which gets the rainy day fund up a billion
17 dollars. This is something that was a priority to us
18 and something that will help and something that will
19 help our city in the future. This budget also
20 reimagines our city by making key investments in
21 alternative to incarceration. This includes almost
22 14.5 million dollar in programs which provide
23 individuals involve in the criminal justice system
24 with another path, such as community service or
25 substance abuse counseling, 14.5 million dollars to

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2 fund new mental health case management programs to
3 provide 850 people with mobile and site based
4 intensive ongoing case management services in
5 underserved communities, and additional 4.5 million
6 dollars to double fiscal year 2021's available funds
7 to the intensive mobile treatment teams which serve
8 those with recent and frequent contact with the
9 mental health, criminal justice, and homeless
10 services systems. Recent behavior that is unsafe and
11 escalating, and those who are poorly served by
12 traditional treatment models, 27 million dollars in
13 funding for the city's cure violence programs
14 starting in summer 2022 and a commitment to double
15 the city's probalance program workforce in fiscal
16 2022 and triple the workforce by fiscal 2023. This
17 budget makes major investments in our schools at a
18 time when our students really need help. This
19 pandemic was so difficult for so many children and
20 young people, and we're taking steps to address so
21 many of the problems that we've had in the past,
22 we're investing 18 million dollars to reduce class
23 sizes, we're investing 26 million dollars in a
24 literacy curriculum to help students read at grade
25 level and address learning loss, and we're helping

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2 address the emotional aspects of the pandemic on our
3 children with additional funding for mental health
4 programs. This budget provides money for a social
5 worker in every single school and 5 million dollars
6 for direct mental health support to students. The
7 reopening has brought so much joy to our city as
8 we've seen over the last few weeks, and I am
9 optimistic for our city's future. This Council in
10 our response and our budget response laid out a
11 blueprint to recovery that we're very proud to say
12 was largely realized in this budget. This is my last
13 budget and many of the member's here's last budget
14 and I'm really proud of everything that we've
15 collective accomplished together. We have done so
16 much good work. This Council has stayed true to its
17 values in good times and in bad, and I thank you for
18 being part of this amazing work. Thank you all very,
19 very much. I'm really grateful that you all got us
20 here, and with that, I turn it back to you, Madame
21 Majority Leader, and I look forward to voting on
22 today's budget.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
24 Speaker Johnson. We will now move into discussion on

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2 general orders. Mr. Parliamentarian, are there any
3 Council Member registered to speak?

4 PARLIAMENTARIAN: No, Madame Majority
5 Leader.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Then we will move
7 right into the report of special committees.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Reports of
10 standing committees.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report of the
12 Committee on Finance, Intros 2331A and 2350A property
13 tax interest rates for owners affected by COVID-19.

14 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and
15 coupled on general orders.

16 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered
17 Resolution 1691 and 1692 base percentage and adjusted
18 base proportions.

19 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
20 general orders.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered
22 Resolution 1693 transparency Resolution.

23 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
24 general orders.

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2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered
3 Resolution 1694 through Preconsidered Resolution 1698
4 property tax interest rate.

5 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
6 general orders.

7 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: M300 and Resolution
8 1699 and 1700 expense revenue contract budget.

9 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
10 general orders.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: M301 and Resolution
12 1701 and 1702 executive capital budget.

13 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
14 general orders.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: M302 and
16 preconsidered Resolution 1703 community development
17 program.

18 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
19 general orders.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered M317
21 and Reso 1704 transfer of city funds.

22 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
23 general orders.

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2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Perconsidered M318
3 and Resolution 1705 appropriation of new city
4 revenues.

5 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
6 general orders.

7 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered M319
8 and Reso 1706 chancellors 5-year plan.

9 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
10 general orders.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered M320
12 and preconsidered Reso 1707 fixing the tax rate.

13 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
14 general orders.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered LU815
16 and Reso 1708 through preconsidered LU 817 and Reso
17 1710 tax exemption.

18 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
19 general orders.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: M276 through M307
21 various budget documents.

22 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled to be
23 filed.

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2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: General orders
3 calendar LU790 and Reso 1711 and LU791 and Reso 1712
4 909 Castle Hill Avenue rezoning.

5 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
6 general orders and I would ask that the clerk please
7 take a roll call vote on all of the items that are
8 coupled on today's general order calendar.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Adams.
10 Yeah, you can approach the front mic, Council Member,
11 thank you.

12 CM ADAMS: This is new. Thank you,
13 Madame Majority Leader. I'd like to start by wishing
14 a speedy recovery to our colleague and Co-Chair of
15 the Mighty Women's Caucus, Farrah Louis. It is great
16 to be back with my colleagues once again in these
17 chambers. We've come such a long way since the start
18 of the pandemic, and I am so happy to see all of you
19 in person. Today, I will vote yes to adopt the
20 fiscal year 2022 budget. Overall, I believe this
21 budget addresses many important needs that our city
22 and communities face. As we begin to recover from
23 the pandemic, we must adequately fund the programs
24 and services that keep our neighborhood strong, safe,
25 and thriving. After many weeks of hard work and

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2 negotiation, we have put in place what our city needs
3 to come back stronger than ever. As Chair of the
4 Public Safety Committee, I must begin by addressing
5 the NYPD budget. There is much work to do address
6 issues of excessive overtime, head count,
7 civilianization which are prevalent in this budget.
8 Recognizing that there are so many moving pieces in
9 this complicated agency, we also note the addition of
10 new community ambassadors, mental health
11 professionals and others. We also recognize the
12 landmark package of legislation enacted by this
13 Council regarding police reform including the repeal
14 of qualified immunity making New York City the only
15 jurisdiction in this country to have such a law.
16 There is still so much work to do to penetrate
17 longstanding system issues within the NYPD and I am
18 committed to that cause. I am very proud of the
19 budget that we're voting on today because we have not
20 only restored our city's funding to prepandemic
21 levels, but we have added enhancements that will go
22 along way to help New Yorkers in need. A Co-Chair of
23 the black, Latino, and Asian caucus, I am proud that
24 we have secured tremendous wins for communities of
25 color and senior services, youth services, food

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2 equity, digital inclusion and social and mental
3 health services for small businesses, adult literacy,
4 foster care and 10-million-dollar education equity
5 action plan to create a K-12 black studies curriculum
6 for New York City children. As a city, we fought for
7 the non-negotiable, necessary restoration of funds to
8 our parks, libraries, sanitation services, and our
9 beloved cultural organizations that only New York can
10 present to the world. For all of these advancements
11 and triumphs, I thank Speaker Johnson for his
12 leadership; Chief of Staff Jason Goldman; the Finance
13 Chair of all Chairs, Chair Dromm; and the entire
14 Finance Division led by, yes, our own Olivia Popla,
15 Tanya Mckinney, Council staff, and my own Chief of
16 Staff Jamal Wilkerson, Deputy Chief of Staff for all
17 of your hard work, I vote I.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
19 Council Member Adrienne Adams.

20 CM ADAMS: I think I've got a disclosure
21 also according to our Council. Sorry, colleagues, I
22 got a little excited. I'm disclosing on the record
23 of the Council proceedings that the (inaudible) of
24 Queens is funded in the budget we are adopting, and I
25 am associated with this entity, in addition, Allen

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2 Senior Center is funded in this budget we're
3 adopting, and I am associated with this non-profit
4 via membership with my church. Thank you, Madame
5 Majority Leader.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
7 Council Member Adams, and I'd just like to remind
8 each of our colleagues, if you have something to
9 disclose, please do it at the beginning, at the top
10 of your statement and it will be included also in
11 your two minutes.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

13 CM AMPRY-SAMUEL: Permission to explain
14 my vote?

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
16 granted.

17 CM AMPRY-SAMUEL: As I look around this
18 chamber today, I feel great sense of pride and
19 gratitude. Although we were all touched and affected
20 by a global pandemic, we are all here again together
21 and I thank God for that, and I'm extremely happy to
22 return to the chamber to do the work of the people.
23 This is last budget cycle for many of us here today
24 and these past three and half years have not been
25 east. Not other time of Council Members can count a

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2 worldwide pandemic and a complete shut down of our
3 city as part of their tenure, and then get right back
4 work and back on track. We can boldly say that we
5 did that. We fought hard for constituents and
6 everyday hardworking New Yorkers and people, more
7 specifically, we have had the opportunity to bring
8 unprecedented resources to all of our communities,
9 and to my community, in particular. We are about to
10 vote on a budget that includes \$17,594,000.00 coming
11 to the 41st Council District directly. From public
12 schools to public libraries to public housing, and
13 for services for members of the entire family as a
14 whole. We made sure not to leave anyone out or
15 behind, and on top of that, we have been able to
16 secure, and this is what I'm so proud of,
17 \$128,739,000.00 for a brand-new state of the art
18 community center at 444 Thomas Boylin in the heart of
19 Brownsville. I am proud of the significant
20 investment to my home; I am proud of this investment
21 to the city. I was given a job to come here and
22 serve on behalf of the 41st Council District, and I
23 am proud of what we were able to accomplish. Thank
24 you to the Finance Division for your hard work, my
25 colleagues, my amazing District and legislative

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2 staff, and you, Speaker Corey Johnson for being so
3 supportive over the entire time. So, with that, I am
4 disclosing on the record of the Council proceeding
5 that the New York City Department of Education is
6 funded in the budget we are adopting, and my brother
7 is a school teacher with this entity. Thank you so
8 much, and I vote yes on today's budget.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Barron.

11 CM BARRON: Permission to explain my
12 vote?

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
14 granted.

15 CM BARRON: Thank you. I want to say that
16 I'm glad to see all of my colleagues. Glad that we
17 are back in the chambers, and we know that we had to
18 create a lot of space so that we could do the social
19 distancing and if we had taken statue out, we would
20 have had even more space in our chambers. This is a
21 pandemic which has caused us to pay attention to a
22 lot of the inequities that exists and a lot of the
23 harm that was done to so many of the communities that
24 have been underfunded, under-resourced because of the
25 capitalist system that we are in that seeks to

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2 capitalize on getting that money and not addressing
3 any equitable way the human needs that we face. I am
4 so pleased to see all of the good that is in the
5 budget, and I acknowledge that, I acknowledge that
6 Tanya McKinney and her staff and the hard, dedicated
7 work that they do. I want to thank all of my
8 colleagues that represented my interest and your
9 interest on the BNT Budget Negotiating Team.
10 However, we've been talking about we're in a pandemic
11 and we're all in this together, and now that the
12 pandemic appears to be slowing down, we're going back
13 to the ports that we came from and that's the problem
14 in terms of the NYPD. We are once again increasing
15 their budget. We are once again giving them the
16 finances to expand their militarization that they
17 have and there is nothing that requires any kind of
18 accountability for the officers who have killed
19 without cause those whom we know by name, and I'm
20 going to call some of those names: Anthony Byers
21 (SP?), Mohammad Bah (SP?), Shawn Bell (SP?),
22 Shantelle Davis (SP?), Amed Dialo (SP?), Clifford
23 Glover (SP?) who was 10 years old, Kamani Grey (SP?),
24 Remaly Graham (SP?), Akai Girly (SP?), Nicholas
25 Hayward, Jr. (SP?), Delron Small (SP?), and Antonio

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2 Wimms (SP?). That's just some of them, and those
3 families feel that the money that's been put in this
4 budget for NYPD is going to putty up the picture, put
5 perfume on it, and put lipstick on it, but it's not
6 going to get to the root of what the problem is, so
7 for that reason, I'm voting no on the budget. I do
8 appreciate all the great things that's in it,
9 particular for CUNY, you know that's my baby, but the
10 ... (crosstalk).

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
12 Council Member Barron.

13 CM BARRON: Thank you. The injustices
14 that are there, will not allow me to vote for this
15 budget and I'm also abstaining on LU790 and 791.
16 Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Borelli.

19 CM BORELLI: This is such a new
20 experience, standing up like this, it's great. First
21 the disclosures. I'm disclosing on the record that
22 the College of Staten Island is funded in the budget,
23 and I am associated with that entity even though they
24 actually laid me off for the pandemic. PS25 is
25 funded in the budget, and we are adopting it. My

2 wife is an employee of that entity, and the South
3 Short YMCA is funded, but we just found out today we
4 didn't make the preschool, so I shouldn't have to say
5 this anymore. We just found out Tender Care
6 Preschool, so I'll say that on the record, Tender
7 Care Preschool is probably funded by the city in the
8 budget, so I'm disclosing that now, it will be where
9 my son is going to preschool. I too will be voting
10 no on the budget and although I share Council Member
11 Barron's on CUNY and the great things that we're
12 doing there, as you can imagine, some of the reason
13 I'm voting no are not similar to hers. A lot of them
14 are too long to mention in the next minute and 20
15 seconds, so I will digress. I will be voting yes on
16 1708 and 1815; yes on 1709, 1816; yes on 1710, 1817;
17 yes on Intro 2350 and 1698; and yes land use 1790 and
18 1791. I'll be voting no on all the others, but I do
19 commend the staff of the City Council for working in
20 some trying times, and you now, doing a darn good
21 job, and I think it often goes unsaid, other than the
22 moments we're here together in city hall that we do
23 praise the work of some of our staff and I think our
24 staff did a tremendous job, and I commend Speaker
25 Johnson for being a friend and a great speaker over

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2 the last four years, and this is the last budget that
3 we have together and I would like to say on the
4 record that I think you've done a great job over
5 these past years, and I'm glad to see, we still have
6 the next six months of you, at least. So, thank you
7 guys, I appreciate it.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Brannan.

10 CM BRANNAN: Thank you, Majority Leader.

11 I don't have to tell you 2020 was unbelievable tough
12 and a challenging year for everyone. We all put our
13 normal lives on hold, and everyone has sacrificed so
14 much. I'm not going to lie, when I decided to run
15 for office, I never thought I'd be trying to govern
16 during a global pandemic but being in office during
17 COVID has taught me a lot. I was reminded clearly
18 how many of our neighbors are just one paycheck away
19 from losing their home. I was reminded clearly how
20 inextricably bound we are to one another's health and
21 safety, and it all showed me that when times get
22 tough, leadership doesn't mean having all the
23 answers. It means communicating as clearly and as
24 often as possible and addressing every problem
25 seriously, no matter how big or small. Above all, it

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2 means being there all the time for the people who put
3 their faith and trust in us to serve. Rebuilding
4 after this pandemic is going to be a heavy lift, but
5 we've never been more ready in this body. Now, more
6 than ever, we must fight like hell for our collective
7 future and with this budget today under the
8 leadership of Speaker Corey Johnson, that is exactly
9 what my colleague and I are doing. I vote I.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Brooks-Powers.

12 CM BROOKS-POWERS: I am disclosing on the
13 record of the Council proceedings that Martin
14 Depour's (SP?) Youth and Family Services is funded in
15 the budget we are adopting, and my sister is employed
16 by this entity. Also, Allen Senior Center is funded
17 in the budget we are adopting and my association with
18 this non-profit is via my membership with the church.
19 Permission to explain my vote?

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
21 granted.

22 CM BROOKS-POWERS: So, in the wake of the
23 COVID-19 pandemic, we were all confronted by serious
24 fiscal hardship and a rising death toll. The City
25 Council passed a crisis budget in fiscal year 21.

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2 Community programs and services endured drastic cuts.
3 The fiscal year 22 budget comprehensively restores
4 funding to vital resources across the board. I am
5 proud of the work we have done to pass a recovery
6 budget for New York and especially proud to pass my
7 first budget as a member of the New York City
8 Council. COVID-19 unleashed both a public health
9 crisis and fiscal crisis which required the city to
10 make serious and painful cuts. Our vital service
11 providers operated on shoestring budgets and our
12 communities had to fight to survive with minimal
13 support. This budget will make significant
14 investments towards gun violence prevention, senior
15 services, and business revitalization. It may
16 represent as some, to return to normal, but the
17 pandemic is not over and its continued effect on our
18 health and our economic stability varies widely
19 across neighborhoods. Our District still has some of
20 the lowest vaccination rates in New York State. Even
21 after this budget is enacted, we need to ensure that
22 its program funding is distributed equitably to make
23 meaningful and targeted impact in the communities
24 that need it most. I look forward to overseeing that
25 process and fighting for fairness. I thank all my

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2 colleagues in the Council for their endless
3 determination to make this budget and reality, and I
4 also thank the community stake holders and advocates
5 who stood up to protect these critical programs, and
6 I vote I. Thank you.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Rodriguez.

9 CM RODRIGUEZ: Permission to explain my
10 vote.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
12 granted.

13 CM RODRIGUEZ: SO, this is my 12th year
14 and it's been a great honor to be working with
15 Speaker Corey Johnson, the Chief of Staff, Jason
16 Goldman. For the new oncoming to the Council, don't
17 forget that we still live in a segregated city. With
18 the resources that we have in the white neighborhood
19 is not the same as the one we have the black, that we
20 have in the Asian, that we have in the Latino, and
21 that we have even in sov community or from people
22 that come from the former Soviet Union. So, let's
23 continue to fight, even though we voted and end the
24 segregation in the system, go to Park Avenue and 71st
25 Street, there's no garbage in the street. Go to

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2 Sherman Avenue at 4:00 on a Monday afternoon, and
3 it's full of garbage. Some people have the money to
4 be sure that they have 200 officers on 5th Avenue and
5 75th street, but there's only 16 officers on 96th
6 Street. The cultural institution is the same thing.
7 It's not the same resources that we have in the
8 formula for the cultural institution that serve the
9 black and Latino and the brown community as the other
10 communities. So, my message to the rest, the
11 revolution is here, let's share the privilege. Let's
12 share everything that we have in our community, if
13 they're safe, let's be sure that the brown and black
14 communities are safe too, and I hope that the money
15 that we put in here is also go to the Board of
16 Election to clean the mess that they did yesterday.
17 With that, I vote I.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

19 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Cabrera.

20 CM CABRERA: Permission to explain my
21 vote?

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
23 granted.

24 CM CABRERA: Thank you so much. This
25 year was a particularly difficult year for many of

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2 us. I lost my mom, my mother-in-law six weeks after
3 that. I know we have colleagues here that lost their
4 parents, family, friends. This budget is my prayer
5 is that it will ease the pain that so many of our
6 families are feeling right now throughout this city.
7 It's never a perfect budget. It's my 12th one, but I
8 do believe that it's going advance forward the help
9 that so many families need right now. I have never
10 seen, in all the years I lived in New York City, the
11 condition and the state that are no fault of our own,
12 we found ourselves due to the pandemic, but it is my
13 hope that the funding that is going to be put forth,
14 it will be duly executed to reach those who are in
15 the greatest need at this moment, and so with that,
16 I want to say, and I thank the Speaker, thank you,
17 thank you for help, Jason Goldman for hearing all of
18 our complaints and why don't have more funding in our
19 Districts, and regarding Bills, thank you, and for my
20 colleagues for the tremendous work and to the staff
21 that you put behind this budget under the most
22 difficult circumstances. Thank you so much, and with
23 that, I vote I.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Chin.

25 CM CHIN: Permission to explain my vote?

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
3 granted.

4 CM CHIN: Thank you. To all of my
5 colleagues, glad to see all of you in the chambers.
6 This is also my 12th year and last budget, but I am
7 so proud to have worked with all of you. This year
8 has been tough, last year was even worse, but this
9 year, I think we fought for a budget that we can all
10 be proud of. It really addresses a lot of the needs
11 for every single District, every borough in New York
12 City, and I really wholeheartedly thank our speaker
13 for his leadership in this budget process. Of
14 course, everyone loves Jason, he's always available
15 for your texts and calls, and the Finance Team,
16 Latonya, you are the superwoman that really helped us
17 fight for every dollar that our city constituents
18 deserve, and the Finance team, you guys are terrific,
19 and I know that as Chair of the Asian Committee, I
20 got Dohini behind my back and Daniel made sure that I
21 fight for ever single dollar for our seniors, and
22 this year really is truly the year of the seniors
23 because the budget is the largest ever for DIFTA and
24 also we almost got to that half of one percent mark,
25 almost got to 500 billion. It's not over yet. I'm

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2 telling Administration, I'm still going to fight for
3 the home delivered meal that they did not deliver.
4 There's a big different between home deliver,
5 homebound seniors, and seniors who go to senior
6 centers. I just have to say that because they just
7 couldn't get it, but look, I've been here, this is my
8 12th year and I remember the first term. It was like
9 cut, cut, cut. At least now, we can proudly say that
10 we have supported a budget that expands services for
11 our older adults, our seniors, our youth, our young
12 people, our immigrant community, and also making our
13 community safer and stronger in this recovery. We
14 all suffered a lot, but we are coming back. New York
15 City is coming back strong, and the City Council has
16 laid a foundation for that, so I proudly vote I on
17 all, and especially on this budget. Thank you.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
19 Council Member Chin.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Cornegy.

21 CM CORNEGY: Great, I got to go after
22 Margaret Chin. Nice. Permission to explain my vote?

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
24 granted.

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2 CM CORNEGY: So, I want to definitely
3 thank Chair Danny Dromm, Latonya McKinney, and the
4 entire finance staff for doing a great job, but I
5 want point out two things that haven't been
6 highlighted that the budget does and prioritizes. It
7 prioritizes our small homeowners with a mortgage
8 foreclosure recovery of a million dollars which
9 wasn't there presently, and also our small
10 businesses. We have made a commitment during this
11 pandemic to come out of a pandemic and be a Council
12 who really is supportive of our small businesses with
13 over a million dollars of resources available to our
14 small business, so for that, I am eternally grateful,
15 in addition to all the social justice Bills that
16 we've attacked through this budget, we've also sought
17 to prevent and protect our small homeowners and our
18 small business, so for that, I thank you, and I vote
19 I.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Darma Diaz.

22 CM DARMA DIAZ: Permission to explain my
23 vote? I'm not sure what we're doing here, but this
24 is fun, guys. It's an honor to serve this Council
25 during this time. I came in at a time of disarray

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2 for New York City and I pride myself in promises
3 made, promises kept, and to me, coldheartedly, what
4 New York City needed to move forward is a holistic
5 approach. This budget, to me, gives me that, so
6 thank you for all the hard work and the dedication
7 for all, from fiscal to the doormaker, to the guys
8 that opened the doors for us this morning. Thank
9 you. I vote I.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ruben Diaz.

12 CM RUBEN DIAZ: Permission to explain my
13 vote.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
15 granted.

16 CM RUBEN DIAZ: Thank you, Madame. I
17 would like to disclose that my son, Ruben Diaz, Jr.
18 is currently serving as a Bronx Borough President and
19 the budget that we are adopting from the Bronx and
20 many of its programs. I'm also a NYCHA, that is
21 funded under the budget we are adopting, and my other
22 son is associated with this entity. Besides that, I
23 would like to tell you that you did a good job, and
24 Mr. Speaker, this is my last time probably in this
25 microphone and I would like to say that even though

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2 during this last four years, we have some
3 discrepancies and some difficult times for you to,
4 that you went through, I want to tell you, it's has
5 been an honor, sir, to serve under you. God bless
6 you, and I know that you have a long way ahead of
7 you. Thank you, thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council member
9 Diaz, Council Member Diaz, we would just like for you
10 to come back.

11 CM RUBIN DIAZ: I also know that there
12 are some things that I don't like in this budget,
13 however, because the majority of the budget includes
14 good, very good things, I cannot vote no to hurt the
15 other many good things even though there are things
16 that I don't like, but I'm voting yes, thank you very
17 much, Madame.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

19 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
20 Dinowitz.

21 CM DINOWITZ: Permission to explain my
22 vote?

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
24 granted.

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2 CM DINOWITZ: Thank you. I just want to
3 take a moment to first recognize how special it is
4 here in city hall. I know most of colleagues have
5 been here many years. I have not. I was sworn in
6 two months ago. Before that, I was a public-school
7 special education teacher, and thank you, and so,
8 while I'm new to the Council, I'm not new to the
9 needs of some of the most vulnerable people here in
10 our city. You know, every day, I would see a child
11 coming out of the lunchroom having put extra
12 sandwiches in his bag so that he could help feed his
13 family. I would see students struggling with mental
14 health needs, children crammed into oversized
15 classrooms, not getting the care and the attention
16 that they deserve. This is, of course, in addition
17 to our workers in small businesses and older adults
18 struggling and all of this was before the pandemic.
19 Of course, we know the pandemic made it all worse.
20 It pulled back the curtain on the inequity and I
21 taught during the pandemic too, and I had a front row
22 seat to the pain that so many of our families went
23 through, so today in this space, we get to vote on a
24 budget that tries to fix some of the things that I
25 saw in the classroom, that we saw in our community,

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2 and I'm deeply humbled that the voters of the Bronx
3 trusted me to be their voice, to make sure their
4 needs are met, I believe that this budget does that.
5 It gets on the road to fix a lot of those problems
6 that I saw every day, a lot of the problems, my
7 neighbors in the Bronx are facing. I want to thank
8 Speaker Corey Johnson for all his work. Jason,
9 Ebony, Danny, all of the people who worked to
10 negotiate this budget, I am proud to vote yes on this
11 budget, thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

13 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Dromm.

14 CM DROMM: Permission to explain my vote.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
16 granted.

17 CM DROMM: Thank you very much. I want
18 to start off my expressing my sincere gratitude to
19 all of my colleagues here for having given me the
20 opportunity to be the Chair of the Finance Committee,
21 particularly to our Speaker Corey Johnson who knows
22 that I was asked to serve in this role, in this
23 position, and for whom I own a deep gratitude, not
24 just for being the best speaker that I've ever really
25 worked under, but for being one of my closest and

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2 best friends, and I just want you, Corey, to know and
3 understand that I love you a lot and I think that you
4 have had a tremendous on the lives of New Yorkers,
5 especially when I think about LGBTQ youth and the
6 things that you've done coming out when you were 16
7 years old, making the cover of the New York Times. I
8 saw your story with Anderson Cooper, who at the time,
9 did not even have the courage himself to admit that
10 he was gay, and here you were, a 16-year-old person
11 coming out on national news. Your courage, your
12 strength, your wisdom, and your leadership with this
13 Council will never be forgotten and I thank you very
14 much. I am very proud to vote in favor of this
15 budget, and I just want to say also to my colleagues,
16 don't let the good be the enemy of the perfect and
17 that we should all be very proud of this budget and
18 vote yes, in the affirmative for this budget for the
19 good that it does for the city of New York. Thank
20 you very, very much.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

22 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Eugene.

23 CM EUGENE: I vote I.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you, Council
25 Member Eugene. Council Member Feliz.

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2 CM FELIZ: Thank you. I'm disclosing in
3 the record of the City Council proceedings that the
4 NYC Department of Education School of Inquiry and
5 Social Justice in the Bronx is funded in the budget
6 we're adopting, and my brother is associated with
7 this entity, and with that said, I proudly vote yes
8 on the budget and all and I congratulate the City
9 Council, our great Speaker, his staff, Jason, Ebony
10 and all the members of the City Council. Thank you
11 so much.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

13 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you, and just
14 to clarify, Council Member Eugene voted I. Correct?

15 CM EUGENE: Yes, sir.

16 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Council
17 Member Gennaro.

18 CM GENNARO: Madame Leader, I wish to
19 speak on my vote.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
21 granted.

22 CM GENNARO: Thank you, thank you. I
23 certainly wish to be associated with the remarks of
24 Danny Dromm; all the nice things he had to say about
25 the Speaker and about the budget. I just have a

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2 couple of thank yous. I want to thank the Speaker in
3 a very, very special way for his leadership and his
4 friendship. It's really been wonderful. I've served
5 under four speakers. I somehow pulled that off, but
6 Speaker Johnson has been great, and I really
7 appreciate serving with you and your friendship.
8 Finance Chair Dromm and Capital Chair Rosenthal,
9 thank you for your good efforts and for your
10 friendship. I also thank Mayor De Blasio. I've
11 known him for 20 years since he first ran for Council
12 in 2001 and he's been very nice to me since I came
13 back. I thank Jason Goldman who let me add my voice
14 to the chorus of those singing the praise of Jason
15 and how kind he's been to me and getting me through
16 this process. All the members of the Finance
17 Committee and the BNT, thank you. All the members of
18 the Queens Delegation, particularly our Delegation
19 Chair Karen Koslowitz, thank you very much for your
20 friendship. That's okay, clap for her, it's good,
21 it's good, and all the members of this body, I thank
22 you, the Finance staff, Latonya and everyone that got
23 us to this good day, all of this essential staff
24 which I served as a member of the essential staff for
25 13 years, so, I have some sense of what you're doing.

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2 I thank you very much. I want to thank my District
3 Office staff, and last but by no means, my friend
4 Calda Alba (SP?) of 20 years and his great team of
5 Sergeants who ran this show during COVID and got us
6 to this much better day. Thank you, guys. I don't
7 hear anything on that, and the last time I was in
8 this room for Council meeting, it was December 2013,
9 and the first time I was in this room was when I
10 started as central staff in 1990 and it's good to be
11 home, God bless you all. I vote yes.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Gibson.

13 CM GIBSON: Permission to explain?

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
15 granted.

16 CM GIBSON: Permission to explain?

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
18 granted.

19 CM GIBSON: Thank you, Madame Majority
20 Leader and good afternoon colleagues. It's good to
21 be back and to see everyone, and this is also my
22 final budget as I leave the City Council at the end
23 of the year and I'm truly grateful for the honor and
24 privilege to be a member of this body. I want to
25 join the choruses of saluting our Speaker, Corey

2 Johnson; our Finance Chair, Danny Dromm; our Sub-
3 Committee Chair, Helen Rosenthal; the mighty women of
4 the Women's Caucus, thank you ladies for your spirit
5 in uplifting each other. We want to pray for our Co-
6 Chair Farrah Louis and to the BLAC, to co-chairs and
7 the Bronx Delegation that I'm so proud to be a part
8 of and really everyone. This has been a true labor
9 of love. We have dedicated so much time and effort
10 to make sure that this budget is a reflection of our
11 values and our priorities and what New Yorkers need
12 in education and higher education, social services,
13 safety net programs, youth services, creating safe
14 spaces for our young people so they know that they
15 are destined for success. So many marginalized New
16 Yorkers that lost hope during this COVID-19 pandemic,
17 we all have a story to tell, we all have struggles,
18 but it's been a challenging time. I lost my
19 political mentor and mother in Aurelia Greene on May
20 8th, and on June 2nd I lost my grandmother to COVID
21 and on this Monday, I lost my cousin who died during
22 surgery, but yet, I still stand, and I'm still
23 blessed, and we still have to do the work of the
24 people, and I think about the children, the seniors,
25 the veterans, LGBT New Yorkers, transgender New

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2 Yorkers, people with disabilities. I think about
3 victims of domestic violence and elder abuse, and all
4 the New Yorkers that rely on us every single day.
5 We've been feeding families and giving them spiritual
6 nourishment and giving them hope and optimism and
7 this budget is a reflection of that. We, as a body
8 have to create more opportunities and build economic
9 wealth in power in our city so that young people have
10 college and careers, and families have a pathway to
11 the middle class. That is what everyone wants, real
12 affordable housing. So, I am proud to vote yes on
13 this budget and I want to join the chorus in thanking
14 Latonya McKinney, the Finance Division, and each and
15 every one of you for your incredible support. It's
16 been an honor to serve with you. I vote yes. God
17 bless you colleagues. Thank you so much.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you and my
19 condolences.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Gjonaj.

21 CM GJONAJ: Majority, may I please
22 explain my vote?

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
24 granted.

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2 CM GJONAJ: Thank you. This is a special
3 budget. Not only because this is the first time
4 we're back in city hall after a year and half, but
5 because of the pain that we've all experienced
6 together. Not only the economic devastation, but the
7 loss of life. Today, I have a 51-year-old cousin who
8 is fighting for his life because of COVID. We're not
9 out of this pandemic and this crisis, and the work
10 that this body has done, the staff, I can't help but
11 mention the few and begin with our Speaker, Corey
12 Johnson, the best speaker I've ever worked with in
13 the City Counsel. Oh, wait a second, he's the only
14 speaker I've worked with in the City Council. I just
15 want to thank him for always being attentive and
16 ready and available to me on the issues that I've
17 had. Corey, it's been a pleasure to serve with you.
18 Like so many of the colleagues that won't be coming
19 back, and this is their last budget, it makes it a
20 real special budget for us, but we can't help but
21 recognize those that worked extremely hard year in
22 and year out, and we begin with Jason first of all.
23 Jason, Ebony, we have Latonya and Chair Dromm, the
24 countless hours, the energy and the focus that you
25 have in commendable, and God bless you for the work

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2 that you've done during these four budgets. I want
3 to commend the Council and the work that we've done
4 with small businesses. We have a long ways to go and
5 there's plenty more room for improvement, but today,
6 small businesses need our help more than ever. Our
7 brick and mortar establishments are in trouble and it
8 has to do with e-commerce and consumer behavior
9 changes, but also the price of doing business in the
10 city of New York, so I encourage that we continue to
11 focus on their needs, because their survival means
12 New York City will survive, and with that, no budget
13 is perfect, there's a lot of good things in this
14 budget, but I have to vote; I'm going to be
15 supporting this budget, but I have to vote no on
16 Introduction 2331A, preconsidered Resolution 1691,
17 1692, 1694, 1695, 1696, 1697, and 1707. These are
18 all real estate taxes. The 13th Council District has
19 the highest effective real estate tax rate in New
20 York City. We are forcing our families and New
21 Yorkers to leave this city because of affordability
22 and the single largest investment that they have is
23 their home, and we need to do more to keep them in
24 their home and in our communities. So, thank you.
25 With that, Majority Leader, I'll be voting I on the

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2 budget with the exception of those that I voted no
3 on, and if you'd like, I'll repeat them again.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Do we have it
5 recorded?

6 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: We do.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Okay.

8 CM GJONAJ: Good, and with that, I'm
9 disclosing on the record of the Council proceeding
10 that PS175 is funded in the budget were adopting and
11 my wife is associated with the entity as a school
12 nurse. CUNY is funded in the budget we're adopting
13 and my son is a student at CUNY. Bronx Parent
14 Housing Network is funded in the budget were
15 adopting, my brother is associated with the entity,
16 New York City Department of Education is funded in
17 the budget we're adopting, my sister and my wife are
18 associated with the entity and last but not least,
19 New York Public Library is funded in the budget we're
20 adopting and my brother is associated with this
21 entity, and with that, I want to thank this man for
22 reminding me.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Grodenchik.

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2 CM GRODENCHIK: I just want to state on
3 the record that Council Member Maisel waived his time
4 to me, so it doesn't work like that? No, ok, you put
5 me in the corner, but you can't keep me quiet.
6 Anyway, first let me state on the record that I have
7 no conflicts and I am voting yes on this budget. I
8 did want to say a few words about the budget and also
9 about a lost that the borough of Queens suffered last
10 week when former Deputy Borough President, Peter
11 Menyati (SP?) who is my colleague for over 10 years
12 in the Administration of Clair Shoman (SP?) passed
13 away after a long battle with an illness. Clair was
14 the Commander in Chief and Peter was the Field
15 General and when you look around the borough of
16 Queens and see places like the Queens Museum and the
17 Queens Hospital Center and air train and tens of
18 thousands of school seats, that was really work of
19 Peter Menyati executing the vision of Clair Shoman,
20 and just to prove that all politics are local still,
21 the 34th Avenue Mall which is in Council Member
22 Dromm's District, I think it extends into Council
23 Member Moya's District, that was Peter's baby and he
24 told Clair he was going to do it and she said go
25 ahead, have some fun. So, it's now an open street

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2 and it's enjoyed by thousands and thousands of people
3 every day. On the budget, I want to say this, I want
4 to thank my colleagues, and I want to thank the
5 speaker, especially. It was in this room at a
6 hearing of the general Welfare Committee under Chair
7 Levin that I kind of stepped into feeding people, and
8 Steve's been a great partner, but as soon as Corey
9 became Speaker, he took up the cudgels and it's
10 because of the work of this Council that millions of
11 New Yorkers did not go hungry last year, and when you
12 see a line in New York City these days, unfortunately
13 like the Great Depression, it's a line to feed
14 people, but because of our stubbornness and our
15 stick-to-it-ness, those people didn't go hungry and
16 so I'm proud of that. I also want to thank my
17 colleagues, especially from the Queens Delegation
18 with the passage with this budget, we will fully fund
19 an education center at the Queens County Farm Museum,
20 the oldest working farm in the state of New York and
21 my District that will serve over 130,000 student a
22 year post COVID and every single District in New York
23 City sends kids there, and I know I'm talking a long
24 time.

25 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

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2 CM GRODENCHIK: And I just want to say
3 also from the bottom of my heart, the more you do
4 that Keith, the longer I'm going to talk, I do want
5 to say thank you also ... (crosstalk).

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

7 CM GRODENCHIK: For the Fair Student
8 Funding package. I want to thank Council Member
9 Treyger and Chair Treger and again the Speaker and
10 all of you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

12 CM GRODENCHIK: It's going to make a
13 difference in everybody; it takes me a long time to
14 walk up here. Thank you, Madame Majority Leader, for
15 indulging me and thank you all. Have a wonderful,
16 wonderful summer, and I'll see you soon.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Holden.

19 CM HOLDEN: Permission to explain my
20 vote.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
22 granted.

23 CM HOLDEN: Do I get Barry time?

24 CM GRODENCHIK: No.

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2 CM HOLDEN: No, okay. First, I am
3 disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings
4 that CUNY is funded in the budget, it's a good budget
5 that we are adopting, and my son is an employee of
6 this entity. Also New York Presbyterian Hospital is
7 funded in the budget that we are adopting, and my son
8 is employee of this entity. It is a difficult
9 situation obviously with the pandemic that we faced,
10 and we got through it, and we're here and it's so
11 great to see my colleagues in 3D finally, and rather
12 than on Zoom for such a long time, but the budget is
13 a good budget. There are some things that I disagree
14 with obviously, so I'm going to vote on all with the
15 exception of Resos 1691 and 1692, and 302 with
16 accompanying Reso 1703, M320 with accompanying Reso
17 1707 for which I vote no. But I certainly want to
18 thank, the Council Chair, Finance Chair, Danny Dromm
19 for again, an amazing, amazing job that you just keep
20 doing for the last few years and I just want to thank
21 you personally, and I'm glad I very close to you, but
22 I got to know you as a friend, so again, I can't
23 thank you enough for what you've done, and thank you
24 to the Finance staff certain, Latonya, an amazing
25 staff and all your hard work, and finally Speaker

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2 Corey Johnson who has been more than a speaker to me,
3 a friend that I would call from time to time and talk
4 to and certainly, his side kick Chief of Staff Jason
5 Goldman who was looking at his phone right now, and
6 is still looking at it, which we see him on, but I
7 miss that, I actually missed that when we were
8 couldn't see, we had a still picture of you on Zoom
9 which is nice seeing people again in person. But
10 again, thank you Jason for all the hours on the phone
11 and all that you did and just to set me straight on a
12 number of items, but I can't thank you enough, and
13 I'm going to miss this and especially you guys in the
14 budget, but thank you all, and again, thank you,
15 Danny for all the work. Thank you.

16 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Kallos.

17 CM KALLOS: I am disclosing on the record
18 of the Council proceedings out of an abundance of
19 caution and transparency that I helped fund the E72nd
20 Street Neighborhood Association and the Sutton Park
21 Conservancy which are both funded in the budget. I
22 did that as a Council Member. We are also funding
23 the Fund the (inaudible) which I also helped get off
24 the ground, I'm an ex-officio non-voting board member
25 of that. My wife is a digital marketing consultant at

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2 a company, and among that company's clients is the
3 Central Parks Foundation which is funded in the
4 budget, and I am the proud father of a 3-year-old and
5 after hearing Joe Borelli talk about his kids, I
6 realize I should probably talk about mine, I guess,
7 and we won 3K funding for all of Manhattan, actually
8 the city in this budget and I intend to send her to
9 3K. I couldn't be prouder about this, and I have to
10 disclose that too. So, without my cat, Pandora who
11 has been by my side for every single vote since this
12 pandemic started, I vote I on all.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

14 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Koo.

15 CM KOO: Permission to explain my vote?

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
17 granted.

18 CM KOO: (Inaudible).

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member
20 Koo, could you speak a bit more into the microphone?

21 CM KOO: (Inaudible).

22 VOICES: We can't hear you. Speak into
23 the mic.

24 CM KOO: Sorry, can I start over?

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2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Yeah, you can start
3 over.

4 CM KOO: Okay. I want to start by
5 thanking our speaker who led us through one of the
6 harshest budgets that New York City ever faced last
7 year, and now he is overseeing one of our greatest
8 recoveries. Like many of you, this is my final
9 budget in this City Council, my 12th, in fact. In
10 many ways, the budgets we pass every year are much
11 more than just a reflection of our values. This
12 budget affects the lives of every day New Yorkers in
13 incredible ways. It has never been a perfect
14 process. As Council Members who have been fortunate
15 to monitor and maintain our own budget for our
16 Districts, filling in the holes where we see need.
17 After 12 years, I'm so proud to have secured almost
18 50 million dollars for the schools in my District. I
19 have funded hundreds of organizations who keep our
20 communities going, and who put in overtime during the
21 pandemic delivering meals to homebound seniors,
22 providing programing. They opened up the doors to
23 the museums virtually, and in case of Queens
24 Botanical Gardens, they literally opened their doors
25 so our community can spend time outdoors. I am also

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2 so happy this budget will include 25 million dollars
3 to restore 150 apartment maintenance workers, hire 80
4 officers, restore 15 green thumb staff, hire 50 urban
5 park rangers, maintain natural forests and trails,
6 restore tree stumps, and fully restore the
7 Department's equity initiative. Finally, this budget
8 contains important and unprecedented funding for the
9 AAPI community who have suffered from the rash of
10 hateful attacks, 4 million dollars respond to the
11 needs of our community is great start. It has been
12 my honor and privilege to work alongside this
13 Council. I want to say thank you to all of you ...
14 (Crosstalk).

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

16 CM KOO: For your commitment to building
17 a better city. I am proud of what we have
18 accomplished together. I'm also want thank Chair
19 Dromm and Finance Division, especially Latonya,
20 Virginia, Monica ... (crosstalk).

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

22 CM KOO: And finally, I want to thank
23 Jason Goldman for his wonderful service to all of us.
24 Thank you. I vote I on all.

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

4 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Koslowitz.

5 CM KOSLOWITZ: May I excused to explain
6 my vote?

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
8 granted.

9 CM KOSLOWITZ: This is my 22nd budget,
10 four speakers and 22nd city budget, and I can tell
11 you, it's my last. I will not be coming back. I
12 want to take this opportunity to thank our speaker,
13 Corey Johnson. I knew four years ago that you would
14 lead us down the right path, and I can say to you
15 today, I was absolutely right. Thank you for
16 everything that you have done for my constituents and
17 for the city of New York, and to Danny Dromm, my
18 friend who was nervous about becoming the Finance
19 Chair, and I told him not to worry and I'm sure now,
20 you're not worried. You did a great job, Danny, and
21 thank you for everything that you have done, and to
22 Jason whose always been there when you needed him,
23 when you called him, and if he couldn't take your
24 call right away, he said I'll call you back and he
25 always called you back, and to Latonya and the

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2 Finance Division, you have been great. I'm a lucky
3 lady to have been in all your presence and to work
4 with you and also, I also became a Zoom expert. So,
5 if anyone wants lesson in Zooming, see me, and with
6 that I vote I.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
8 Council Member, we appreciate your service to this
9 body, thank you.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
11 Lander.

12 CM LANDER: Thank you, Madame Majority
13 Leader. It is good to be back in these Chambers.
14 The past year has really thrown into sharp relief
15 what a profound obligation it is, and I want to thank
16 all of you and our incredibly hardworking staff and
17 so many of your constituents for what you did through
18 so much grief over the last year to show up each
19 other. It has really been profound to watch. I'm
20 disclosing on the record that Women for Afghan Women
21 of New York City is funded in the budget for the
22 extraordinary work they do, especially in this
23 difficult time for so many Afghan families, and my
24 wife is an unpaid Board Member with Women for Afghan
25 Women. While there are many other tremendous

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2 investments in the budget this year including 100
3 percent fair student funding and so many other
4 things, I'm voting no on the expense budget for
5 reason explained in my written statement. I do want
6 to express profound gratitude to Latonya McKinney as
7 well as Nathan and Ray and Regina and Rebecca, not
8 just for all the work this work, but over the last
9 dozen years. We are truly lucky to have such a
10 hardworking finance staff that really show up for us
11 and for all New Yorkers. With that, I vote no on
12 M300 and Resolution 1699, and I on the rest. Thank
13 you.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Levin.

16 CM LEVIN: Permission to explain my vote.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
18 granted.

19 CM LEVIN: Thank you. I want to disclose
20 on the record of the Council proceedings that Stab is
21 funded in the budget that we are adopting, and my
22 child is a student at this school, and CUNY is funded
23 in this budget that we are adopting, and my wife is
24 associated with this entity. I would also like to
25 take this moment, I want to thank, first off, I want

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2 to just, it's just great to see everybody. I'm so
3 happy to be back. It's so wonderful to see you all
4 and to be in person again, and this is my last
5 budget. This is my 12th budget, and it just means
6 the world to me to have your friendship and to see
7 you all. I want to thank Speaker Corey Johnson.
8 Corey is one of my best friends in the world. He has
9 led this body and all four budgets as Speaker with a
10 tremendous amount of integrity and always with an eye
11 towards looking out for the most in need, and really
12 showing up and making sure that this a fair budget
13 and a budget that truly helps New Yorkers, and think
14 back to your first budget when you fought for fair
15 fairs to make sure that New Yorkers that are
16 struggling with poverty have access to affordable
17 transportation and that principal has led you all the
18 way and I just want to express my deep gratitude. I
19 want to thank Finance Chair Danny Dromm, Chair Helen
20 Rosenthal, Jason Goldman, Ebony Meeks (SP?), Joanna
21 Castro, Cal Diabla (SP?) and Rafael Perez and all of
22 the Sergeants at Arms for these endless Zoom meetings
23 that this Council administered really wonderfully and
24 flawlessly, so thank you all so much for that.
25 Finance staff Dan Croup (SP?), Julia Harman (SP?),

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2 Frank Sarno (SP?), Dohini Sempora (SP?) who I just
3 adore, Regina Prater-Ryan (SP?), Aisha Wright (SP?),
4 Nevin Sain (SP?), Rebecca Chasen (SP?), Nathan Toth
5 (SP?), Jimmy Reyes (SP?), Paul Simone (SP?), Savana
6 Choo (SP?), Ray Majeski (SP?), Paul Strom (SP?),
7 Emera Dev (SP?), Masisa Kissingen (SP?), John Russell
8 (SP?), Chimo Rachara (SP?), Craig Francisco (SP?),
9 and everybody in the Council's Finance Division, and
10 especially Latonya McKinney. It's no secret, I adore
11 the Council's Finance Division. They are the most
12 wonderful, professional, and they don't get enough
13 acknowledgement in this city ... (crosstalk).

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

15 CM LEVIN: The amount of work that they
16 do and so I just, to the Council Finance Division, I
17 love you guys, I am forever, forever ... (crosstalk).

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

19 CM LEVIN: In your debts, so thank you
20 very much. Thank you, Majority Leader.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
22 Barron.

23 CM BARRON: Thank you, yes. To clarify
24 my vote, the no vote is on the expense portion of the
25 budget.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Do you have that
3 noted? Okay, thank you.

4 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Levine.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Excuse me, one
6 moment.

7 CM LEVIN: May I vote I on all. I don't
8 know if I voted I on all, thank you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Council
11 Member Levine.

12 CM LEVINE: Thank you. Permission to
13 briefly explain my vote, Madame Majority Leader?

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
15 granted.

16 CM LEVINE: Well, thank you so much.
17 It's wonderful to see all of you, all of my
18 colleagues today after some of the most difficulty 16
19 months in the history of New York City, we have so
20 much healing to do, so much more work to address the
21 profound injustices laid bear by this pandemic. This
22 budget moves us forward in important ways towards
23 those goals with historic investment in schools, in
24 mental health in our school, thank you Chair Treyger,
25 with desperately needed restoration of staffing in

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2 our Parks Department, thank you Chair Koo, and has my
3 colleagues have mentioned, many, many important
4 investments in the kinds of social services which are
5 really critical to life in Districts like mine in
6 uptown Manhattan and investments in emergency food
7 banks and summer youth employment, and battling the
8 alarming rise in anti-Asian hate crimes and more.
9 We're voting on what will be the largest budget for
10 the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in the
11 history of this city at 2.25 billion dollars,
12 ensuring that we continue the fight against this
13 pandemic and I'm really thrilled that the Council
14 initiative include extra funding for a number of
15 health-related items that will help enable faith-
16 based institutions to work to work against HIV-AIDS
17 pandemic, initiatives that will help bring immigrants
18 and other peoples on the margin into healthcare
19 through the Access Health Initiative started by the
20 speaker last term, an initiative to help fund child
21 and maternal health and much more. So, thank you,
22 Speaker Johnson for your leadership for negotiating
23 this budget, thank you to my dear friends, Chair
24 Dromm, Chair Rosenthal, thank you to the incredible
25 Latonya McKinney, thank you so much, and thank you to

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2 Lauren Hunt (SP?) whose the Finance Analyst on the
3 Health Committee who has just done amazing work
4 throughout this budget process. Very quickly
5 disclosure, CUNY, I want to disclose on the record of
6 the City Council proceedings that CUNY is funded in
7 the budget we are adopting, and my son is a student
8 at this school, and I will be proudly voting I on
9 all. Thank you.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Maisel.

12 CM MAISEL: Yes.

13 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Council
14 Member Maisel has voted yes.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I love him.

16 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Menchaca.

17 CM MENCHACA: Permission to explain my
18 vote.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
20 granted.

21 CM MENCHACA: Thank you. I want to thank
22 Speaker Johnson, Jason, Latonya, Korean Francisco,
23 Florentine, Regina, the entire Finance Team. Did I
24 say hi and thank you to Jason and Ebony? Thank you
25 for the entire team that put us this together and for

2 all my colleagues in the BNT. You all stood up
3 strong for the immigrant communities. They are our
4 neighbors; they are who we should be honoring right
5 now in this budget and in the rest of the six months
6 as we pull together legislation that's going to
7 support them. The work is not over, but I want to
8 ensure that the Council, and many of you are here,
9 many of us are leaving, continue in that bold
10 tradition. I am voting yes, I am voting yes and one
11 last time as the Chair of the Immigration Committee,
12 in the name of our diverse immigrant communities and
13 the immigrant essential workers and their families.
14 They're the ones that organized this year for the
15 budget wins that we are voting on today, and I was
16 their voice. The voice of our immigrant neighbors
17 risked their lives to keep our local economy, our
18 healthcare system and the food supply chain running
19 throughout the pandemic. They were the ones that
20 were the most essential, some of the most essential
21 as essential workers and deserves a budget that
22 expresses their gratitude, our gratitude to them and
23 their commitment. Here are the victories, 25 million
24 dollars to fund legal services like CUNY Citizenship
25 Now, and the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project

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2 to ensure immigrants and their families and our
3 dreamers can have competent legal counsel on their
4 side if they want to apply for DACA or if they are in
5 a deportation proceeding or if they are an
6 unaccompanied minor with no lawyer, that's a victory.
7 They Day Labor Citywide Coalition was allocated 3.9
8 million dollars, that's a million dollar more than
9 last year. They are the ones who are courageous out
10 there remaining open to support our essential
11 immigrants. The Adult Literacy is finally baselined
12 at 8 million with 4 million dollars from the City
13 Council and a pilot that's going to assure that they
14 have equity to ensure that they have what they need
15 in wrap around services so that their families can go
16 to school in their neighborhoods. We funded an
17 immigrant bail fund, the first and only in the entire
18 country from a government body to fund a bail fund.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

20 CM MENCHACA: The AAPI community really
21 important to me in my District. I represent the
22 second largest community, the largest AAPI community
23 and we did that. There's more that I'll publish.
24 Thank you so much. I vote I on all.

25 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

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2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Miller.

3 CM MILLER: Permission to explain my
4 vote?

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
6 granted.

7 CM MILLER: Thank you, Madame Majority
8 Leader, and kudos Chair Menchaca for your work on the
9 Immigration Committee. It was hard, but time well-
10 spent. I want to disclose for the record that Alpha
11 Phi Alpha Senior Center is being funded in this
12 budget and my mom attends the Alpha Phi Alpha Senior
13 Center, Margaret, thank you. Speaker Johnson, Jason,
14 Ebony, to my colleagues, all of my colleagues here
15 and to the Finance team, I want to thank you for your
16 discourse and your engagement that has got us here to
17 this budget that really reflects the needs and the
18 values and more importantly, the voices of all New
19 Yorkers here in this budget. So, with that, I will
20 be voting I with the exceptions of 1694, 1695, and
21 1696, 1697. Thank you so much. It's so great to be
22 back in the people's house, doing the people's work,
23 but I do echo the sentiments of my colleague, Council
24 Member Barron. Thank you.

25 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

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2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Moya.

3 CM MOYA: Yes.

4 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Moya
5 has voted yes. Powers.

6 CM POWERS: I'm disclosing on the record
7 of the Council proceedings that Mt. Sinai Hospital is
8 funded in the budget we are adopting, and my mother
9 is associated with that entity, and with that, I vote
10 yes.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Reynoso.

12 CM REYNOSO: Permission to explain my
13 vote?

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
15 granted.

16 CM REYNOSO: Thank you, Majority Leader.
17 We are gathered here today to pass the largest budget
18 in New York City's history. Nearly 100 billion for
19 capital projects and services, with billions of
20 federal aid at our disposal and the tragic lessons
21 learned from a once in a generation pandemic, we have
22 a unique opportunity reimagine the city that works
23 for the many rather than the few. I am signing to
24 state the budget before us failed to move New York
25 toward an equitable recovery and lift up those of us

2 who have been most impacted by the health and
3 economic fallout of the past year. It should trouble
4 us that many of our neighbors continue to lack access
5 to stable housing, good schools, mental health care,
6 and well-paying jobs while we're still managing to
7 find money to expand staff and overtime at the New
8 York Police Department, an agency that largely serves
9 to criminalize poor people. For many of us, this
10 will be our final budget vote; however, I expect that
11 most members will continue serving the city we love
12 in some capacity. As we take stock of our time with
13 the City Council, I look towards the future, and I
14 urge all of you to reject the status quo and dream
15 big on behalf of your constituents. We can no longer
16 succumb to outdated narratives and false choices.
17 New Yorkers deserve leaders who inspire us to tackle
18 the intractable problems who have historically been
19 left behind by government. Each of us has a
20 responsibility to push things a little further than
21 we thought possible to not accepting injustice
22 anywhere and embed equity into everything we do. I
23 have ever confidence that we can achieve this vision.
24 We did not do so with the budget, and therefore I am
25 voting no on the expense budget today. I want to

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2 thank Speaker Johnson for his leadership during one
3 of the most difficult periods of our city's history.
4 You have faced immense challenges and consistently
5 worked through them with grace and dignity. To all
6 of our colleagues, over the past eight years, your
7 dedication to the people of this city is truly
8 inspiring and I am a better person for having had the
9 opportunity to learn from each and every one of you.
10 Love and respect to the incredible Council staff who
11 keep the trains running on time which is not an easy
12 feat around here. I look forward to continuing to
13 work with all of you in whatever roles we take on in
14 our future. Thank you.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

16 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Riley.

17 CM RILEY: Permission to explain my vote?

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
19 granted.

20 CM RILEY: Thank you, Majority Leader.
21 I'm disclosing on the record of the Council
22 proceeding that New York City Administration for
23 Children's Services is funded in the budget we are
24 adopting; my sister is an employee of an entity and
25 also NYC Department of Education is funded in the

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2 budget we are adopting, and my daughter is a student.
3 I don't have a lot of long words. I'd just like to
4 say this was a very trying year. I just got
5 nominated and selected in January and I'm so grateful
6 to see all of you in person and to meet all of you.
7 You all have done a tremendous job throughout these
8 years. So, I know the budget is not perfect, no
9 budget will ever be perfect, but you all should be
10 proud of yourselves, and you laid out a blueprint for
11 myself and my colleagues who are moving forward to
12 continue. So, God bless you all. God bless the
13 Council staff. Thank you, Speaker Johnson, thank you
14 Jay for everything that you've done, and thank you so
15 much and a special shout out to my Bronx Delegation.
16 Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: And how do you
18 vote, Council Member?

19 CM RILEY: I'm sorry, Majority Leader. I
20 vote I on all.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

22 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Rivera.

23 CM RIVERA: Permission to explain my
24 vote?

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
3 granted.

4 CM RIVERA: Thank you so much. First, I
5 must disclose for the Council record that the NYPD is
6 being funded in the budget and my mother is an
7 employee there. Thank you, Madame Majority Leader.
8 As I cast my vote on the final budget of my first
9 term, New York is emerging from a pandemic that has
10 dramatically changed the way that we think about how
11 our city responds to the biggest issues facing New
12 Yorkers every day. Thankfully, our New York
13 Congressional Delegation and the Biden Administration
14 fought to ensure that our agencies are finally
15 receiving the dollars they need, and this budget
16 offers us a chance to begin moving forward to address
17 the challenges facing the five boroughs. In
18 particular, I believe the investments in a citywide
19 mental health crisis response unit, mental health
20 resources for community of color, and a new public
21 health corp, resources we called for last year in
22 particular, will be a massive step forward for how we
23 humanly respond to and treat New Yorkers who are
24 struggling. This budget also includes other kinds of
25 community investments we need to ensure our city's

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2 recovery continues including the restoration of
3 sanitation services to keep our city livable and on a
4 path to zero waste goals, particular through compose,
5 with cure violence programs across the city that are
6 community-led, historic levels of funding for
7 education and in school support, investment in parks,
8 open streets, newly accessible public school
9 playgrounds, better food access, and workforce
10 development programs, support for schools, arts,
11 culture, and small business, and restoration of the
12 Board of Correction staff which comes at a critical
13 time as we push for an end to solitary confinement
14 and we are stepping up for our AAPI community, and
15 I'm especially proud that we're continuing the
16 traditions set by Cooper Square Community Land Trust
17 by making a full and critical investment in COT's
18 citywide this year as well as millions in
19 discretionary for affordable housing in my own
20 District. We have an incredible amount of work to
21 do. I'm incredibly proud of this body and what we've
22 achieved, and I know that we own our communities and
23 of course, our tax payers the vigilance and effort in
24 making sure that we do the right thing today, and in
25 our next term. Thank you to the entire Finance team,

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2 to my colleagues, of course, the Speaker, Jason
3 Goldman, again, the Finance team, and of course, my
4 Budget Director, Katie Lofe (SP?). I vote I.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Rose.

6 CM ROSE: Good afternoon. Permission to
7 explain my vote? I am disclosing on the record of
8 the Council proceeding that the New York City
9 Department of Sanitation is funded in this budget we
10 are adopting, and my son is associated with this
11 entity. I just want to just first start by saying
12 this is the best legislative body, and you should all
13 be proud, and I want to give you super kudos as well
14 as our illustrious Majority Leader, our City Council
15 Speaker, Danny Dromm, and our Finance team Latonya
16 and Regina and all of my, Michelle and Ebony. I
17 don't want to waste all my time thanking you, but I
18 going to do that at some point. I'd like to express
19 my appreciation and yes, my relief, really relief, to
20 my colleagues and the administration for their
21 commitment to assembling a spending plan that views
22 the future of our great city through an equity lens,
23 that was very important. We ensure that our budge
24 decisions focused on the impact that it would have on
25 marginalized residents. I am truly grateful that we

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2 enhanced our spending on youth services,
3 unprecedented amounts and we baselined programs, much
4 needed programs and on education. Kudos Chair
5 Treyger for all your hard work that you accomplished.
6 We finally got all the fiscal equity money, and while
7 demonstrating our obligation to restore our store and
8 what we hope is the aftermath of the pandemic, we
9 still face many challenges; however, I see this
10 budget as a critically important step toward
11 recovery. These were my final budget negotiations as
12 a City Council Member for District 49, and I'd just
13 like to say that I'm really proud of this body and
14 what we've accomplished, and I want to say
15 congratulations and kudos to all of you. You are all
16 phenomenal. Thank you.

17 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Rosenthal.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member
19 Rosenthal, hold for one member while Council Member
20 Rose ... (crosstalk).

21 CM ROSE: I vote I on all. Thank you.

22 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you Council
23 Member Rose. Council Member Rosenthal.

24 CM ROSENTHAL: Thank you. Permission to
25 explain my vote?

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
3 granted.

4 CM ROSENTHAL: Thank you. I'm vote out I
5 on all. Thank you for that. I just want to say as
6 an ally to my colleagues that I think what we did in
7 this budget is good for all New Yorkers, but most
8 importantly those who really need government
9 services. I think that it's a budget that recognizes
10 that there are communities that have been over-
11 policed, but under protected, and we've put so much
12 in this budget to take steps to rectify those wrongs.
13 The investments in mental health, the investment in
14 school, the investment in cultural institutions,
15 immigrant services, legal services, healthcare,
16 seniors, as extraordinary and I think we met the
17 moment. People called on us to meet this moment and
18 I think we did. So much has happened over the last
19 year and a half, two years, it's been devastating to
20 so many communities, and this budget tries really
21 hard to meet people's needs, and I know I'm speaking
22 a little bit out of school, but as a member of the
23 budget negotiating team, I just really want to thank
24 all my colleagues on the team. We all looked out,
25 I'm not going to say we looked out for each other, we

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2 looked out for the issues we know each of us are
3 passionate about, permission to extend for a nano-
4 minute?

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes.

6 CM ROSENTHAL: You know, I'm not going to
7 name names, but you know who you are fighting for
8 women, for maternal health, for black women who died
9 at a rate eight times that of white women. You would
10 be surprised to know who in the budget negotiating
11 team made sure that initiative was increased. You'd
12 be really surprised to know, and for seniors and
13 immigrants, and culturalists, not naming names, but
14 looking at a few people and libraries, you fought so
15 hard and youth, but everyone had each other's back,
16 everyone had each other's back in budget negotiating
17 team ... (crosstalk).

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

19 CM ROSENTHAL: And so, I just want to
20 thank the team and of course, Finance, and of course,
21 the Speaker ... (crosstalk).

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

23 CM ROSENTHAL: And of course, the
24 Majority Leader.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: You know how to
3 extend your time. We must bring it to a close.
4 Thank you, Council Member Rosenthal.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Salamanca.

6 CM SALAMANCA: Thank you all. Permission
7 to explain my vote?

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
9 granted.

10 CM SALAMANCA: I just want to say how
11 excited I am to be back in the chambers, and I'm
12 joined with my son, Aiden whose 6 years old and he
13 lost his first tooth yesterday, so, he's excited.
14 Before I begin, I'm disclosing on the record of the
15 Council proceedings that the New York City Department
16 of Parks and Recreation is funded in the budget we
17 are adopting and my wife is associated with this
18 entity, and finally, I just want to congratulate the
19 Speaker, Jason Goldman and the entire BNT and Finance
20 Division and of course, Chair Dromm, my neighboring
21 colleague here in the chambers for the hours and
22 hours of Zoom conferences that we did to pass one of
23 the biggest budgets in New York City history. Thank
24 you, and with that, I vote I on all.

25 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

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2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Treyger.

3 CM TREYGER: Permission to explain my
4 vote?

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
6 granted.

7 CM TREYGER: I'm disclosing on the record
8 of the Council proceedings that PSK271 is funded in
9 the budget we are adopting, and my father is
10 associated with this entity. Additionally, the Coney
11 Island YMCA is funded in this budget, and I am
12 associated with this entity, I am a member. I want
13 to just, first of all, I do vote I. I want to get
14 that out of the way immediately, but I wanted to say
15 very quickly, my first visit to a school as a
16 Education Chair was to Pan-American International
17 High School in Chair Dromm's District who is my
18 forever Education Chair and mentor, and I will never
19 forget that in that visit which was a school that
20 became a renewal school that received 100 percent of
21 its fair student funding, we ask the administration,
22 the school, what did you do with the added resources,
23 and I'll never forget, they hired a bilingual social
24 worker to better serve the needs of immigrant
25 students that were traumatize by the previous federal

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2 administration, and when they hired her, I was able o
3 connect with her and with students and their
4 families, attendance picked up. When attendance
5 picked up scores picked up, and that school graduated
6 from renewal to rise. My colleagues, I dare to ask
7 the question, how much would it cost to get every
8 single school 100 percent of its fair student
9 funding? I was told at the time, it would be over
10 700 million dollars, Treyger, it was a pipe dream,
11 they said to me. It was a pipe dream. Colleagues,
12 we're making this a reality for every single public
13 school in New York City. No one can take that away
14 from you. Every one from Coney Island to the Bronx,
15 every, to Statin Island, every corner of the city,
16 and we are, I think the largest school district in
17 America, and we could argue that every single school
18 will have a social worker. Yes, yes. PSAL! Every
19 high school will now have a sports program. We have
20 more work to do. We have more work to do, but I am
21 proud, I am proud of the education victories in this
22 budget. Thank you, Speaker Corey Johnson, it would
23 not have happened without Corey and Jason Goldman,
24 Latonya, my Chief of Staff, thank you. I vote I.
25 Thank you, Majority Leader.

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2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ulrich.

3 CM ULRICH: Good afternoon.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Good afternoon.

5 CM ULRICH: Thank you, I think it's still
6 afternoon. I know there are a lot of speeches, and my
7 last name starts with a U. I want to vote I on all,
8 and I would like a little permission to explain my
9 vote first.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
11 granted.

12 CM ULRICH: Thank you, I should have
13 asked and waited first. I am disclosing on the
14 record of the Council proceedings that St. Francis
15 College, my alma mater, a small college of big
16 dreams, by the way, downtown Brooklyn, is funded in
17 the budget are adopting and I am associated with this
18 entity, so I want to disclose that on the record if I
19 may. So, I was a little concerned. I like the new
20 layout by the way, I was little concerned though that
21 my desk got moved all the way to the end. I think
22 before December, it might be out in the parking lot,
23 somewhere, I went to somewhere in the middle to all
24 the way over her by the radiator and they turned the
25 heat on, anyway. Also, I found out today that we get

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2 laptops. I'm here, this is my 13th budget. I didn't
3 even know we got laptops. Is there anything else
4 that I'm entitled to before I leave? But all kidding
5 aside, I just want to say welcome to all the new
6 members, the folks who have recently been elected.
7 This is a wonderful, wonderful place to work with
8 some really outstanding, caring, dedicated people and
9 I'm not talking about your colleagues, I'm talking
10 about the people that actually worked in the building
11 here. The Sergeant at Arms and the central staff,
12 they do a phenomenal job helping us make us look good
13 and helping us and, in my opinion, they are under
14 appreciated and under paid and I just want to say to
15 everybody that put up with me over these 13 budgets
16 in 12 plus years, I'm sorry, thank you, God bless
17 you, and I'm sure that we will all be together again
18 soon, and stay safe. Thank you very much, thank you.

19 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Van Bramer.

20 CM VAN BRAMER: Permission to explain my
21 vote.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
23 granted.

24 CM VAN BRAMER: Thank you very much.

25 First, I am disclosing on the record of the Council

2 proceedings that Breaking Ground is funded in the
3 budget and my sister, Dawn is associated with this
4 entity and does great work. There are many good
5 things within this budget that are worthy of support,
6 and I thank the dedicated Finance team that worked
7 tirelessly on this budget, particular Latonya who has
8 been an unbelievable champion of libraries and
9 culture over the entire 12 year-span that we worked
10 together. I also respect my colleagues, no matter how
11 they vote on this budget because they have passion
12 for this work and the people they represent. Last
13 year, I voted against the budget because it did not
14 go far enough in revisioning public safety, and I
15 will do so again today for the same reason. Last
16 years budget was not just moment, and my personal
17 belief have not changed. While there is some good
18 news for cultures and libraries in this budget, I
19 believe we can and must continue to allocate more
20 funding to cultures, libraries, groups that support
21 artists, and other programs that we know result in
22 better educational outcomes and keep young people
23 from involvement in the justice system to begin with.
24 Increasing the overtime budget for the NYPD just
25 doesn't do that. I thank all those who work and

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2 advocated for the terrific things in this budget,
3 including incredible capital support for our public
4 libraries, but I must vote no on the budget and M300
5 and accompanying resolution 1699.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

7 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Yeger.

8 CM YEGER: Thank Madame Majority Leader,
9 may I be excused to explain my vote.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
11 granted.

12 CM YEGER: Thank you, very much. Always
13 a challenge to follow my colleagues from Queens, but
14 I try, and we usually do agree is not on how we get
15 to the same place, but you know, we take different
16 roads, and we somehow find ourselves there. I too
17 will be voting against portions of the budget, but
18 not the entirety of the budget. A lot of thanks has
19 been said in the Chamber today, and I'm thankful that
20 the people sent me here. I'm thankful to be back
21 here. I'm thankful to see all of you, and I'm very
22 grateful for the friendship that we've build, I
23 think, for the most of us for the last three and a
24 half years, and I'm thankful for the new friends that
25 I look forward to, if the people return me in

2 November, to serving with, and but I also think that
3 we have to thank the tax payers, the people who pay
4 the bills around here. The tax payers are the ones
5 who foremost, we have to look out for when we adopt a
6 budget and without necessarily saying that we don't,
7 I've been here all day, and I don't think I heard a
8 word about thanking the tax payers, so I'd like to
9 thank the tax payers, and because of that, I'm going
10 to respect the thought that I had for the last years,
11 the place where I came from for the last three years
12 when we talk about real property interest, and I know
13 that I ride this horse often, and I know that
14 sometimes I slam it against the wall, but we are once
15 again, adopting interest rates that I believe are
16 usurious, I believe they are unnecessarily punitive
17 and they are not in recognition of the reality that
18 most people will pay their tax bill. They need
19 encouragement. I'm not saying that we send a tax bill
20 and don't try to collect it, but the rates that we
21 are imposing upon people who can't pay their tax bill
22 in this particular time in our city's history, when
23 people don't have money to pay their bills is 3, 6,
24 and 13 percent. I think that's high. I'm not going
25 to vote in favor of the interest rates. I'm also not

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2 going to vote in favor of the tax levy portion of the
3 budget because again, I think that we are taxing too
4 high without recognition of getting the bang for the
5 buck, and I apologize, and President, if I could have
6 a few more seconds, I agree with colleagues on both
7 side of the aisle who spoke about why their voting
8 no. Members of my party who are voting no for reason
9 that they believe the budget ought have included
10 something or not to include something and members of
11 the other party who think that perhaps we ought to be
12 doing a little better in permanentizing a spending
13 plan for the city of New York for the next Council
14 and the Council after that and the Council after that
15 by growing this budget so big that it is simply
16 unsustainable, unbalanced and of course, I'm going to
17 disagree with myself, I'm going to vote in favor of
18 the expense portion of the budget because unbalance,
19 I think it does more good than harm. I hope that
20 when we return next year, I don't regret my words,
21 and I hope ... (crosstalk).

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

23 CM YEGER: This situation actually
24 improves enough that we can afford this in the
25 future. So, with that, thank you Madame President

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2 for the time. I vote no on Introduction 2331,
3 Resolution 1691, 1692, 1694, 1695, 1696, 1697, 1707.
4 Did you get all that, am I good?

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Yes.

6 CM YEGER: Okay, and I'm abstaining on
7 Resolution 1704 which is the budget modification, and
8 my simply problem with that is aside the various
9 changes that we've made to the budget, we've put 54
10 million dollars in public financing, the campaign
11 finance board has spent 100 and change million
12 dollars on elections this year. We need to resolve
13 how we spend in public funds on elections so that
14 politicians can send out glossy fliers to their
15 constituents. It's something we have to address in
16 the next Council, 8 to 1 is not reasonable, and with
17 that, I thank you very much for your time, and I
18 appreciate it ... (crosstalk).

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

20 CM YEGER: And I hope everybody has a
21 wonderful summer.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Matteo.

24 CM MATTEO: Thank you, may I be excused
25 to explain my vote?

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
3 granted.

4 CM MATTEO: Thank you. I'm just
5 disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings
6 that the College of Staten Island is funded in the
7 budget and my son is associated with that entity.
8 PS30 is also funded, and my other sons attend that
9 school. It's great to see everybody, not on Zoom, in
10 person, it's really good to be back here at City Hall
11 for our last budget. As the Minority Leader, I try
12 to bring a different approach, a different philosophy
13 to budget negotiations. We don't agree on most of
14 it, 98 percent of it probably over the last eight
15 years, but being on BNT to try and bring back things
16 that help Staten Island and my District, I think
17 we've done pretty well, and for that I want to thank
18 the Speaker, Jason Goldman and staff. It's
19 appreciated. We've done a lot of good things for
20 Staten Island in the budgets in the past. I'm going
21 to be voting no today on the budget because I jus
22 think the spending is too high. I just think it's in
23 the wrong direction, but I'm very appreciative of the
24 work that we've done to benefit my District and my
25 borough and I'm extremely thankful for that. So, I'm

2 going to vote, I'm going to announce the yes votes
3 that I have today and that's Reso 1708 and 1815, 1709
4 and 816, 1710 and 817, Intro 2350 and 1698, and Land
5 Use 790 and 791, and I'm voting no on the rest.
6 Thank you.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Cumbo.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. I am
10 disclosing on the record of the Council proceeding
11 that the New York City Department of Education and
12 PS235 is funded in the budget we are adopting, and my
13 sister is employed by this entity, and I just want to
14 say that I also am equally happy to back here. It's
15 no small feat that we have gone through all that we
16 have gone through and that we are sitting in these
17 chairs here today, and I want to thank Speaker Corey
18 Johnson for his leadership in ushering us through
19 this process that has allowed us the opportunity to
20 back here in City Hall, and I want to, I remember
21 eight years ago when I came into this chamber for the
22 first time as a new member, just how nervous I was
23 and my heart was like going pitter patter and I was
24 just so scared to be here for the first time and to
25 have to speak and hoping that fit in and hoping that

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2 I don't say the wrong thing at the wrong time or
3 raise my hand or sit down, and so I want to welcome
4 the new members, Council Member Brooks-Powers,
5 Council Member Diaz, Council Member Feliz, Council
6 Member Dinowitz, Council Member Gennaro, Council
7 Member Riley, I want to formerly welcome you here to
8 this body. To have won an election during a pandemic,
9 a special election during a time when we're
10 implementing rank choice voting, I mean, you had so
11 many odds against you, but you all have persevered,
12 you're here, we welcome you into this body. I know
13 that in speaking to Brooks-Powers, she was
14 breastfeeding while she was running for office with a
15 2-year-old, so super hats off to you, you're like a
16 superwoman, and I'm just so proud that we've had so
17 many dynamic women running and have stepped up to the
18 plate until all of the member who decided to run for
19 office in whatever shape form or fashion, rather you
20 won, rather you lost or rather you involved, the BOE,
21 the (inaudible) right now, like we really support you
22 bearing your soul to want to serve this great city of
23 New York, and I'm hoping that through this body, we
24 can put our differences aside and continue to work
25 together and to make this the greatest city in the

2 world. So, again, welcome to the new members.
3 Please feel free to call us. Please feel free to
4 lean in on us, ask question, don't try to fit in so
5 much that you're missing information because you want
6 to show that you know your stuff. Ask away because
7 there's so much that you missed in terms of
8 orientations and so many things and we welcome you,
9 and I vote I.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Speaker Johnson.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I want to thank all of
12 the staff that has made today possible. Again, the
13 Finance Division, but also as Council Member, I
14 believe it was Gennaro said earlier, I really want to
15 thank all of the Sergeants who have done an amazing
16 job on Zoom, in person. I really, really want to
17 thank you Paul and Rafael and their team. They've
18 done a great job. Come on in. I want to give you
19 guys a big thanks. Thank you, guys. Thank you for
20 everything. Thank you. I want to thank the City
21 Clerk, of course, Mike McSweeney and also the folk
22 that work in legislative documents, Matt, and Billy,
23 and Jonathan, thank you all. Lance, our
24 Parliamentarian, thank you to everything. I want to
25 thank CC downstairs who help get the members ready

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2 and everything all set for today. She has been
3 working overtime. Of course, I want to thank Ebony
4 and Genevieve (SP?), Mike as well, Shawn. I want to
5 thank, I want to thank everyone, and I want to thank
6 of course, Jen Fermino (SP?) whose been working
7 around the clock as well, so thank you to everyone.
8 I am disclosing on the record of the Council
9 proceedings, I've never done this before, that I am
10 student, currently enrolled at Columbia University
11 and Columbia University is funded in the budget, not
12 the school that I go to, but Columbia University is
13 funded in the budget, so I wanted to disclose that,
14 and with thanks to everyone. I hope everyone has a
15 safe summer and spends some time with their families
16 and gets their rest and rejuvenation. I vote I on
17 all.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: There we go. All
19 items on today's general order calendar have a vote
20 of 45 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and
21 no abstentions with the exception of the following
22 items. M300 with Resolution 1699 and Resolution 1700
23 have 39 in the affirmative, 6 in the negative, no
24 abstentions. M301 and Resolution 1701 and Resolution
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2 1702 have 43 in affirmative, 2 in the negative, and
3 no abstentions.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Quiet in the
5 chamber.

6 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: M302 and Resolution
7 1703 have 42 in the affirmative, 3 in the negative,
8 no abstentions. Resolutions 1691 and 1692 have 40 in
9 the affirmative, 5 in the negative, no abstentions.
10 M320 with Resolution 1707 have 40 in the affirmative,
11 5 in the negative, and no abstentions. M317 and
12 Resolution 1704 have 42 in the affirmative, 2 in the
13 negative, and one abstention. M318 and Resolution
14 1705 has 43 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative, no
15 abstentions. M319 and Resolution 1706 have 43 in the
16 affirmative, 2 in the negative, and no abstentions.
17 Resolution 1693 with 43 in the affirmative, 2 in the
18 negative, zero abstentions. Resolution 1694, 1695,
19 and 1696 have 40 in the affirmative, 5 in the
20 negative, no abstentions. Introduction 2331A has 41
21 in the affirmative, 4 in the negative, zero
22 abstentions. Resolution 1697 has 40 in the
23 affirmative, 5 in the negative, and no abstentions.
24 M276 through 282 and M303 to 307 have 43 in the
25 affirmative, 2 in the negative, no abstentions.

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2 Finally, Land Use items 790 and 791 with their
3 accompanying Resolutions have a vote of 44 in the
4 affirmative, zero in the negative, and one
5 abstention.

6 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Council Member
7 Yeger, is that correct?

8 CM YEGER: (Inaudible) I didn't state
9 the Ms on the Resolutions. Is that required?

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Yes.

11 CM YEGER: Then may I have unanimous
12 consent to change my vote just to add the Ms.

13 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Any objections to
14 providing Council Member Yeger unanimous consent to
15 clarify his vote? I see no objections.

16 CM YEGER: Ms on any Resolution. Do you
17 want me to state my vote again?

18 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Come up, walk to
19 the front and state your vote, yeah.

20 CM YEGER: Reso 1691, 1692, 1694, 1695,
21 1696, 1697, and 1707, and 1704. Whatever Ms came
22 with that. I know some of them didn't. Alright,
23 thank you.

24 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: So, do you want
25 to reread those, Mr. Clerk?

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2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: No, we're okay,
3 nothing has changed. It was the same way you said,
4 ok, Madame Majority Leader.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I now formally
6 declare all items are adopted on today's calendar. I
7 now formally declare that the Executive Expense
8 Revenue Contract Budget, the Executive Capital
9 Budget, and Community Development Program for Fiscal
10 Year 2022, all as modified and all as in accordance
11 with the New York City Charter have been hereby
12 adopted as of 3:54 p.m. on this 30th day of June,
13 2021. Introduction and Reading of Bills.

14 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: All Bills are
15 referred to committees as indicated on today's
16 agenda.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. There
18 are no Resolutions on today's calendar so we will no
19 move into general discussion. Mr. Parliamentarian,
20 are there any Council Member signed up to speak at
21 this time?

22 PARLIAMENTARIAN: No, Madame Majority
23 Leader.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I'll now call on
3 Speaker Corey Johnson to close today's Stated
4 Meeting.

5 COREY JOHNSON: The Stated Meeting of
6 June 30th, 2021 is thankfully, hereby adjourned.

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