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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Melissa Mark-Viverito
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Inez Barron
Joe Borelli
Fernando Cabrera
Margaret S. Chin
Andrew Cohen
Robert Cornegy, Jr.
Costa Constantinides
Elizabeth S. Crowley
Laurie A. Cumbo
Chaim M. Deutsch
Inez E. Dickens
Daniel Dromm
Rafael Espinal, Jr.
Mathieu Eugene
Julissa Ferreras-Copeland
Daniel R. Garodnick
Vincent Gentile

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Vanessa L. Gibson
David G. Greenfield
Barry S. Grodenchik
Corey Johnson
Andy L. King
Ben Kallos
Peter A. Koo
Karen Koslowitz
Rory Lancman
Brad Lander
Stephen T. Levin
Mark Levine
Alan Maisel
Steven Matteo
Darlene Mealy
Carlos Menchaca
Rosie Mendez
I. Daneek Miller
Annabel Palma
Antonio Reynoso
Ydanis Rodriguez
Donovan Richards
Deborah L. Rose
Helen K. Rosenthal
Rafael Salamanca
Ritchie J. Torres
Mark Treyger
Eric Ulrich
James Vacca
Paul Vallone
James G. Van Bramer
Jumaane D. Williams
Ruben Wills

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

Letitia James
Public Advocate

Pastor James Sang Hyup Lee
Korean Church of Queens at 8900 23rd Avenue

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Everyone,
please have a seat. Please have a seat. Quiet down.
All rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. I pledge
allegiance to the flag of the United States of
America, and to the republic for which it stands, one
nation under God, indivisible with liberty and
justice for all. Please be seated. Roll call.
Quiet in the chambers.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Borelli?

COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Here [off mic].

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Cabrera? Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Cohen?

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Constantinides?

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Cornegy? Crowley?

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Cumbo?

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Deutsch?

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: here.

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COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Dickens?

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Dromm?

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Espinal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Eugene? Ferreras-
Copeland? Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Gentile?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I'm here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Gibson? Greenfield?
Grodenschik?

COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Johnson? Kallos?

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: King?

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Koslowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Lancman?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Here.

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COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Lander? Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Levine?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Maisel?

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Mealy? Menchaca?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Mendez? Miller?

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I'm here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Palma?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Reynoso?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Richards?

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Rodriguez? Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Rosenthal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Salamanca?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Torres?

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Present.

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COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Treyger?

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Ulrich?

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Vallone? Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Wills? Matteo?

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Speaker Mark-

Viverito?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Quiet in the chambers. Everyone please rise for the invocation. It'll-- please remove your caps. It'll be delivered by Pastor James Sang Hyup Lee of the Korean Church of Queens at 8900 23rd Avenue in East Elmhurst. Quiet in the chambers.

JAMES SANG HYUP LEE: Please join me in prayer. Heavenly father, I thank you that you are good and that you are a God of love, grace, mercy, peace, and justice. I lift up these Council Members

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2 into your hands. I thank you for their ongoing
3 dedication, commitment and service to the City of New
4 York as they continue to labor diligently in their
5 respective capacities to promote and maintain the
6 wellbeing of this city and for the common good of
7 everyone living in this city. Would you bless the
8 work of their hands so that the City of New York
9 would continue to flourish and prosper? I also lift
10 up this council into your hands. Please continue to
11 be with the Council Members as they legislate laws
12 and enact policies on behalf of the people. Please
13 grant them much wisdom and discernment so that
14 they'll be able to make wise decisions for the future
15 of this city. May they look to you for strength,
16 guidance and hope in times of uncertainty and
17 trouble. I pray for this meeting. Please watch over
18 the Council Members as they discuss important matters
19 and address pressing needs on today's agenda. In
20 precious name I pray, amen.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please be seated.
22 Quiet in the chambers. A motion to spread the
23 invocation, Council Member Constantinides.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: A motion
25 to spread the invocation in full upon the record.

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2 Reverend James Lee is the Assistant Pastor of the New
3 Creation Fellowship, which is English-speaking
4 ministry at Korean Church of Queens. His church, the
5 Korean Church of Queens, one of the largest Korean
6 churches in the Queens area if not the City. Their
7 church was founded in 1969 and one of the first
8 Korean churches in our great borough. We celebrate
9 our diversity in Queens, over 160 languages spoken,
10 and Reverend Lee and the Korean Church do much in our
11 community. So, I thank him for being here today and
12 appreciate his great words of wisdom. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you,
14 Council Member, and thank you, Pastor. The adoption
15 of minutes, motion that the minutes of the Stated
16 Meetings of June 14th, June 21st and July 14th, 2016 be
17 adopted as printed. Messages and papers from the
18 Mayor?

19 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: M423 submitting Hari
20 Savitala for appointment to the Environmental Control
21 Board.

22 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Rules, Privileges
23 and Elections.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Communication
25 from City, County and Borough offices?

2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: M424 Manhattan
3 Borough President objection to the Adorama special
4 permit, "triple no procedure."

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Received,
6 ordered, printed, and filed.

7 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: M425, withdrawal
8 letter for Renwick Gardens.

9 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Received,
10 ordered, printed, and filed.

11 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: M426, withdrawal
12 letter, Kips Bay Court.

13 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Received,
14 ordered, printed, and filed.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Petitions and
16 communications?

17 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: None.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Land Use call-ups?

19 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: M427 through M437 on
20 the addendum sheet, various applications.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Coupled on call-up
22 vote and roll call.

23 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Barron?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Borelli?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Cabrera? Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Cohen?

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Constantinides?

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Crowley?

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Cumbo?

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Deutsch?

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Dickens? Dromm?

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Espinal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Eugene?

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Gentile?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Permission requested to vote on all Land Use Call-ups and General Orders?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I vote aye on all.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Gibson?

CHAIRPERSON GIBSON: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Greenfield? Grodenchik?

COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Johnson? Kallos?

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: King? Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Koslowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Lancman?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: I would like to vote aye on all call-ups, and iwht permission I'd like to vote on all coupled general orders and resolutions.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: And with that I
vote aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Lander? Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Levine?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Maisel?

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Mealy? Menchaca?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Mendez? Miller?

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Palma? Reynoso?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Richards?

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Rosenthal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Salamanca?

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COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Torres?

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Treyger?

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Ulrich?

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Vallone?

CHAIRPERSON VALLONE: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [off mic] Yeah.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Wills?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: I'd like to vote
aye on all call-ups, and with permission I'd like to
vote on all coupled general orders.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: I vote aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Matteo?

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

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COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Speaker Mark-Viverito?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

Today's Land Use Call-ups were adopted by a vote of 44 in the affirmative and 0 in the negative. All quiet in the chambers, please, as we now hear from the Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito. Quiet in the chambers.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: So good afternoon and Buenos tardes to everyone. First of all, I want to begin today, obviously we are all fully aware of the horrific assassination that happened on our streets a couple of days ago, so I want to begin today by holding a moment of silence for Imam Maulama Akonjee and his associate Thara Uddin who were brutally killed shortly after leaving prayer services at the Al-Furqan Jame Masjid Mosque this past Saturday. Akonjee was a married father of three and was a well-respected member of his community, and Thara Uddin was also a father of three. So, our deepest condolences and our hearts go out to these families. Yesterday at the funeral many of us were

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2 there, and obviously the pain that is happening in
3 this part of our city and throughout our city is one
4 that we all recognize and we reject any violence
5 against any member of our community in our City. So
6 with that, I would like to ask for a moment of
7 silence on their behalf.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please rise for a
9 moment of silence.

10 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you. I
11 want to thank also the NYPD for their quick work in
12 making sure that someone is apprehended. I know
13 there's someone in custody right now, and that will
14 follow its course in due time. So, we want to thank
15 the NYPD for that. I also want to recognize that the
16 City Council today's going to vote to rename the
17 Council's 2.5 million dollar Holocaust Survivor's
18 Initiative in honor of Nobel Laureate, Human Rights
19 Activist and Holocaust Survivor Elie Wiesel. The
20 Survivor's Initiative will assure that New York
21 City's Holocaust survivors can live their lives out
22 in dignity, and this is a fitting tribute to a man
23 whose extraordinary grace in the face of
24 inconceivable anguish is a testament to the endurance
25 and triumph of the human spirit. So definitely

1 something that was the least we could do in honor and
2 in remembrance of this incredible human being. SO
3 next I also wanted to wish everyone, especially those
4 in the Korean community a Happy Korean Independence
5 Day which was yesterday, and I know that it was
6 celebrated here in the chambers. I hope everyone
7 that attended had a great time, and we celebrate with
8 our Korean community here in New York City. And
9 finally want to acknowledge a historic moment that
10 happened this past Saturday during the Olympics, and
11 it was a very emotional moment for me, and that is
12 that Monica Puig became the first athlete ever to win
13 a gold medal for Puerto Rico. So we're very proud,
14 and again, Puerto Rico has had representation in the
15 Olympics since 1948, and this is the first time that
16 a gold medal is one, so-- and the first time that the
17 national hymn of Puerto Rico was played at the
18 Olympics. So that was really an incredible moment.
19 So she's going to get quite a celebration and quite a
20 recognition on the island. That party's coming up
21 soon. So, we're very proud of her, and it definitely
22 was a great moment for the island to hve this win,
23 particularly at this difficult time. Some very, very
24 good news was welcome and literally the island was at
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1 a standstill. There are a lot of images of people in
2 malls and in different parts of the island, everybody
3 was watching that match, so it was a happy moment.

4 So, felicidades Monica. And today, the Council will
5 package-- the Council will be passing a package of
6 legislation to support our City's caregivers. First
7 proposed in my 2016 State of the City Address, this
8 legislation will connect both workers in the
9 caregiver industry and unpaid family and friend
10 caregivers with the support they need to provide the
11 best care for our seniors, children living with
12 grandparents and adults with disabilities. Paid
13 homecare workers enable seniors to continue to live
14 independently in their homes and communities.

15 Homecare workers, however, are undervalued and
16 underpaid. One in seven low wage workers in the City
17 is a homecare worker. Homecare workers are
18 overwhelmingly female and of color, and a significant
19 portion of the population is undocumented.

20 Caregivers who provide paid in-home care for
21 children, childcare workers, face many of the same
22 labor violations and hardships including pay below
23 the minimum wage, inadequate benefits and a lack of
24 control over working conditions. Intro Number 1084A
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1 sponsored by Council Member Andy Cohen and myself
2 would establish a new division of paid care within the
3 City's Office of Labor Standards to support paid care
4 workers. The Division's staff will conduct campaigns
5 and clinics to inform paid care workers of their
6 rights and their eligibility for benefits. The
7 Division also would engage in research on the paid
8 care industry, coordinate with key stakeholders and
9 develop related policies and programs. In addition to
10 paid homecare workers, there are of course those who
11 provide hours of unpaid care to family, friends and
12 other loved ones. According to the Department of the
13 Aging, 1.3 million New Yorkers are providing unpaid
14 care, but this number is likely even higher. Their
15 valuable care enrich the lives of others and saves
16 government billions of dollars nationally. Yet, many
17 struggle to balance their own health and financial
18 needs. We must support them as they selflessly
19 support others by providing them with the resources
20 they need. For the staff, I want to thank Michelle
21 Lee, Jason Risenberg [sp?], Eric Burnstien [sp?], and
22 Matt Carlan [sp?]. This again, sponsored by Council
23 Member Cohen who will say a few words.
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Thank you, Madam
3 Speaker. I just wanted to encourage all of my
4 colleagues to vote aye, that this is a class of
5 workers who are exceptionally vulnerable to
6 exploitation and I think this legislation will go
7 really-- move us forward in making sure that these
8 workers are protected. And again, I really wanted to
9 thank the speaker for her leadership, her inspiration
10 and her support on this legislation. I also wanted to
11 thank Chair Miller for quickly moving the bill, and I
12 encourage all my colleagues to vote aye. Thank you.

13 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
14 Council Member. Intro 1081A sponsored by Council
15 Member Margaret Chin, Debbie Rose and myself would
16 initially require DFTA to develop and conduct a
17 survey of unpaid caregiver services and to identify
18 the needs of unpaid caregivers. It will then require
19 DFTA to work with partners of city government with
20 caregivers themselves, service providers and other
21 advocates to develop a comprehensive plans with
22 recommendations to support our city's unpaid
23 caregivers. To hold the city accountable, the
24 Department will provide periodic updates on the
25 progress the City is making in acting on these

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2 recommendations. I want to thank Eric Burnstien,
3 Brittany Moresi [sp?], Teresa Nazir [sp?] and James
4 Sabudi [sp?]. again, Council Members Chin and Rose
5 are lead sponsors. I would like to ask each of them
6 to say a few words starting with Council Member
7 Margaret Chin.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you, Madam
9 Speaker. New York City is home to over 1.3 million
10 unpaid caregivers. These unsung heroes are adult
11 family members who care for elderly members of their
12 family. They take care of elderly parents or
13 grandparents limited by diseases like Alzheimer and
14 other debilitating medical conditions. They are also
15 grandparents or other non-parent relatives over 55
16 who provide care to children under 18. Unpaid
17 caregivers, many of whom are women, sacrifice their
18 time and careers to care for loved ones with very
19 little recognition or assistance from outside of
20 their family. Personally, I know that I would not be
21 sitting in this chamber today without my family's
22 help to take care of my son in the early stages of my
23 career, and that is why I'm proud to work alongside
24 Council Member Debbie Rose and Speaker Melissa Mark-
25 Viverito to take this important first step to ensure

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2 more support to our unpaid caregivers. In New York
3 State, caregivers provide over 24 hours of care a week
4 with an economic value of over 25 billion dollars a
5 year. Our bill requires DFTA to provide a
6 comprehensive plan to the City Council no later than
7 September 2017. This plan will allow us to
8 understand ways our city can provide the appropriate
9 amount of support that our caregivers deserve. I
10 want to thank Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito for her
11 unwavering advocacy and leadership on this
12 legislation. I also wanted to thank Ramon Martinez,
13 Eric Burnstien, Laura Popa, Emily Rolny [sp?],
14 Brittany Moresi, and Alex Hortonoff [sp?] for their
15 work on this bill, and I urge my colleague to vote in
16 favor. Thank you.

17 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Council Member
18 Rose?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you, Speaker.
20 I am a sponsor of Intro 1081, and it is because from
21 statistics and personal experience that more and more
22 New Yorkers are caring for children and elderly
23 parents while juggling other family and professional
24 responsibilities. That is why I sponsored the
25 Caregiver Discrimination Act which was signed into

1 law earlier in Januar this year, which prohibits
2 employment discrimination based on an individual's
3 actual or perceived status as a caregiver. This
4 legislation was an important first step in addressing
5 an issue of increasingly critical need for thousands
6 of New Yorkers, that is the caring of a sick child,
7 parent, or other loved ones while struggling to
8 maintain their homes and jobs. This issue looms
9 large n New York City's future. The majority of
10 parents, including mothers of young children, are in
11 the workforce. The population of disabled and
12 elderly adults is projected to grow significantly in
13 the next 20 years, and the responsibility for their
14 care will fall to working family members. So, it is
15 with Council Member Chin, who is the Chair of the
16 Aging Committee, and Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito
17 that I sponsor 1081 which calls on the City to
18 develop a comprehensive plan to address the needs of
19 informal caregivers. I see this legislation as the
20 next logical and important step to take, that is to
21 develop a comprehensive plan to help address the
22 needs of the tens of thousands of unpaid informal
23 caregivers in New York City. And I'm really excited
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2 to vote today on Intro 507A and 1081 today in hopes
3 that all of you will support these bills. Thank you.

4 Melissa Mark-Viverito: Thank you, Council
5 Member. Council will also on Intro 1150A sponsored
6 by Council Member Corey Johnson and myself to create
7 a municipal division of transitional services. This
8 proposal was also first outlined in my State of the
9 City Address earlier this year. The majority of
10 individuals released from city jails leave without a
11 discharge plan or access to services that would
12 assist them to re-enter into the community after a
13 period of incarceration. The division would be
14 headed by a coordinator charged with creating a
15 coordinated system of re-entry services including
16 access to housing, job training and public benefits.
17 These services will assist formerly incarcerated
18 individuals, begin to rebuild their lives, contribute
19 productively to the community, and prevent
20 recidivism. I want to thank William Hongak [sp?],
21 Beth Goleb [sp?], Deepa Ambikar [sp?], and Brian
22 Crow, staff who worked on this. Council Member
23 Johnson is the lead sponsor. He is not here today.
24 He's on vacation, so thank him for that, for the bill
25 not for being on vacation. We will also-- [laughter]

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2 Also, the Council will vote on another package of
3 legislation proposed in my State of the City to
4 establish consumer protection outreach and education
5 programs that respond to the particular ways certain
6 communities are targeted, specifically women,
7 immigrants and seniors. Intro 1085A sponsored by
8 Council Members Laurie Cumbo, Rafael Espinal and
9 myself would require the Department of Consumer
10 Affairs to establish and implement an outreach and
11 education program on consumer protection issues that
12 uniquely affect women. The program would provide
13 information on issues such as short and long-term
14 financial planning, navigation of public benefits
15 programs, the prevalence of gender-based pricing, and
16 deceptive business practices and predatory consumer
17 financial products. I want to thank Laboni Raman--
18 Rockman [sp?] and Rachel Cordero, the staff that
19 worked on this. Council Member Cumbo will say a few
20 words about this legislation.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you, Speaker
22 Melissa Mark-Viverito. Good afternoon. I would like
23 to acknowledge the incredible women throughout the
24 City and beyond that have forged ahead despite the
25 odds and have created their own "herstory." Together

1 we write our city's "herstory" and we repair
2 centuries of gender, racial and cultural racism. We
3 are making our future. Being a woman of color, I am
4 no less of a powerhouse, and that's clear from the
5 Olympics black girl magic, but statistics tell us
6 something very different. As we know, women make 79
7 cents on the dollar, and for my black and brown
8 sisters, we make even less, averaging around 60 cents
9 on the dollar. I'm proud that with my sisters here
10 on the Council and the brothers that understand
11 what's going on out here, and we will as a city and a
12 nation not only break ceilings, but we're going to
13 bust them wide open. We do not need to account or go
14 back into history or go back into a period of time;
15 we need to continue to forge ahead. New York City
16 promotes equality and equity so all women can be
17 independent and not be reliant on others. Today I'm
18 proud to have the Council vote on Intro 1085 which is
19 a Local Law to amend the Administrative Code in
20 relation to requiring the Department of Consumer of
21 Affairs to provide outreach education on consumer
22 protection that affect women. Intro 1085 has a
23 purpose that gets to the root of some of the
24 challenges that I spoke about earlier providing women
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1 an opportunity to gain targeted resources housed
2 within the Department of Consumer Affairs' Office of
3 Financial Empowerment. Outreach and educational
4 workshops will address some of the financial literacy
5 that women face. This law allows women to see, earn
6 and gain independence. While money does not equate
7 independence, it surely can assist in one's journey
8 to becoming a whole person, capable, self-sufficient,
9 and stable. Financial literacy is a new concept in
10 our schools and for many immigrants and survivors of
11 domestic violence. It's a good day when we can bring
12 agencies together to help people become whole again.
13 This is a wonderful opportunity for just naming a few
14 of the agencies, the Mayor's Office to Combat
15 Domestic Violence and the Office of Immigrant Affairs
16 can provide the financial literacy training which is
17 vital in today's society as it allows people to make
18 sound decisions about their lives. I would like to
19 thank my colleagues and friends and colleagues that
20 are co-priming the bill with me, Council Member
21 Rafael Espinal, and the "Men Who Get it Committee,"
22 and Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito. I huge thank you
23 to the drafting attorney, Leboni Ramon [sp?],
24 Legislative Council to the Committee on Consumer
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Affairs, and I also want to thank Monica Ahbend [sp?]
on my staff. Thank you so much.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
Council Member. Intro 1086 is sponsored by Council
Members Chaim Deutsch, Rafael Espinal and myself
would require the Department of Consumer of Affairs
to establish and implement an outreach and education
program on consumer protection issues that affect
seniors. The outreach and education program would be
developed in consultation with the Department for the
Aging and would provide information on consumer
protection issues that uniquely affect individuals
ages 60 and older, including telemarketing and
internet fraud, social security, Medicare and
healthcare fraud, reverse mortgage products and
investment schemes. The staff Laboni Racmon [sp?]
and Rachel Cordero, I want to thank them. If Council
Member Chaim Deutsch could say a few words on this
bill, I would appreciate it.

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Thank you, Madam
Speaker. My-- this legislation will protect men and
women. Intro 1086 is a bill that will protect
seniors.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Intro 1086 is a bill that will protect seniors across New York City from scams to education and outreach. Information will posted throughout naturally occurring retirement communities and senior centers in order to explain to older adults and to caregivers about various types of scams, how to recognize fraud and how to report it. This information will be available in the seven most commonly spoken languages in New York City. One in five seniors have been victim of a scam. People over the age of 60 in America lose billions of dollars every single year on scams. Just last week, an elder constituent called my office to let us know that she had gotten a call from someone claiming to be from the IRS demanding thousands of dollars in alleged back payments. This senior was pretty savvy and she recognized that the call was fake and hung up, but others might not realize in time. In fact, seniors are more susceptible than any other age group to this kind of fraud. Thirty percent of all victims of phone scams are over the age of 60. Elderly people tend to be targeted by these scammers, so we must make every effort to protect them from losing their life savings. I encourage all of my colleagues to

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2 vote in favor of Intro 1086 and take this key step
3 towards making this common sense piece of legislation
4 a reality, and I want to thank Speaker Melissa Mark-
5 Viverito and the Chair of the Consumer Affairs
6 Committee, my colleague Rafael Espinal for their
7 support on this legislation, and thank you to Laboni
8 Ramon and Israel Martinez of the Legislative Division
9 for their tireless work on this bill, and I'd like to
10 thank my staff as well.

11 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Chaim.

12 And then Intro 1087A sponsored by Council Member
13 Rafael Espinal and myself would require the
14 Department of Consumer Affairs to establish and
15 implement and outreach and education program on
16 consumer protection issues that affect immigrants.
17 The outreach and education program would be developed
18 in consultation with the Mayor's Office of Immigrant
19 Affairs and would provide information on consumer
20 protection issues that affect immigrants, such as the
21 risks associated with check cashing or money transfer
22 businesses, immigration assistance services, tax
23 preparers and others as well as guidance on local
24 institutions offering preferred products and services
25 to immigrants and immigrant communities such as

1 community based organizations and credit unions. The
2 staff, we've said their names many times. We
3 appreciate it on this three bills, Laboni Racmon
4 [sp?], Eric Burnstein [sp?] and Rachel Cordero.
5 Council Member Espinal who chairs the Consumer
6 Affairs Committee will speak on that last bill and
7 all bills.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Thank you, Madam
10 Speaker. If anyone wants to join the "Men Who Get it
11 Committee," please see Laurie Cumbo in the back of
12 the Chambers after Stated. Good afternoon. Earlier
13 today, the Committee on Consumer Affairs voted on a
14 package of legislation that empowers the Department
15 of Consumer Affairs to create consumer protection
16 programs designed for women, seniors and immigrants,
17 the groups most often targeted by scammers and other
18 unscrupulous actors. Intro 1087A sponsored by the
19 Speaker and I addresses the issues that immigrants
20 face because of a language gap and information gap.
21 Immigrants are one of our most vulnerable residents.
22 I'm not going to get into the bill because the
23 Speaker pretty much broke it down in full, but while
24 DCA currently carries and provides a host of consumer
25 protection information and a city as big and diverse

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2 as New York, we cannot take a one-size-fits-all
3 approach to consumer protection programs. These
4 bills build upon the successful consumer empowerment
5 campaign focused on the needs of young adults that
6 Mark Treyger passed last year, and builds on that. I
7 really want to thank the sponsor of these bills, the
8 Speaker, the staff, all the work they've done to get
9 these bills passed. Thank you.

10 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
11 Council Member. The Council will also vote on Intro
12 507A sponsored by Council Member Ben Kallos to re-
13 establish the Waterfront Management Advisory Board to
14 advise the City on issues related to the waterfront.
15 Our waterfronts and waterways are among our City's
16 greatest resources, and the re-establishment of the
17 board will allow us to maximize the opportunities to
18 utilize these resources for a variety of uses,
19 recreation, industry, open-space, transportation, and
20 more. The staff I want to thank Chris Artori [sp?],
21 Patrick Mulvahill [sp?], Aliyah Ali [sp?], Jeffrey
22 Baker, and Ed Atkin. Council Member Kallos is the
23 sponsor of the bill. He'll say a few words.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Thank you to my
25 co-prime sponsor and Committee Chair Debbie Rose.

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2 Good afternoon, I'm Council Member Ben Kallos, I
3 represent the Roosevelt Island and Upper East Side
4 along the East River where I love to run, sail on the
5 Hudson, swim in both, and hope to take a ferry one
6 day from my district to Wall Street in 2018, which
7 will cut my commute in half. The Vision 2020 New
8 York City Comprehensive Waterfront Plan is now only
9 four years away. In the wake of coastal flooding
10 from Sandy and rising sea levels from climate change,
11 it's high time that re-constitute the Waterfront
12 Management Advisory Board, and not to upset my
13 colleague Borelli, but we affectionately refer to it
14 as the WMAB, to convene the City with federal, state
15 and multistate agencies as well as industrial,
16 commercial, residential and recreational stakeholders
17 in order to protect millions of New Yorkers living
18 along 520 miles of shoreline from climate change and
19 to keep our city on course for the future. Thank you
20 to Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito for her vision
21 towards 2030 and the Waterfront's Chair Debbie Rose
22 for her leadership, advocacy and strong negotiations
23 that led to the passage of this legislation at the
24 Committee, and also I'd like to take a moment to
25 thank other members of the staff, Matt Gewalb [sp?],

1 Alex Pollenof [sp?], Chris Artori, my Legislative
2 Director Paul Westrick [sp?], and New York City Chief
3 Resilience Officer Dan Zarilli [sp?], and I urge all
4 my colleagues to vote aye.
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6 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Council
7 Member. And finally, the Council will vote on Intro
8 446A sponsored by Council Member Steve Levin to
9 protect the City's water by prohibiting the discharge
10 of any oil or natural gas waste to any surface water
11 bodies located within the City or to any wastewater
12 treatment plant located within the City. The
13 legislation will prohibit allocation of any oil or
14 natural gas waste upon any road, real property or
15 landfill located within the City. I want to thank
16 Samara Swanson, William Murray, John Seltzer, Ed
17 Atkin, and Jeff Baker, the staff that worked on this
18 bill, and ask Council Member Levin to say a few
19 words.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very
21 much, Madam Speaker. I'm very pleased that the
22 Council will vote on Intro 446A, a bill to protect
23 New York City's communities from toxic pollutants and
24 safeguard our water and natural resource that we all
25 rely on to survive. The bill before us today will be

1 the first municipal legislation in the nation that
2 comprehensively bans the use or discharge of natural
3 gas and oil waste products including from hydraulic
4 fracturing. These waste products pose significant
5 dangers to public health and to our environment
6 because they contain naturally occurring radioactive
7 elements such as radium, carcinogens such as benzene,
8 and other chemical additives used in the hydro-
9 fracking process. In order to prevent these harmful
10 pollutants from entering our wastewater treatment
11 plants and making their way into our waterways, this
12 bill prohibits through application of real property
13 or landfill located within the City and makes it
14 unlawful to use toxic brine in city road maintenance.
15 I have been honored to work with the Environmental
16 Protection Committee Chairman Costa Constantinides to
17 champion Intro 446 as well as a team of dedicated
18 stakeholders to help build momentum around this bill.
19 This was really a team effort. Thanks to the
20 steadfast advocacy of Ling Tsou of United for Action,
21 Marry Anne Sullivan, the League of Women Voters of
22 the City of New York, Sean Dixon and Misti Duvall of
23 River Keeper, Ellen Weininger of Grassroots
24 Environmental Education, Alex Beauchamp of Food and
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2 Water Watch, and many, many more. And I want to
3 thank in addition to Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito
4 and Chief of Staff Ramon Martinez. I would like to
5 thank our excellent Legislative Division, especially
6 Laura Popa, Ed Atkin, Matt Gewalb, Samara Swanston
7 [sp?] and William Murray as well as my staff Julie
8 Bero [sp?], Lisa Bloodgood [sp?], Ed Paulino [sp?]
9 and my former Chief of Staff Rami Medle [sp?]. Thank
10 you very much Madam Speaker.

11 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Council
12 Member, and with that I end communication from the
13 Speaker.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
15 Discussion of General Orders beginning with Council
16 Member Vallone.

17 CHAIRPERSON VALLONE: Thank you, Madam
18 Advocate. Today, I just wanted to thank my Council
19 Members for taking the time to listen to a plea for
20 land marking in our district. A special thank you to
21 the Subcommittee on Landmarks and Chair Peter Koo,
22 David Greenfield from Zoning. Our district really
23 hasn't had the benefit of land marking, and today we
24 will be voting to landmark the Ahles House which was
25 built around 1873. It's the last of the Bell

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2 properties that we can now look at and say we can
3 preserve this piece of history for generations to
4 come. This is unanimously supported by all of my
5 civic leaders, my community boards, and everyone who
6 cares about land marking. So I wanted to take that
7 opportunity to thank my Council Members and ask the
8 rest of my members today to vote yes for land marking
9 of the Ahles House. It is one of the influential
10 families in Bayside history, and by preserving this
11 landmark will serve to educate future generations of
12 the significance of the Bayside history.

13 Unfortunately our community has continually watched
14 loss and destruction of our historic properties, and
15 saving this house would prevent and preserve a
16 wonderful and history reminder of our long past. I
17 want to thank two of our civic leaders who stood out
18 and it's Henry Euler from the Bayside Historical and
19 Mitchell Gruber, Chair of the Queens Preservation
20 Council. They both state over the years Bayside has
21 witnessed the destruction of many historic buildings.

22 The Ahles House is one of the last messages of
23 Bayside's beginnings and it should be preserved for
24 future generations as well as current residents of
25 the Bayside and city. Thank you to Amy Levitan for

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2 her tireless work on this, my staff Johnathan Shod
3 Amdenizar [sp?], and also all the community members
4 who fought tirelessly to see this through. Thank you
5 for your time and attention to this matter, and also
6 Madam Advocate, I'd like to vote aye on all Call-ups
7 and permission on General Orders also.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON VALLONE: Thank you.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
11 Mealy for a vote? Council Member Mealy?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye on all.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: And permission to
15 vote on all Land Use Call-ups?

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Report
19 of Special Committees?

20 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: None.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Reports of
22 Standing Committees?

23 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Report of the
24 Committee on Aging, Intro 1081A unpaid caregivers.
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2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Sorry. Amended
3 and coupled on General Orders.

4 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Report of the
5 Committee on Civil Service and Labor, Intro 1084A,
6 Division of Paid Care.

7 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
8 coupled on General Orders.

9 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Report of the
10 Committee on Consumer Affairs, Intro 1085A, Consumer
11 Issues affecting women.

12 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
13 coupled on General Orders.

14 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Intro 1086A, consumer
15 issues affecting seniors.

16 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
17 coupled on General Orders.

18 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Intro 1087A, consumer
19 issues affecting immigrants.

20 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
21 coupled on General Orders.

22 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Report of the
23 Committee on Environmental Protection Intro 446A
24 banning certain wastes.

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SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and coupled on General Orders.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Report of the Committee on Finance, pre-considered Reso. 1178, Greater JFK bid.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on General Orders.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Pre-considered Reso 1179, organization funding.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on General Orders.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Pre-considered LU 429 and Reso 1185, Council District--

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: [interposing] Coupled on General Orders.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Pre-considered-- excuse me. Report of the Committee on Health, Intro 1194, defibrillators in youth leagues.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on General Orders.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Report of the Committee on Land Use LU 418 and Reso 1186, landmark designation.

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2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on General

3 Orders.

4 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: LU 422 and Reso 1187

5 and LU 423 and Reso 1188, Zoning Amendments.

6 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Motion to

7 disapprove.

8 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: LU 425 and Reso 1189,

9 sidewalk café.

10 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled to be

11 filed pursuant to letter of withdrawal.

12 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: LU 426 and Reso 1190,

13 sidewalk café.

14 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on

15 General Orders.

16 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Pre-considered LU 433

17 and Reso 1191, Metropolitan Hospital Center.

18 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: In my district,

19 coupled on General Orders.

20 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Pre-considered LU 434

21 and Reso 1192, primary school facility, Council

22 District One.

23 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on General

24 Orders.

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COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Report of the
Committee on Public Safety, Intro 1135A, Neighborhood
Support Teams.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
coupled on General Orders.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Intro 1150A, Division
of Transitional Services.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
coupled on General Orders.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Report of the
Committee on Waterfronts, Intro 507A, Waterfront
Management Advisory Board.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
coupled on General Orders.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: On the General Order
Calendar, Resolution appointing various persons,
Commissioner of Deeds.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
General Orders, and at this time I ask for a roll
call vote on all items on the Coupled General Order
Calendar.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
Chambers.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Barron?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all except 418, which I'm voting no.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Borelli?

COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all except Intro 446 and Reso 1105.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Permission to explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: I just want to take a moment to congratulate Council Member Chaim on his bill 1086. Just as recently as last Saturday I had a senior who literally came to me in tears in Saint James Park because she had a phone call, someone who had called in and said that the police was coming, was going to arrest her in half an hour unless she sent 2,500 dollars and paid via credit card, and she was literally telling me this in tears. So, thank you so much for this bill that I believe is going to help our seniors, and I vote aye on all. Thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Cohen?

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Constantinides?

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Madam
Public Advocate, may I briefly explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: I want to
congratulate all my colleagues today. I definitely
want to give a special shout-out to Council Member
Steve Levin for Intro 446. We will make sure in
perpetuity that New York City's waterways are
protected from dangerous waste from especially hydro-
fracking. As we have groups such as API that still
come into New York City and talk about the fracking
revolution, we here in New York, this body has always
been a leader. I'm proud to stand with you today to
make sure that our water bodies are protected and
that frack waste will not be used in any way in New
York City. So, I thank you for doing-- for being a
great leader, and thank you to our Speaker for her
environment leadership as well.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. How do
you vote?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: I thought
3 I said. Aye on all. My apologies.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Thank
5 you.

6 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Crowley?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote aye on
8 all.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

10 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Cumbo?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Permission to
12 explain my vote?

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: I just want to give
15 a special congratulations to Council Member Chaim
16 Deutsch for bringing forward important legislation
17 that's going to benefit both men and women, and I
18 also want to add that I just want to say how proud I
19 am of this entire body. Every single Stated Meeting
20 we have continued to pass important and powerful
21 legislation that continues to bring equality to women
22 and once we empower women, we empower entire
23 communities. So, I'm very proud of the progress that
24 this particular body had made, and I proudly vote aye
25 on all. Thank you.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Deutsch?

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Dickens? Dromm?

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Espinal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote aye with
congratulations to Laurie Cumbo, Chaim Deutsch and
Madam Speaker.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Eugene?

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Gibson?

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Congratulations,
colleagues. I vote aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Grodenchik? Kallos?

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: King?

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Congratulations to
us all, and I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Koslowitz?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Levine?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Maisel? Menchaca?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Miller?

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I vote aye on
all.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Palma?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Reynoso?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Richards?

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Permission to
explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: First, I would
like to thank Speaker Chief of Staff Ramon Martinez,
Chairman Richard and Raju [SIC] and whole Land Use
and Council Member Greenfield for all support that I

1 received from them in the discussion about the
2 Sherman and Broadway rezoning. I listen to my
3 community loud and clear those voices for and against
4 it. We had many meetings with developers and
5 administration, and at the end of this process we
6 decided that we didn't have everything in place to
7 support the Broadway and Sherman rezoning. I invite
8 all voices who play a role to now use their energy in
9 the discussion about the Inwood NYC Plan which is a
10 plan to rezone everything to the east of 10th Avenue
11 from 201st to 225 that will produce thousands of unit
12 at what I hope a large percentage should be
13 affordable. I give credit to the Administration. The
14 first thing that we have in our City a Mayor that put
15 in place the MIH that produced a start tools to start
16 conversation about creating permanent affordable
17 housing. Also, I give credit to the Administration
18 for investing millions of dollars to provide free
19 legal support, funding that we've been advocating--
20 allocating together with the Council. As I will
21 continue conversation with the community that I have
22 the honor to represent, I will always look for the
23 best interest of everyone, my working class, my
24 middle class, and the upper class that live in the
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high point of Manhattan which is Washington Heights and Inwood. So, thank everyone from my district that played a role. Broadway and Sherman is appear that I was not able to support this rezoning, but we will continue discussion about the rezoning to the east of 10th Avenue. I vote aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Rosenthal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye on all.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Salamanca?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Torres?

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Treyger?

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: With congratulations to my colleagues, I vote aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Ulrich?

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

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COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Matteo?

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: No on 446A, aye
on the rest.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Speaker Mark-
Viverito?

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I vote aye on
all.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: I'd like my
colleagues to sign onto Intro Number 1253 and 1259.
1253 will prohibit employers from requesting salary
history from job applicants, a key step in closing
the gender pay gap. Employees who rely on previous
salary history often perpetuate the wage
discrimination. A similar bill was passed in
Massachusetts. This bill has been joined by Council
Members Crowley, Cumbo, Ferreras, Lander, Rosenthal,
and the Chair of the Committee of the "Men Who Get
it," Council Member Salamanca, and I invite my
colleagues to join me as well. And also, 1259, a
bill introduced by Council Member Williams and I that

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COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All of those opposed? The ayes have it. Resolution 1103-- quiet in the Chambers-- a resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to designate Ecuador for temporary protected status to provide temporary immigration relief to eligible Ecuadorian Nationals in the wake of a devastating earthquake. All of those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Any opposed? The ayes have it. Resolution 1105A, an amended resolution calling upon the President and the State Department to resettle at least 10,000 Syrian refugees in the United States of America by the end of Fiscal Year 2016 and to increase such number to 65,000 by the end of Fiscal Year 2017. All of those in favor?

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All those opposed? Any abstentions? The ayes have it. And now to general discussion beginning with Council Member Kallos.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Good afternoon.

I rise on Introduction of a--

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]

Quiet in the Chambers. Council Member, is your microphone on?

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Sure, I'll lean over. I rise to introduce Introduction 1248 with my colleague Council Member Vinnie Gentile to require city agencies to publicly post jobs before holding interviews for at least two weeks. This is mainly aimed at patronage at the Board of Elections, but we feel that it would be a good process for all of our city agencies. The agencies would benefit from having the most qualified folks applying and interviewing for these positions and 8.4 million New Yorkers would have an opportunity to find jobs, our 350,000 here in this city of New York. I also am introducing Introduction 1250 with Public Advocate Tish James and Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer that would protect our tenants throughout our city, hundreds of thousands of them who have been Housing Court and faced discrimination each and every day. No one should be condemned to become homeless simply because they've been in Housing Court. This

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would license tenant screening companies and require them to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing truth in credit reports and would hopefully do for tenant screening what we were able to do for credit reporting on a federal level. I'd also like to bid my scheduler and Special Events and Internship Director Taylor Digby adieu. She joined me way back when in 2013 and interned and interned and came on to our staff after we publicly posted, and she is headed to Indiana, and we wish her well, and she has been replaced by somebody who interned with my office, came in as a fellow, and then competed against several hundred people as part of a public posting, Isabelle Smith. So she is our new scheduler, Internship Director and Special Events Coordinator. So thank you to both of them and thank you to my colleagues.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

Council Member Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank you very

much, and I am pleased to introduce a bill today, 1243 that would require the Taxi and Limousine Commission to deny a new or renewal TLC license to any applicant who has received at least three

1 suspensions on their TLC issued or state DMV issued
2 driver's license in the 10 years leading up to the
3 application. Taxi's and FHV's and the people who
4 drive them are integral parts of our City's
5 transportation system. Hundreds of thousands of
6 trips are taken on each and every day in these cars
7 by people ranging from first-time visitors traveling
8 from their hotel to a Broadway show to lifelong New
9 Yorkers who take cabs each and every day to work. It
10 is because these drivers and cars are so integral to
11 our city that we must make certain that they're also
12 safe and reliable. With nearly 150,000 TLC licensed
13 drivers on the road, whether they are driving yellow
14 or green cabs or for-hire-vehicles like black cars
15 and liveries, it is vital that each of these drivers
16 be held property accountable for the safety of both
17 the passengers they drive and the pedestrians with
18 whom the interact. New York City has consistently
19 made safe streets a priority as demonstrated through
20 Vision Zero and other initiatives and by this bill,
21 by easily identifying drivers who may pose a danger
22 to passengers or pedestrians provides a simple way to
23 forward this goal. So I wanted to encourage my
24 colleagues to have a look at 1243, to support it and
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2 to help ensure that every taxi or for-hire vehicle
3 trip a passenger takes in New York City is a safe
4 one. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
6 Council Member Barron?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, Madam
8 Public Speaker. First, I want to send
9 congratulations to Simone Biles for the great
10 accomplishments that she has gotten at the Olympics,
11 and secondly, I want to say that I hope that the
12 Federal Government will take speedy action to address
13 the situation of the flooding that is going on in
14 Louisiana. We know that we have a history of neglect
15 for people in Louisiana, and it's a stain on this
16 country that they never really addressed and
17 corrected the horrors of the Katrina flooding, and we
18 need to look at resolving that and making sure that
19 we take immediate action to assist those in
20 Louisiana. And lastly, I'm glad that the old
21 Commissioner is gone. I'm glad that we have an
22 opportunity now through a new Police Commissioner to
23 look to see how we can reject a policy of Broken
24 Windows and how we can move forward to support the
25 Right to Know Act so that we can be in compliance

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2 with so much of what the Obama taskforce has
3 recommended. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
5 Miller?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you, Madam
7 Public Advocate. First of all, I'd like to thank all
8 of my colleagues and those who had reached out after
9 this weekend's tragic events, the execution murder of
10 Imam Akonjee and Brother Uddin in Queens. I thank
11 everyone for reaching out and their concern and not
12 just their concern for the community, this Queens
13 community represented by Council Member Ulrich and
14 thank you for his support but for myself being a
15 Muslim-American here in this City of New York,
16 something I had not ever had to be concerned about in
17 the past, that as I walk out the door the family said
18 a particular prayer for my safety. In this
19 environment that we now live in, it is a shame that
20 it has, it could and it is that way, but let me say
21 that when we are together we are certainly stronger
22 and we have demonstrated time and time again that we
23 are together and that we will defeat any of the
24 incendiary islamophobia racism that continues to
25 exist here in America. So, again, thank you. Public

1 Advocate, I rise to introduce resolution today, to
2 introduce a resolution calling upon the United States
3 Senate to perform its constitutional duty to provide
4 advice and consent to the president, Supreme Court
5 nominee Judge Merrick Garland. Our City, State and
6 Country cannot be ran without a functioning
7 government, and while we may not always agree with
8 the decisions of the Supreme Court that are-- they
9 are making our founding fathers believe that it is
10 necessary checks and balances, executive and
11 legislative branch of government. Have nine Supreme
12 Court Justices is part of that system, and the Senate
13 must bring this nomination not the floor. Never in
14 the history before have we transferred one
15 President's power comparable circumstances to its
16 success as we are doing now. I ask my colleagues to
17 support this resolution. This resolution--

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
19 Council Member, could you conclude?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Absolutely. I
21 ask my colleagues to support this resolution as it
22 hits the floor. It is important to our democracy.
23 It is not about Judge Garland, but it is about our
24 democracy. Thank you.
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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
3 Council Member Dromm?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you very
5 much, Madam Public Advocate. I just wanted to take
6 this opportunity to thank my interns who are here
7 with me today, Jacqueline Rizzado [sp?] and Zewad
8 Abdula [sp?] and my guest Jeremy Crowzer for the work
9 that they have done for my office of the summer.
10 Thank you very, very much.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
12 Council Member Williams?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you,
14 Madam Public Advocate. Just first, I haven't-- been
15 like some, I haven't watched the Olympics
16 wholeheartedly but I have been inspired by what I've
17 seen. The US has shown the best of the United States
18 diversified [SIC] from Michael Phelps' swimming to
19 Simone Manuel, the first African-American woman to
20 claim an individual gold in the pool and Simone Biles
21 and the entire Women's Gymnastics team.
22 Unfortunately, as she's winning her medals has been
23 questioned her patriotism. That's unfortunate, but
24 I'm proud of her and what they're doing, and
25 Flatbush's own Zinga Prescott [sp?] who was a member

1 of the fencing team. Although she did not get a
2 medal, this is her second trip. We were very, very
3 proud of her. Also, I want to wish-- On Sunday was
4 Tisha B'Av, which is a day of mourning for the
5 destruction of the temple, for my Jewish brothers and
6 sisters, that they day is served-- hope the day is
7 served as a day of reflection to remember to tragedy
8 of the past and also the progress that's been made.
9 Lastly, I'm asking my colleagues to sign on to Intro
10 1259 which is introduced by myself and Public
11 Advocate. She mentioned the bill which provides
12 members who are active and inactive and veterans of
13 the military under City law, give them protections
14 against discrimination in housing, employment and
15 public accommodations. I find as a government, we
16 speak very highly of our veterans and their sacrifice
17 and their families, but we don't-- and we don't hold
18 up our end of the bargain after they've made the
19 sacrifices that are needed. This is important
20 because if they experience that kind of
21 discrimination, currently, they have to figure out if
22 they have the resources to go to court. If we put it
23 in the City law, they can then bring their grievances
24 to the Human Rights Commission which makes it just
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easier. We've also included some folks who are not currently covered by federal law like state active military and reservists. So, I ask all of my colleagues to sign onto this. Thank you very much.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

Council Member Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Thank you, Madam Public Advocate. I want to use this opportunity to welcome two of my summer interns who are here today. They are Sophia Chung and Brittany Chen [sp?], and I also want to thank the Speaker for allowing us to have a successful Korean Independence Day celebration here in the Chambers last night. And also yesterday was the Independence Day for the Republic of India. So, we want to congratulate all of the citizens in our Indian heritage. You know, they are outstanding citizens in our community. Thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

Council Member Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Thank so much. I'm introducing two bills today. The first is Intro 1237, a law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York to require the Administration for Children's Services to maintain an electronic health

1 records for youth in the Juvenile Justice System.

2 The second is actually a resolution 1175 recognizing
3 every September 27 as First Responder Appreciation
4 Day in New York City. Twenty states have designated
5 this day to recognize first responder. Also, in the
6 remainder of my time I want to echo the celebration
7 feelings towards Monica Puig, the first Puerto Rican
8 to win gold medal, but also want to acknowledge
9 Simone Manuel as the first female African-American
10 swimmer to win an individual Olympic medal, and
11 actually she ended up with two gold medals and two
12 silver medals. Thank you so much.

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14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
15 Treyger?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Thank you,
17 Public Advocate. Colleagues, I respectfully ask for
18 your support for Intro 1254, a Local Law which I am
19 co-sponsoring with Brooklyn Borough President Eric
20 Adams to increase the provision of informational
21 materials on 529 college savings programs to parents
22 and families. The bill expands upon a law which
23 Council Member King sponsored last session and I am
24 grateful for his leadership on this important issue.
25 As a former educator I believe strongly that every

1 child deserves to have every educational avenue
2 available to them, but the cost of higher education
3 today can be prohibitive even as post-secondary
4 education degrees have never been more integral in
5 the path toward career advancement. New parents may
6 not be thinking about their newborn's post-secondary
7 education, but beginning to save early is a way that
8 all parents regardless of their means can maximize
9 the value of what they could afford to set aside.
10 Compound interest over the course of 18 years can
11 transform a modest set-aside into a sizable portion
12 of their child's post-secondary education. The City
13 must help raise awareness by informing parents about
14 the state's 529 college savings program which helps
15 parents or primary caretakers invest in their child's
16 future, no matter what kind of post-secondary
17 education, trade school, two-year college, four-year
18 college, or a post-graduate degree their child will
19 eventually pursue. Intro 1254 would include
20 information about this program alongside birth
21 certificates, mail to new parents, and require that
22 the Department of Education distribute information to
23 families of pre-k students expanding on current
24 requirements for older children. I'd like to thank
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2 Borough President Adams for the opportunity to work
3 together to ensure that all children are afforded
4 every opportunity to achieve their full educational
5 potential, and that their parents are better prepared
6 to help. I urge you to join me, Borough President
7 Adams, Council Member King, and Council Member Ulrich
8 in supporting Intro 1254. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
10 Council Member Chin?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you, Madam
12 Public Advocate. As we reach the end of August and
13 as the summer winds down, many of our Council offices
14 will have noticeably fewer people without our
15 hardworking interns. I want to make sure to take
16 some time to publicly recognize the intern who worked
17 in my office, Jeanie Lee [sp?], Ginger Dias [sp?],
18 Eric Gao [sp?], Christina Ly [sp?], Natalie Ye [sp?],
19 Ellie Chan [sp?], Moses Perez, Phoebe Lin [sp?],
20 Walter Chan, Larissa Solange [sp?], and Thomas
21 Whistler who is here at his last Stated Meeting and
22 will be with us until the end of the week. Our
23 interns answer the phones, attend meetings, and help
24 staff with case work and other important tasks. I
25 want to thank them for their dedication and their

1 service to my Council District and to our city. They
2 will be missed, and I wish them the best of luck in
3 all of their future endeavors. Have a wonderful
4 summer.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. We
7 want to thank all of the interns for their public
8 service and for their professionalism. Thank you for
9 serving others. Council Member Levin, I apologize I
10 did not call on you earlier to speak on behalf of
11 Resolution 1105A, an amended resolution calling upon
12 the President and the State Department to resettle at
13 least 10,000 Syrian refugees in the United States of
14 America by the end of Fiscal Year 2016 and to
15 increase such number to 65,000 by the end of the
16 fiscal year 2017. Council Member Steve Levin?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very
18 much, Madam Public Advocate. I want to thank my
19 colleagues for voting in support of this resolution
20 that I introduced with our Immigration Committee
21 Chair Carlos Menchaca calling on the President and
22 the State Department to resettle at least 10,000
23 Syrian refugees by the end of next month, and
24 resettle by the end of Fiscal Year 2017 65,000 Syrian
25 refugees. This is especially important because in

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2 September all eyes will be on the United States as
3 world leaders meet at the UN in New York City to
4 discuss international response to the large movement
5 of refugees and migrants now and in the future.
6 President Obama's also expected to host a leader's
7 summit on refugees which will appeal to governments
8 to make new significant commitments to resettlement,
9 and our country should lead by example to take bold
10 action to stand with refugees. I want to thank my
11 colleague Carlos Menchaca as well as Parat Chabagai
12 [sp?], Abigail Ziv [sp?] of the International
13 Refugees Committee, Shana Ward of Refugees Council
14 USA, Doctor Georgette Bennett from the Multi-faith
15 Alliance for Syrian Refugees, Lina Al-Husseini [sp?],
16 and Ambreen Wareshi [sp?] of the Arab American Family
17 Support Center and many more. I also want to thank
18 the Speaker and our Chief of Staff Ramon Martinez as
19 well as Indiana Porta [sp?], Will Hungat [sp?], Julie
20 Barrow, Edward Paulino, and Adriana Garcia. It is so
21 important that we take this step today. Xenophobia
22 and racism are not new in America. They-- all you
23 have to do is go to Ellis Island and see brochures
24 and propaganda from the late 19th century to see
25 that, but it is also part of our heritage that we in

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2 the United States have a proud history of welcoming
3 refugees to our shore, and it is our moral imperative
4 that we aspire to honor that heritage now, and as it
5 says in the nearby Statue of Liberty, "Give me your
6 tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to be
7 free." I also want to take one second to acknowledge
8 my interns this summer, Silas Turner, Adele Clemmons
9 [sp?], Faith Arthur, Cameron Decker-- if you guys
10 could stand up-- Anna Sanchez, and Ivan Mendez. We
11 have excellent amazing interns from the 33rd District
12 this year, and I want to acknowledge them. Thank you
13 guys so much for your wonderful, wonderful service.
14 Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, Madam Public
15 Advocate.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Bless
17 you. And the last speaker is Council Member
18 Williams, again.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you very
20 much. Able to make corrections. One I meant Gabby
21 Douglas was the one that was being questioned, so I
22 thank you for that. And also a correction so my
23 mother doesn't disown me. I forgot to mention Kirani
24 James who is Grenadian. He has received a second
25 medal, the only two medals we have in Grenada, both

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of my parents are from there. So I'm very proud of him. He has a gold and a silver, and I know my mother's watching. I deeply apologize, but the Public Advocate has allowed me to make up for it. Thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Now to close, the Speaker, Melissa Mark-Viverito.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: No, I mean-- thank you all for being here, and I'll see you at the next Stated. Thank you. It's 3:15 and we're adjourned.

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