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OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Council Member Ben Kallos

CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: (GAVEL)

Alright, good afternoon everyone. Welcome to The Committee on Land Use. I am Council Member Rafael Salamanca, chair of this committee. I want to welcome my esteemed colleagues who are present here today.

We have Council Members Gibson, Barron, Koo, Levin, Miller, Reynoso, Treyger, Grodenchik, Adams, Ayala, Diaz, Sr., Chair Moya, Rivera, Chair Riley, Brooks-Powers, and Borelli. And, we're also being joined by Council Member Kallos.

I want to thank Chair Moya and Chair Riley for their work on our two subcommittees.

Today we will vote on a number of applications referred out for both of our subcommittees.

From our Land Mark subcommittee, we will vote to approve LU's 847, TMN1002-West Harlem Renaissance and TMN1002-West Harlem Renaissance UDAP, and article XI tax exemption submitted by The Department of Housing Preservation and Development, pursuant to section 693 and 694 of the General Municipal Law and article XI of the Private Housing Finance Law.

The application seeks a waiver of the designation requirements of the section 197-C and 197-D of the

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2 charter, and an approval of the urban development
3 action area project, and approval of the exemption
4 from the real property taxation for property located
5 at 101 West 141st Street (aka 621-23 Lennox Avenue),
6 and 121-123 West 144th Street in the Manhattan
7 district represented by Council Member Perkins.

8 We will also vote to approve for modifications LU
9 numbers 889 through 893, Cooper Park Commons for
10 property in Council Member Reynoso's district in
11 Brooklyn.

12 These applications request approval of a proposed
13 amendment of the zoning map changing an R6 district
14 to an R7-2/C2-4 district and amendment of appendix F
15 of the zoning resolution to designate a mandatory
16 inclusionary housing area, the grant of a special
17 permit pursuant to section 74-743(a)(2) of the zoning
18 resolution to modify height and setback requirements,
19 the minimum distance between buildings within the
20 large-scale general development, the designation of
21 property located at 288 Jackson Avenue (Block 285,
22 Lot 1) as an urban development action area and urban
23 development action area project for such area, and
24 the disposition of the disposition of such property
25 to developer selected by HPD and modifications of a

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2 prior disposition of city-owned property located at
3 20 Kingsland Avenue (Block 2885, Lot 10) to change
4 the permit community facility used from a healthcare
5 facility to a use to a general community facility
6 uses.

7 These actions would facilitate the redevelopment
8 of the 4.5 acres former Greenpoint Hospital Campus in
9 East Williamsburg into Cooper Park Commons, a mixed-
10 use complex with the two new buildings and the
11 enlargement of the two historic former hospital
12 buildings providing approximately 553 units of
13 affordable and senior housing and senior housing, a
14 community facility uses and light retail, and the
15 onsite replacement of the 200 - bed Kleeman
16 Residents' Homeless Shelter.

17 The council's modification will remove MIH option
18 two and add the deep affordability option and revise
19 the design of the publicly accessible area to reduce
20 parking and vehicle driveway areas and increase open
21 space and pedestrian safety.

22 We will vote to approve the modifications LU's
23 numbers 848 - 851, related to the Glenmore Manor
24 Project for property in Council Member Darma Diaz's
25 district in Brooklyn.

Submitted by the Department of Housing

Preservation and Development, these applications request approval of an amendment to zoning map sections 17C and 17D, changing from an R6D to an R7A/C2-4 district and changing from an R6 district to an R7D/C2-4 district, amendment of the zoning resolution modifying appendix F to designate a mandatory exclusionary housing area, a designation of an urban development action area, approval of an urban development action area project for such area, and approval of the disposition of property located at 305-309 Mother Gaston Boulevard, 46-64 Christopher Avenue and 111-117 Glenmore Avenue to a developer of HPD's choosing, and approval of a third amendment to the Brownsville second urban renewal plan to change the designation of site 11B from public/institutional use to residential use.

The proposed actions will facilitate the development of Glenmore Manor and an 11 story mixed-use building with approximately 232 affordable housing units and 8,600 square feet of commercial and community space as an entrepreneurial hub for the local business and not for profit incubation.

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2 We will vote to modify the application by
3 striking MIH option two, and adding the deep
4 affordability MIH option.

5 From our zoning subcommittee, we will vote to
6 approve to modifications and pre-considered items for
7 the 1045 Atlantic Avenue under (INAUDIBLE 05:42)
8 number C210276ZMK and N210277ZRK related to property
9 in Council Member Cornegy's district in Brooklyn.

10 The proposal seeks a zoning map amendment to
11 change an M1-1 district to a C6-3A district, and a
12 related zoning text amendment to establish an MIH
13 program area utilizing MIH options two and the
14 workforce option, and to establish special street
15 wall regulations for sites in C6-3A district in
16 Brooklyn Community District 3 with frontage on
17 Atlantic Avenue.

18 Together these actions will facilitate the
19 development of a new 17-story, mixed-use building
20 with ground floor retail and office use on the second
21 floor, and approximately 426 dwelling units. A
22 modification will be to strike MIH workforce option.

23 We will also vote to approve the modifications to
24 LU's 882 and 883 for the 185-17 Hillside Avenue
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2 rezoning related to property in Council Member
3 Gennaro's district in Queens.

4 The proposal seeks a zoning map amendment to
5 resume portions of an existing R3X in R6A district to
6 an R7A district, and to extend an existing C2-4
7 overlay and a special downtown Jamaica district over
8 the rezoning area along Hillside Avenue, and a
9 related zoning text amendment establishing an MIH
10 program area utilizing one and two, as well as
11 special bulk and parking regulations for R7A district
12 within MIH areas within the special downtown Jamaica
13 District. Our modification will be to strike MIH
14 option two.

15 We will also vote to approve the modifications of
16 LU's 894 and 895 for the 824 Metropolitan Avenue
17 Rezoning relating to property in Council Member
18 Reynoso's district in Brooklyn.

19 The proposal seeks a zoning map amendment to
20 rezone portions of an existing R6B and C8-2 district
21 to an R7A district, and to extend an existing C2-4
22 commercial overlay over the rezoning area along
23 Metropolitan and Bushwick Avenues, and a related
24 zoning text amendment establishing and MIH area
25 utilizing options one and two.

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2 Our modifications would be to strike MIH option
3 two and to add the deep affordability option.

4 We will also vote to approve LU's 896 for the 624
5 Morris Avenue rezoning related to property in my
6 district in The Bronx.

7 The proposal seeks a rezoning map amendment to
8 establish C1-4 commercial overlay district within an
9 existing R7-1 district to legalize and permit the
10 modest expansion of existing commercial uses on
11 Morris Avenue between East 153rd Street and East
12 151st Street.

13 We will vote to approve the modifications of the
14 Gowanus neighborhood plan LU's numbers 869 through
15 874. These applications effect property in Council
16 Member Lander's and Levin's district in Brooklyn.

17 Our modification to the zoning text amendment
18 will adjust the permitted uses in manufacturing in MX
19 districts to refine the definition of Gowanus and
20 mixed uses, expand and strengthen the Gowanus mixed
21 incentives, establish lower height limits south of
22 Thomas Green Park to reduce shadows on the park,
23 adjust the authorization for large mixed uses sites,
24 and strike MIH option two -- leaving MIH option one
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2 and the deep affordability option to ensure the
3 deepest affordability.

4 Together these actions will transform an area of
5 Brooklyn, currently zoned for limited industrial and
6 commercial development, in to a dynamic mixed use,
7 mixed income neighborhood, with approximately 8,495
8 new housing units, including nearly 3,000 affordable
9 units, 1.5 acres of new parkland, four acres of new
10 waterfront open space, and significant projected
11 commercial and community facility space.

12 The council members Lander and Levin have
13 negotiated a comprehensive package of additional
14 capital and policy commitments from the
15 administration including an unprecedented city
16 investment in NYCHA.

17 We will approve LU's numbers 884 through 887, the
18 Gowanus CSO facility application, and LU's 888, The
19 Mercy Home UDAP amendment. These applications
20 include map changes effecting Douglas Street and 5th
21 Avenue, a site selection action, and site selection
22 and acquisition action to facilitate the Gowanus
23 Canal CSO facilities on the east side of the canal
24 between Degraw and Butler Streets in Council Member
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2 Levin's district, and at 2nd Avenue and 5th Avenue in
3 Council Member Lander's district.

4 The UDAP amendment action will facilitate the
5 development of approximately 45 units of affordable
6 housing at the Mercy Home site of 484-487 4th Avenue.

7 We will also vote to approve the modifications
8 343 Madison Avenue MTA/HQ special permit application
9 under LU numbers 867 and 868. These actions related
10 to property in Council Member Powell's district in
11 Manhattan. The council modification would be to
12 lower the buildings (INAUDIBLE 10:34) height.

13 We will also vote to approve the modifications
14 LU's 864, 865, and 866 related to the New York Blood
15 Center.

16 This proposal seeks a zoning map amendment and
17 zoning text amendment and a special permit pursuant
18 to the proposed zoning text.

19 These actions effect the property in the
20 districts of Council Members Kallos and Powell and
21 will facilitate the development of a proposed, new
22 16-story, 334 feet tall Life Science Research and
23 Development building at 310 East 67th Street in
24 Manhattan.

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2 The council's modifications to the special permit
3 will lower the building site to 218 feet at the top
4 of the street wall of the building, with any
5 mechanical space limited to a maximum of 233 feet.
6 This is a reduction of over a 100 feet from where we
7 started.

8 Combined with a \$10.65 million investment in St.
9 Catherine's Park, and other investments for the Julia
10 Richman Educational Complex, that makes this a great
11 outcome for New York City. With the changes we are
12 making today, I think we have responsibly balanced
13 the concerns of this community with the broader
14 citywide need for improving our life science sector.

15 We will also be producing high quality
16 construction jobs and building service jobs, which is
17 always a win for communities across New York City.

18 And, with that, I will allow, uh, Council Member
19 Ben Kallos, uh, for his remarks.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: During my time in office,
21 I have been proud to support the expansion of the
22 life sciences sector in my district.

23 I negotiated a three city block expansion of
24 Rockefeller University over the FDR Drive, which
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2 resulted in a \$15 million investment in a crumbling
3 waterfront.

4 I also helped secure \$9 million to open a new
5 biotech incubator we first thought of back on New
6 Year's Day 2014 when we first met on their project.

7 I cut the ribbon on Cornell Tech Campus, on
8 Roosevelt Island, the Belfer Research Building; we
9 opened a new Memorial Sloan Kettering vertical campus
10 on 74th Street.

11 We're expanding HSS over the FDR, and we have a
12 new HSS 30-story medical tower on 79th Street.

13 And, just announced, I believe this week, on 1st
14 Avenue, a new hospital building on 74th Street.

15 That's just to name a few, and that's not an
16 exhaustive list. Each project involved working
17 closely with the community whether as of right or
18 through a discretionary process.

19 From the beginning of this process, we have
20 agreed that we have an important opportunity to
21 update and upgrade the New Yorker Blood Center, so it
22 can continue to be a vital asset for our city.

23 I believe that the best way to achieve this vision
24 would be through a significant modification to the
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2 building from a commercial office tower that The
3 Blood Center initially proposed.

4 The developers made the unprecedented choice to
5 skip working with local community board, local
6 elected officials, and instead put all of their
7 efforts in to overturning member deference now and
8 forever.

9 This is the first rezoning where no changes were
10 made at the community board or for the borough
11 president. The first change was offered at the first
12 and only zoning hearing just last month, where more
13 than 100 residents came out in opposition, along with
14 every, single elected official -- including Congress
15 Member Carol Maloney, State Senator Liz Krueger,
16 Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, and Borough
17 President Gale Brewer.

18 After more than five separate requests, the
19 developer finally came to the table this Monday.
20 And, only after skipping a meeting in the afternoon,
21 did they show up to a meeting in the evening.

22 We had two more meetings on Tuesday evening. In a
23 council where Land Use projects are often negotiated
24 to the last moment, the developer once again refused
25 to negotiate this morning.

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2 We have had more conversations in 36 hours than
3 we did in the preceding 36 months. We came close to
4 a win-win for both sides, but we haven't gotten
5 there.

6 There remain modest changes to the building like
7 moving a 30-foot mechanical void to the roof from the
8 middle of the building, lowering extra luxury 20-foot
9 ceiling heights throughout the building to something
10 more reasonable, and a contextual height limit to
11 protect against what will now be a 500-foot as-of-
12 right tower that they can build. All of which would
13 have had zero programmatic impact on The Blood Center
14 or its partners while getting us to a building that
15 would work for my constituents.

16 Ultimately, these remaining changes were
17 rejected, and I have to vote no on this proposal.
18 Today's outcome sets a troubling precedent for
19 council members' ability to win for the city and
20 their constituents.

21 With today's vote, we become a city where real
22 estate developers are only emboldened to side step
23 the concerns of the communities in which they build.
24 The long standing tradition of member deference has
25 been in place to give New Yorkers, in 51 council

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2 districts across five boroughs a voice at the table
3 with developers who seek to reshape the very
4 neighborhoods in which they live.

5 Thanks to a rarely invoked charter, 283 protests
6 filed by buildings included in this spot zoning
7 against their will, when this project comes to a vote
8 of the full council, it may require a three
9 (INAUDIBLE 15:52) supermajority to pass.

10 I urge my colleagues to consider the precedence
11 we are setting, and vote their conscience. As I've
12 said before, and I will say again, no matter the
13 outcome of the vote, we will work with The Blood
14 Center to build a new, modern facility.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Thank you Council Member
17 Kallos.

18 I would like to also recognize that we've been
19 joined by Council Member Feliz.

20 Uh, with that, are there any questions or remarks
21 from members of the committee?

22 UNKNOWN: What was that again?

23 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Are there any questions or
24 remarks from members of the committee?

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2 Oh, seeing none, I will call for a... I will
3 call for a vote and note that an vote on aye on all
4 will be to adopt the following: Approve LU's 847,
5 LU's 888, LU's 884, 885, 886, and 887, LU's 896, and
6 to approve the modifications I've described, LU's 848
7 through 851, 889 through 893, LU's 869 through 874,
8 868, 865, and 866, LU's 867 and 868, it pre-considers
9 LU's for a 1045 Atlantic Avenue, LU's 882 and 883,
10 and LU's 894 and 895.

11 Alright, we want to make a correction. Uh, we...
12 also LU number 864 through 866.

13 Will the clerk please call the roll?

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk
15 roll call vote. All items are coupled.

16 Chair Salamanca?

17 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Permission to explain?

20 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Council Member Gibson to
21 explain her vote.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you, Chair
23 Salamanca.

24 Goodness, it's been a long day already. Many of
25 us have been here since 10:00 a. m. this morning.

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2 Uh, thank you, Chair, and all of my colleagues
3 and those who are watching. I just wanted to speak
4 on the New York Blood Center proposal that is before
5 this body, and truly understand Council Member Ben
6 Kallos and all of the work that he's done serving,
7 uh, with you as your colleague for the past eight
8 years.

9 As council members, it is our responsibility to
10 make sure that we address the issues of our
11 individual districts.

12 I support member deference, and I recognize that
13 council members should know what's in the best
14 interest of the residents in which they represent.
15 But, I also know that there are instances that we
16 come across as a member of this body in which
17 projects physically sit in one district, but have a
18 citywide impact.

19 As someone who represents a district in The Bronx
20 of working families who have struggled over the past
21 two years during COVID-19 with access to food, and
22 quality healthcare, and jobs, and dealing with the
23 plague of gun violence that I face every, single day
24 in The Bronx, I know that there are instances where
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2 the New York Blood Center's work saves lives of my
3 constituents in The Bronx.

4 When you talk about life sciences and research,
5 and education, and 21st century technology, when you
6 talk about people that live with debilitating
7 diseases every, single day, it is the work of the New
8 York Blood Center that can not only save their lives,
9 but that can give them stability.

10 And, as someone who understands the work that The
11 Blood Center has done, understanding that this
12 building is old, if this body does not take any
13 action, I don't know what the future will hold for
14 the New York Blood Center. And, so for my time here
15 in the city council, as someone who has always
16 supported council member deference, understanding
17 that you should be the biggest champion on behalf of
18 your district. But, I need a little bit more than
19 understanding that shadows over a park and
20 construction noise is the reason why I'm being asked
21 to oppose a project. I want substance. I want you
22 to tell me how you can save the lives of my people
23 who have been devastated by COVID-19.

24 I want to understand how we can create more jobs
25 for our people in this city -- good paying jobs that

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2 build sustainability and create a real pathway to the
3 middle class.

4 And, so I say all that to say, as council members
5 we take positions that are sometimes not popular but
6 the right thing to do.

7 What is the right thing to do, is not always the
8 popular thing to do. And, so I'm going to stand here
9 as a member of this body who has served with all of
10 my colleagues for eight years, and I'm going to
11 support what is the right thing to do for the future
12 of my constituents, so they can live healthier, more
13 vibrant lives for themselves and their families, and
14 they can have the good paying jobs that they
15 rightfully deserve in a city that grows unaffordable
16 every, single day.

17 And, for those of us that represent districts
18 where our people are struggling for basic
19 necessities, I cannot stand here and oppose a project
20 that will have life saving measures -- in the long-
21 term -- not short-term, but looking to the future.

22 And, so, I thank you, colleagues; I thank you
23 Chair Salamanca, and the Land Use team, and
24 (INAUDIBLE 21:46), and everyone for all of the great
25 work that you've done to get us to this point.

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2 No project is perfect. No project ends the way
3 it starts. And, I know a lot of labor has gone in to
4 this proposal, and with that, I will be voting yes on
5 behalf of my constituents in The Bronx that I know
6 will benefit from this New York Blood Center's
7 proposal.

8 I vote yes on all.

9 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Thank you Council Member
10 Gibson.

11 Well, we're going to ask the Sergeant At Arms if
12 you could just, uhm, uh, two minutes for all the
13 members, an opportunity when they vote. Thank you.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: (Off mic) (INAUDIBLE
16 22:33) my vote.

17 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Council Member Barron to
18 explain her vote. Can you just reset the clock for
19 Council Member Barron, so we get the mic on? Thank
20 you.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I won't take two
22 minutes... (Cross-Talk)

23 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Oh, okay.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: thank you so much.
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2 Thank you to the Chair. Uh, I just want to say I
3 vote aye on all. And, I think that the negotiations
4 that finally came about with The Blood Center are
5 ones that I can accept.

6 Many of you know that I did have some concerns,
7 and I expressed them to you. But, I think that the
8 proposal that we have come to is one that I can, uh,
9 support.

10 And, also want to say, I also had some concerns,
11 because we're giving up residential to rezone as
12 commercial, and I think that the developer,
13 Longfellow Real Estate, is going to be, uh, quite...
14 come out quite profitable in this venture. But, I do
15 think that The Blood Center being able to have new
16 accommodations, new facilities -- even though I
17 understand is not really an increase in space, but an
18 opportunity to update their equipment -- will be able
19 to benefit from that.

20 Thank you.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Koo?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I, uh, I respect Council
23 Member Kallos effort, uh, in helping his community.
24 But, uh, in considering New York Blood Center has
25 come down on the high end of incentives for the

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2 community, uh, I will vote abstain on 864, 865, and
3 866 and aye for the other ones. Thank you.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Permission to explain?

6 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Council Member Levin to
7 explain as well.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very much, Chair.

9 Uhm, first I... I just want to acknowledge, uhm,
10 the work that Council Member Lander did, uhm, on the
11 Gowanus rezoning and the community. Uh, we spoke
12 about it at the sub-committee, so, uhm, I'll refer
13 you to my comments there.

14 Uhm, and, but I... I also wanted to, uhm,
15 acknowledge the work that Council Member Kallos has
16 done, and... In, uhm, in making this a more
17 contextual building, bringing down the height, uh,
18 significantly, uhm, or a 100 feet, uhm, uh, to
19 accommodate, uhm, uh, the shadow impacts on the...
20 on the neighborhood, uhm, park across the street.

21 Uhm, I can, just as a, uh, a matter of... of
22 policy, I reorganize that, uhm, having sunlight in an
23 open space is important, uhm, to the families that
24 use it. And, uhm, and so that's... That's a real
25 impact. And, so, I commend Council Member Kallos on

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2 his, uhm, on his work to... to... to minimize that
3 impact, uhm, even if it's not all the way that, uh,
4 he was hoping to get. I think that it's, uh,
5 significant.

6 And, so, with that, I vote aye on all.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

8 Council Member Miller?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: (INAUDIBLE 26:06)

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Miller votes aye
11 on all.

12 Reynoso?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I vote aye on all.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Reynoso votes aye
15 on all.

16 Council Member Treyger?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Treyger votes
19 aye.

20 Grodenchik?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: I going to reserve my
22 comments to the stated, but I... I know that...
23 We're not voting on some... one issue today, uh,
24 that the stated that we're voting on now. And, I...
25 I want to be consistent with my voting, so I vote aye

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2 on all with the exception of Land Use numbers 864, 5,
3 and 6, in which I vote, no.

4 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Thank you.

5 Adams?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Permission to explain my
7 vote?

8 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Council Member Adams to
9 explain her vote.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you, Chair Salamanca
11 for your leadership on all of these Land Use
12 proposals.

13 I'd like to congratulate Council Member Lander on
14 the long awaited Gowanus project.

15 And, I'd also like to congratulate Council Member
16 Kallos on his exceptional work on advocating on
17 behalf of his community and his district.

18 I'm voting yes on The New Yorker Blood Center
19 rezoning. This project will have a tremendous impact
20 not just on our city, but globally. It is an
21 opportunity for economic development, growth, and
22 jobs that we simply cannot pass up during a crucial
23 time in our recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

24 As a woman, I am particularly sensitive to the
25 issues of sickle cell disease, HIV/AIDS, Black

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2 maternal morbidity, and the need to save lives of
3 women of color in the crosshairs of early death.

4 I understand the sensitivity of this proposal,
5 and I believe that its benefits will make a
6 substantial difference in life sciences and global
7 health.

8 With that, I vote aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Ayala?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ruben Diaz, Senior?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ, SENIOR: Permission to
13 explain my vote?

14 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Council Member Diaz to
15 explain his vote.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ, SENIOR: Thank you.

17 I hear people saying, "I respect Council Member
18 Kallos, but I'm gonna vote yes." People saying that.

19 That's no way you're gonna respect a council
20 member if you're voting against him. The only thing
21 that a council member has is the option to decide
22 what the people in the district that voted for him
23 want.

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2 Once you take away that member, uh, tools to
3 represent his community, that member's worth...
4 worth nothing. He's been disrespected.

5 This is not about Kallos... This is not about
6 Kallos. Some of the people... I got about 25 more
7 days here. So, I could care less if I got (INAUDIBLE
8 29:16) that way. But, the future of this body, the
9 people that are coming, that gonna represent their
10 community, they spend money, they spend time, they
11 went around tried to get elected. And, the community
12 trusted them to elect them, and they're here to
13 represent.

14 Now, when they come in here, and they have no
15 power, they have no say in... in what the community
16 wants, that's disrespectful not only to the council
17 member, but the community that that council member
18 represents.

19 So, Kallos have never been with me, (INAUDIBLE
20 29:55) remember (INAUDIBLE 29:57) support of me, but
21 I'm gonna support Kallos, because it's the principle
22 and member deference. That member should be...
23 should be respected.

24 And, I am -- even though I'm leaving -- and even
25 though Kallos has never supported me, I am supporting

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2 Kallos this time, and I'm voting no in LU 864, 865,
3 and 866.

4 And, one more thing, one more thing, somebody
5 sent me some (INAUDIBLE 30:26) saying the (INAUDIBLE
6 30:29) saying we spent \$178 million last year in
7 staff salaries. They got 1,749 employees, but they
8 spend \$178 million in salary. That picture doesn't
9 look right.

10 So, Mr. Chairman, I'm voting yes on everything
11 else except 864, 865, and 866. And, to those member
12 that gonna keep... that gonna stay here next year --
13 for the next four years -- be careful what you wish
14 for; you might get it.

15 Thank you.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Moya?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: (INAUDIBLE 31:17) aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Riley?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I vote aye.

22 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member Riley votes
23 aye.

24 Council Member Brooks - Powers?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS - POWERS: I vote aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brooks - Powers
3 votes aye.

4 Council Member Feliz?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Feliz votes aye.

7 Council Member Borelli?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. One moment.

10 All items in today's Land Use agenda have been
11 adopted by a vote of 18 in the affirmative, 0 in the
12 negative, and no abstentions with, uh, Land Use items
13 864, 865, and 866 being adopted by the committee with
14 a vote of 15 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative,
15 and one abstention.

16 That is the full committee, Mr. Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON SALAMANCA: Thank you.

18 I would like to thank the members of the public,
19 my colleagues, council of Land Use staff and sergeant
20 at arms for attending today's hearing.

21 This meeting is hereby adjourned.

22 (GAVEL)

23 UNKNOWN: (INAUDIBLE 32:15)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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



Date November 24, 2021