

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

STATED MEETING

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Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Start: 2:05 p.m.

Recess: 2:56 p.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker
Amanda Farías, Majority Leader

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Adrienne E. Adams
Joann Ariola
Alexa Avilés
Diana I. Ayala
Chris Banks
Joseph C. Borelli
Erik D. Bottcher
Justin L. Brannan
Gale A. Brewer
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
Tiffany Cabán
David M. Carr
Carmen N. De La Rosa
Eric Dinowitz
Amanda Farías
Oswald Feliz
James F. Gennaro
Jennifer Gutiérrez

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Kamillah Hanks
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Crystal Hudson
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Linda Lee
Farah N. Louis
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Chi A. Ossé
Vickie Paladino
Keith Powers
Lincoln Restler
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Rafael Salamanca, Jr
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Nantasha M. Williams
Julie Won
Kalman Yeger
Susan Zhuang

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A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION:

Monsignor James Sullivan,
Church of Our Savior
59 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 11016

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2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen, at this
3 time please place all electronic devices, all
4 electronic devices to vibrate or silent mode.

5 Madam Majority Leader?

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Good afternoon, and
7 welcome to the Stated Meeting of Tuesday, March 19,
8 2024, I am Majority Leader Amanda Fariás, and I would
9 like to thank you for joining us. If you would like
10 to follow along, the agenda for today's meeting is
11 posted on our website.

12 On behalf of the body, I welcome the members of
13 the public who have joined us here today. During
14 Stated Meetings, only members of the Council may
15 speak. Members of the public shall remain silent. If
16 you wish to express support of any remarks, you may
17 make the silent approval gesture.

18 I want to remind my colleagues that decorum is to
19 be respected at all times. Insulting each other is
20 not appropriate, all remarks are to be addressed to
21 the Chair, and members shall not speak unless
22 recognized by the Chair. It is essential that even if
23 we disagree, we treat each other with respect.

24 CITY CLERK: Please join us for the Pledge of
25 Allegiance.

2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

3 ALL: (PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE)

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Roll call?

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: (NO RESPONSE)

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: (NO RESPONSE)

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: (NO RESPONSE)

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I'm here.

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Banks?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Present

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Present

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: (NO RESPONSE)

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Carr?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO RESPONSE)

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: (NO RESPONSE)

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (NO RESPONSE)

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: (NO RESPONSE)

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (NO RESPONSE)

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Holden?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Lee?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Louis?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marte?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Here

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Pass or (INAUDIBLE)

11 CITY CLERK: Thank you

12 Council Member Menin?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Moya?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Present

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: (NO MIC) Present

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: (NO RESPONSE)

24 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: (NO RESPONSE)

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2 CITY CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: (NO RESPONSE)

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Powers?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here

6 CITY CLERK: Council Member Restler?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: (NO RESPONSE)

8 CITY CLERK: Council Member Riley?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: (NO RESPONSE)

10 CITY CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salaam

13 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: (NO RESPONSE)

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Presenté

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: (NO MIC) Here

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté

24 CITY CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: (NO RESPONSE)

2 CITY CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ung?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present

6 CITY CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here

8 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present

10 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presenté

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Riley?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Carr?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO MIC) Here

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member Williams?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'm here.

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member Won?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (PARENTAL)

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: (NO RESPONSE)

24 CITY CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Here

2 CITY CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Present

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Farías?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present

6 CITY CLERK: Speaker Adams?

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, we will now
9 have today's Invocation, which will be delivered by
10 Monsignor James Sullivan from the Church of Our
11 Savior, which is located at 59 Park Avenue in
12 Manhattan.

13 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

14 MONSIGNOR SULLIVAN: Almighty God, we call you by
15 different names, draw near, we pray in the season
16 that is sacred to many of us; for Christians during
17 this holy 40-day season of Lent; we pray, we fast, we
18 increase our charity to draw closer to your Holiness
19 and allow that Holiness to deepen in our lives; for
20 Muslims during this holy month of Ramadan, these very
21 same practices draw your people closer to you and to
22 one another; for Jews in about a month they will
23 gather for Sedar meals in the eight days of Passover
24 to mark a journey out of oppression. But as we raise
25 up these sacred seasons, we must confess to you our

1 creator, our sustainer, that we, your people, are not
2 always so holy, and the words and actions of our
3 lives betray what we mock, and sometimes we even use
4 them in a perverted way to spew hate and violence on
5 those who call you by different names, worship you in
6 different ways, or wear different garb. We ask your
7 mercy, and ask that you help us to amend our ways.
8 And Almighty God, we admit our failings, but please
9 permit me, with more than a little trepidation and
10 ready to dodge lightning bolts, to raise up some of
11 your failings. Are you not a God of Peace; where are
12 in Gaza and Israel? Are you not a God that protects
13 your children; where are you in Haiti and Miramar?
14 Are you not a god of solidarity; where are you in the
15 Sudan and Senegal? Are you not a god of just order;
16 what about Venezuela and Nicaragua? Are you not a god
17 who cares for human rights; where are you in Russia
18 and China? And are you not a God that protects your
19 children when attacked; where are you in the Ukraine?
20 So, God please not count me too brash for having
21 overstepped; I'd go on, but I think you get the
22 point. But now, Almighty God, allow me to draw you
23 closer to home, where we need your presence and help,
24 because even with our strong efforts, the powers of
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1 darkness are great. So, please protect our city,
2 those who ride our subways; who deliver our food, on
3 God, yes, please, a personal prayer of forgiveness
4 for me, because I do cuss those on motorbikes when
5 they almost run me over going the wrong way on the
6 streets. I'm sorry. So, help our teachers to teach
7 better; our students to learn better. Help those who
8 struggle to pay their rent. And in these holy
9 seasons, when many voluntarily fast, help those,
10 especially your children, who involuntarily fast. We
11 call that hunger, because they do not have enough
12 food to eat; help those who serve them with the
13 resources needed to feed our hungry neighbors. And,
14 Almighty God, while material things are essential to
15 preserving and enhancing human dignity, so too are
16 the spiritual ones that go to the core of our
17 humanity, Almighty God, reduce our hate and anger at
18 one another, especially when rooted in religious,
19 ethnic, or class differences. Rid us of anti-
20 Semitism; mazeophobia; xenophobia, nimbyism, and
21 every other phobia and ism from our words, actions
22 and hearts. May our protests be passionate and
23 respectful; our (INAUDIBLE), even when intense, be
24 civil. You know, Almighty God, maybe my prayer is
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1 just too dark and negative, so let me not forget to
2 say, thank you, for all the good things you bestowed
3 upon us in this great city; thank you that we have
4 welcomed almost 2,000 newcomers these past two years;
5 and 100,000 of them are now making it in our city;
6 and we thank you that 34,000 children are being
7 educated in our schools, and that many have access to
8 health care. We thank you that our city and nonprofit
9 workers are moving towards fairer wages, reflected of
10 the hard and dedicated work they do for all of us.

11 And we thank you in a very basic way that millions
12 and millions of the city are working every day caring
13 for their families, using our parks, riding safely
14 our buses and subways; preparing meals for their
15 apartments; and talking to their neighbors. O' mighty
16 God, I've rambled on too long, and you're busy, and
17 the members of this Council are now turning back to
18 their screens of their devices; so let me end by
19 saying, thank you for the dedication of the members
20 of this council, and ask you your blessing upon them
21 and the people of this great city. Protect them,
22 guide them in integrity for the sake of us all, and
23 let all of us say, amen.

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25 (APPLAUSE)

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. I would like
3 to ask Council Member Keith Powers to spread the
4 Invocation on the record.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you, I want to first
6 welcome Monsignor Sullivan into the Chambers. He has
7 been here many times, and always provides us with
8 great humor, alongside great courage and wisdom. I
9 also want to acknowledge so much of the work that he
10 is doing, alongside Catholic Charities, to help those
11 newcomers who are coming to our country looking for
12 assistance and help, and it is the efforts of
13 Monsignor Sullivan, Catholic Charities, and the
14 community they represent that are providing so much
15 assistance to folks right now. Like a good
16 constituent, he complained about e-bikes, I thought I
17 was going to get away from that for a second, but we
18 are always happy to have him, his service, and the
19 work that he does in my district, and throughout and
20 this city. With that, I would like to make a motion
21 to spread the Invocation in full upon the record, and
22 I want to wish everyone a very belated, but still
23 happy St. Patrick's Day, thank you.

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: We will now the Adoption
25 of the Minutes by Council Member Carlina Rivera.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I make a motion that the
3 minutes of the Stated Meeting of February 28, 2024 be
4 adopted as printed.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Messages and Papers from
6 the Mayor?

7 CLERK: None.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Communications from City,
9 County, and Borough Offices?

10 CLERK: None.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Petitions and
12 Communications?

13 CLERK: None.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Land Use Call-ups?

15 CLERK: M 34

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on call-up votes.

17 I now ask that the clerk take a rollcall vote on
18 today's Land Use Call-ups.

19 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

21 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

9 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye

11 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: (NO RESPONSE)

13 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye, and I am present.

21 CLERK: You got it.

22 Council Member Gennaro?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

2 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

4 CLERK: Thank you.

5 Council Member Hanks?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye... or present...

7 CLERK: Thank you.

8 Council Member Holden?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye

18 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye

20 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye

22 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye

2 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye

4 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye

6 CLERK: Thank you.

7 Council Member Narcisse?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye

9 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Aye

11 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye

13 CLERK: Thank you.

14 Council Member Paladino?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye

18 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye

20 CLERK: Thank you.

21 Council Member Restler?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye

9 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye

11 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Won?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (PARENTAL)

21 CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I ask permission to
3 vote on everything on today's Agenda?

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye on all.

6 CLERK: Thank you.

7 Council Member Borelli?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye

9 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: I vote aye.

11 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

12 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Today's Land Use Call-ups
14 are adopted by a vote of 50 in the affirmative and 0
15 in the negative.

16 We will now have Communications from Speaker
17 Adams.

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: thank you very much, Madam
19 Majority Leader, and good afternoon everyone.

20 Before we begin, I do want to acknowledge the
21 deaths of several New Yorkers over these past few
22 weeks. Last Wednesday, 8-year-old Byron Palomino
23 Arroyo was tragically killed by a driver while
24 crossing the street with his 10-year-old brother in
25 Council Member Moya's district. And on Sunday we

1
2 learned about the deaths of two men who were killed
3 in an apartment fire in Council Member Zhuang's
4 district. Our hearts are with their families, and
5 their loved ones, as well as those of all other New
6 Yorkers lost during this difficult time.

7 Throughout March, the Council has been hosting
8 our preliminary budget hearings to examine agency
9 budgets and the funding needed to support New
10 Yorkers. The hearings continue, and I want to thank
11 all of you for your continued leadership in these
12 hearings as well as our Finance Division staff for
13 their very hard work. I thank members of the public
14 for adding their voices to this important
15 conversation about the needs of our city.

16 I want to give a special shoutout to our
17 Education Chair, Rita Joseph, for her marathon
18 hearing yesterday. (APPLAUSE) From 10:00 a.m. to
19 approximately 11 p.m., you all, the voices of
20 educational professionals, advocates, and most
21 importantly, the children were heard in this chamber,
22 and I thank our Education Chair for her dedication
23 and commitment.

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2 As we continue the budget process for fiscal year
3 2025, I encourage all New Yorkers to continue to stay
4 engaged and provide your critical input.

5 Tonight the Council will host our Annual Women's
6 History Month celebration right here in the People's
7 House. The doors open at 5:30 p.m., and I invite
8 everyone to join us to uplift the contribution of
9 women across the city - you men who get it, please
10 do attend.

11 March 23rd is Pakistan Day, which commemorates
12 the adoption of the Lahore Resolution that led to the
13 formation of the nation of Pakistan, and I join all
14 Pakistani New Yorkers who celebrate this day of
15 freedom and independence.

16 This year Purim is being observed on the evening
17 of March 21st. I want to wish our Jewish friends and
18 neighbors a happy and joyous Purim. Chag Purim
19 sameach.

20 March 25th is Greek Independence Day, and we join
21 our city's vibrant Greek communities in observance of
22 this important celebration.

23 March 25th is also Holi, the Hindu Festival of
24 Colors, I invite all New Yorkers to join us in
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2 celebration of Holi here in the council chambers on
3 Monday evening.

4 March 26th is Bangladesh Independence Day marking
5 the day when Bangladesh established its independence
6 as a nation from Pakistan. The Council is also
7 hosting a Bangladesh Independence Day celebration
8 next Tuesday, so I invite all New Yorkers to join us
9 here celebrating the Bangladeshi community.

10 On March 31st, New Yorkers across the city will
11 celebrate Easter also known as Resurrection Sunday.
12 This season symbolizes renewal and rebirth, and it
13 offers all who celebrate the time to reflect and
14 embark on new beginnings. I want to wish everyone who
15 observes a very happy Easter.

16 Finally, please join me in wishing a happy
17 birthday to Council Member Chi Ossé, who celebrated
18 yesterday, we are glad you made it today. (APPLAUSE)

19 Council Member Lincoln Restler is celebrating his
20 birthday today! (APPLAUSE)

21 And Council Member Nantasha Williams, she'll
22 celebrate on March 29th! Happy Birthday, everybody
23 (APPLAUSE) Two Pisces and an Aries in the house.

24 Now let's move on to our Stated Agenda. Today we
25 will vote on the Following Land Use items:

1
2 East 94th Street Rezoning will facilitate a new
3 40-story mixed-use building with approximately 487
4 housing units, 146 of which are affordable, with
5 commercial and community facilities on the lower
6 floors in Council Member Menin's district. The
7 council is modifying the application to strike MIH
8 Option One and requiring MIH Option 2.

9 Brownsville Arts Center and Apartments, an HPD
10 application for rezoning, an urban development action
11 area designation project approval and disposition of
12 city-owned property to facilitate the development of
13 a nine-story building and Council Member Mealy's
14 district. It will include approximately 283
15 affordable housing units, and over 25,000 square feet
16 of ground floor community facility space to promote
17 local arts and culture.

18 Jennings Hall Expansion will facilitate the
19 development of a new 14-story building to expand the
20 existing Jennings Hall Senior Housing Facility with
21 218 additional new affordable senior housing units
22 and ground floor commercial space in Council Member
23 Jennifer Gutiérrez's district. The Council is
24 modifying the MIH text amendment to remove option
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1 two, requiring MIH option one, and adding the deep
2 affordability option for this project.
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4 And 88-08 Justice Avenue Restrictive Declaration
5 Termination will remove a restriction from a 1973
6 that prohibits commercial uses on the site in Council
7 Member Krishnan's district, which would otherwise be
8 allowed as of right. This will facilitate the
9 conversion of community facility space to commercial
10 use in a portion of a recently completed 18-story
11 mixed-use building.

12 And 21-17 37th Avenue Rezoning will facilitate a
13 new 7-story mixed-use building with manufacturing and
14 commercial uses in Council Member Won's district.

15 Today we'll also vote on the following pieces of
16 legislation:

17 Introduction 349, sponsored by Council Member
18 Sandy Nurse, would clarify that required reports on
19 the removal of individuals experiencing homelessness
20 from public spaces. These services offered and
21 outcomes are to be submitted on a quarterly basis. We
22 thank our staff member Aminta Kilawan.

23 Introduction 228-A, Sponsored by, Council Member
24 Crystal Hudson, would require the New York City
25 Department for the Aging - or DFTA - to make

1 information available to older adults about NYC Care,
2 the NYC Health + Hospitals initiative to provide low
3 or no cost primary health care to income eligible
4 City residents. DFTA would be required to provide
5 eligibility guidelines for the initiative, clarify
6 that it is not based on immigration status, and
7 ensure information is available in paper format and
8 at all locations where DFTA services are provided. We
9 thank our staff members Christopher Pepe, Nicholas
10 Connell, and Saiyemul Hamid.

12 Introduction 45-A, sponsored by Council Member
13 Rita Joseph, would require the Department of
14 Education to report the actual class size of all
15 classes in DOE schools and programs. This bill would
16 also require the DOE to report on a district,
17 borough, and citywide level the number and percentage
18 of students in special programs disaggregated by
19 program type, grade, race, or ethnicity, gender,
20 special education status, and English language
21 learner status. We thank our staff member Nadia Jean-
22 Francois.

23 Resolution 256, sponsored by Council Member
24 Pierina Sanchez, would declare that the continuation
25 of a public emergency that requires rent control

1 beyond April 1, 2024 is necessary to protect the
2 public health, safety, and general welfare of New
3 Yorkers. We thank our staff member Andrew Bourne.

4 And Introduction 653-A, also sponsored by Council
5 Member Sanchez, would declare that there is an
6 ongoing housing emergency to extend the rate
7 stabilization law from expiring on April 1, 2024 to
8 April 1, 2027 based on the declaration of an ongoing
9 housing emergency in New York City. The 2023 Housing
10 and Vacancy Survey found that the citywide rental
11 vacancy rate last year was 1.41%, which is the lowest
12 since 1968. Our city is facing a dire housing crisis
13 underscoring the importance of extending the City's
14 rate rent stabilization law. We thank our staff
15 members Taylor Zelony and Austin Malone.

16 Thank you very much for your attention, and now I
17 turn it back over to our Majority Leader.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Speaker Adams.

19 We will now move into Discussion Of General
20 Orders - seeing no members signed up, we will move
21 along with the Agenda.

22 Report of Special Committees?

23 CLERK: None.
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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Report of Standing
3 Committees?

4 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Aging,
5 Introduction 228-A, New York City Care Program?

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
7 Orders.

8 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Education,
9 Introduction 45-A, Class size reports?

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
11 Orders.

12 CLERK: Report of the Committee on General
13 Welfare, Introduction 249, homelessness reporting?

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

15 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Housing and
16 Buildings, Introduction 653-A, rent stabilization?

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
18 Orders.

19 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use, LU 15
20 and Resolution 295 through LU 17 and Resolution 297,
21 Brownsville Art Center and Apartment?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

23 CLERK: LU 18 and Resolution 298, 88-08 Justice
24 Avenue Restrictive Declaration Termination?

25 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

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2 CLERK: LUs 24 and 25, Jennings Hall Expansion?

3 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with modifications and
4 referred to the City Planning Commission Section 197-
5 d of the New York City Charter.

6 CLERK: LU 26 and Resolution 299, 1-17 37th Avenue
7 Rezoning?

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

9 CLERK: LUs 27 and 28 East 94th Street Rezoning?

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with Modifications and
11 Referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to
12 Section 197-(d) of the New York City Charter.

13 CLERK: General Orders Calendar, LU 24 and
14 Resolution 300 and LU 25 and Resolution 301, Jennings
15 Hall Expansion?

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

17 CLERK: LU 27 and Resolution 302 and LU 28 and
18 Resolution 303, East 94th Street Rezoning?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

20 I now ask that the clerk take a rollcall vote on
21 all of the items coupled on today's General Orders
22 Calander.

23 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

9 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Aye

11 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye on all.

17 CLERK: Thank you.

18 Council Member Carr?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: No on Introduction 653-A and
20 aye on the rest.

21 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye

25 CLERK: Thank you

2 Council Member Feliz?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye

4 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

6 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

8 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

10 CLERK: Thank you

11 Council Member Hanks?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

21 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Permission to explain my
9 vote, Majority Leader?

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Sorry can you repeat?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: I... just permission to
12 explain my vote?

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Great, thank you.

15 After extensive negotiations, I'm happy to vote
16 in favor of the first mandatory inclusionary housing
17 project on the Upper East Side. I want to mention
18 that in 2022 there were only 14 new affordable
19 housing units that were built in my district. The
20 East 94 Street rezoning will lead to an over 1,000%
21 increase in the number of affordable units. We were
22 able to negotiate two important concepts that are
23 traditionally at odds - increasing the number of
24 affordable units and ensuring that the building
25 height is contextual. We were able to achieve both.

1 Most importantly, we increased the number of
2 affordable housing units by 29.3% going from 113
3 affordable units to 146 permanently affordable units.
4 And we decreased the height from 484 feet to 414
5 feet, a 15% reduction to make the building more
6 contextual. We secured a commitment for new open
7 green space, a child care center on the ground floor
8 and, the creation of a community task force to
9 address construction mitigation, as well as an
10 agreement to work with the City on using housing
11 vouchers to increase affordability on this project as
12 well as entering labor agreements with 32BJ and the
13 agreement to negotiate with the Carpenters Union.
14 Amidst an ongoing affordable housing crisis in the
15 city, these are very significant steps forward a more
16 equitable and sustainable future for the neighborhood
17 that is in dire need of affordable housing.

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19 I want to thank Council Member Kevin Riley, and
20 Council Member Rafael Salamanca, and the entire
21 Council Land Use team for their assistance on this.
22 And with that, I vote aye on all.

23 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

25 CLERK: Thank you

2 Council Member Narcisse?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye

4 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

6 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

18 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Aye on all.

20 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

22 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

2 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye

4 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye

6 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye

8 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

10 CLERK: Council Member Won?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (PARENTAL)

12 CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote no on 653-A and

18 aye on all (sic).

19 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.

21 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All items on today's

24 General Orders Calendar are adopted by a vote of 50

25 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0

2 abstentions; with the exception of Introduction 653-
3 A, which was adopted a vote of 48 in the affirmative,
4 2 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

5 Introduction and Reading of Bills?

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been referred to
7 committees as indicated on today's Agenda.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

9 We will now move into the Discussion of
10 Resolutions. Seeing no one signed up and no
11 Resolutions... Sorry, seeing no one signed up, we
12 will now have a voice vote on today's Resolution.

13 If you wish to vote against or abstain from
14 today's Resolution, please notify the Legislative
15 Documents Unit by email or by approaching the dais.

16 I will now read today's Resolution into the
17 record:

18 Resolution 256 Determining that a public
19 emergency requiring rent control in the City of New
20 York continues to exist and will continue to exist on
21 and after April 1, 2024.

22 Would all those in favor say aye?

23 ALL IN FAVOR: Aye

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say nay?

25 ALL OPPOSED: (SILENT)

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

3 ALL: [SILENT]

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

5 We will now move into General Discussion. I would
6 like to call and recognize Council Member Louis,
7 followed by Council Member Lee, then Council Member
8 Joseph.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: (NO RESPONSE)

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I would now like to
11 recognize Council Member Lee.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: (NO RESPONSE)

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I would now like to
14 recognize Council Member Lee.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Thank you.

16 Good afternoon, Madam Speaker, Majority Leader
17 and colleagues. Today it is my pleasure to introduce
18 Introduction 690, which would create a mental health
19 first aid program, a publicly accessible training
20 that would equip New Yorkers with the tools to
21 identify and respond to the early signs of mental
22 health and substance use disorders. A previous
23 version was launched in 2016 with the previous
24 Administration and trained more than 155,000 New
25 Yorkers - at its peak 25 City agencies were involved

1 and trainings were offered every day of the week in
2 multiple languages. Our Mental Health crisis has
3 become even more severe after this program was
4 suspended in early 2020 because of the pandemic.
5 Four years have passed, but we have yet to see the
6 return of this training. Community based
7 organizations that received this guidance years ago
8 talked about all sorts of cultural and organizational
9 changes, they more proactively and frequently
10 corrected misperceptions about mental health; they
11 developed their own training and created instructors
12 within their own organizations to provide culturally
13 competent care to their communities. And then there
14 are the practical benefits, all the emergency room
15 visits that have been averted, lives saved - 90% of
16 surveyed trainees use these skills in the past six
17 months, and on average they helped approximately four
18 individuals each. Based on all these self-reports,
19 about 6,000 people were assisted and guided by
20 trainees to more specialized help. I was a leader of
21 a nonprofit that served the immigrant community, and
22 I'm a witness to this kind of program. I saw
23 firsthand how it benefited community and religious
24 leaders, and our staff, who had the most face-to-face
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2 time with New Yorkers experiencing crisis. I hope
3 you'll join me in bringing this program back to
4 create a real kind of social emotional support, thank
5 you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. I would now
7 like to recognize Council Member Louis, followed by
8 Council Member Joseph, and Council Member Avilés.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Speaker and
10 Madame Majority Leader, for the opportunity to
11 discuss five bills I would like to introduce today.

12 The first two in honor of Women's "Herstory"
13 Month, though we know every day is Women's Herstory
14 Day. Resolution 282, designating March 24th annually
15 as Women of Color In Tech in the city of New York to
16 recognize their contributions, especially women of
17 color to the technology industry and acknowledge
18 their challenges that they face; Resolution 280
19 designating November 30th annually as Shirley
20 Chisholm Day in the city of New York to recognize her
21 contributions as an educator, activist, and elected
22 official who served the people of New York City with
23 passion and dignity; additionally, Introduction 691 a
24 Local Law in relation to annual reporting on racial
25 and gender disparities in STEM education for high

1 school students; Resolution 281 calling on the
2 Mayor's Office to identify and implement measures to
3 reduce disparities faced by businesses owned by women
4 of color in obtaining and fulfilling public
5 contracts; and lastly Resolution 283 calling on the
6 MTA to train and provide non-law enforcement
7 personnel to work in the subway system to handle
8 issues with mentally ill customers. We acknowledge
9 this month as honoring women like Shirley Chisholm,
10 an outspoken champion for economic justice and racial
11 gender equity, yet for far too long women have faced
12 obstacles and barriers hindering their ability to
13 flourish in education, politics, and the municipal
14 workforce - and in business. According to the New
15 York City Comptroller's 2022 Report, only 29% of tech
16 workers were women, a much lower share than the rest
17 of the overall workforce. In addition, women
18 entrepreneurs in the tech industry are outnumbered
19 three to one by men, and women-founded companies
20 still have fewer private funding opportunities. We
21 continue to witness gender disparities across various
22 sectors as women only comprise about 27% of the tech
23 workforce, with women of color making up less than
24 5%. This mirrors the disparities girls face in STEM
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2 education. According to the NYC Comptroller's (TIMER
3 CHIMES)... sorry I'll finish here... 2024 Annual
4 Report on MWBE procurement in FY 23, only 5% of the
5 40 billion in City contracts went to businesses owned
6 by women and people of color. I hope my colleagues
7 could sign on to these bills, thank you, Madam
8 Majority Leader.

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council Member
10 Louis.

11 I would now like to recognize Council Member
12 Joseph, followed by Council Member Avilés, and then
13 Council Member Narcisse.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you, Madam Speaker
15 and thank you Majority Leader.

16 I rise today in solidarity with brothers and
17 sisters in Haiti as they endure troubling times. As a
18 Haitian American member of the New York City Council
19 who represents a large Haitian constituency in the
20 40th District in Brooklyn, my heart is with Haiti.
21 The escalation of gang violence and the trafficking
22 of guns into Haiti - which is a country that does not
23 manufacture weapons - has created lawlessness and
24 political instability that has brought immense
25 suffering to the Haitian people. Innocent lives are

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2 being lost daily to sexual violence against women and
3 girls, mindless acts of brutality and bloodshed in
4 the very neighborhoods we once called home. The
5 criminal gangs perpetrating the reign of terror must
6 be dismantled along with the accomplices who made
7 their terror possible. The harrowing images and
8 stories emerging from Port-au-Prince and beyond are
9 stained on our collective conscience - mothers unable
10 to feed their children, hospitals forced to turn away
11 the injured, and families trapped in crossfires with
12 no safe refuge. This is not the Haiti we dreamed of
13 for our brothers and sisters and loved ones who are
14 still there. This proud nation, the first free Black
15 republic in the world, that inspired movements of
16 liberation worldwide, now teeters towards an abyss of
17 chaos perpetrated by power hungry and corrupts. We
18 cannot stand idly by as the Haitian people,
19 democratic aspirations, and very lives are
20 threatened. This is why I'm joining the resounding
21 calls from the Haitian diaspora and human rights
22 advocates across the globe for immediate assistance
23 for humanitarian aid facilitate truly free, fair and
24 credible elections demobilized by gangs and
25 trafficking of weapons into Haiti, and terrorizing

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2 the population. So we send a lot of light and love to
3 the Haitian people today, thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member Avilés,
5 followed by Council Member Narcisse, then Council
6 Member Mealy.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Good afternoon,
8 colleagues.

9 Today I'm introducing Resolution 271 in support
10 of the goals set forth by Electrify New York, a
11 statewide coalition of advocates for environmental
12 justice.

13 As the coalition is focused on equitable
14 transition as we shift to a green economy, among
15 their goals are, number one, reducing ground
16 transportation emissions by more than 50% by 2035;
17 number two, ensuring that as the MTA transitions
18 their bus fleet to zero emissions, there is an
19 equitable rollout that prioritizes low-income
20 communities of color that have borne the brunt of
21 emissions for decades; and number three, advancing
22 state level legislation that encourages a just
23 transition and that holds last mile facility
24 operators responsible for truck emissions. I
25 encourage you, colleagues, to please sign in and

2 don't miss out on the opportunity to get 100% on your
3 green card, Council Member Bottcher (LAUGHTER), thank
4 you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Council Member Narcisse,
6 followed by Council Member Mealy, and lastly Council
7 Member Carr.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you, Madame
9 Majority Leader, and thank you, Madame Speaker.

10 I want to express my deepest thanks to all my
11 colleagues and friends who have reached out to offer
12 their words of encouragement during the ongoing
13 situation in Haiti. Growing up in Haiti a bit, I can
14 personally attest to the abundance of beautiful
15 resources and all the possessions that Haiti.. all
16 the natural beauty. And if you have question that I
17 know natural beauty, I do, it is unparallel when it
18 comes to Haiti. And its people are resilient,
19 vibrant, and kind. And during the darkest times, they
20 still remain beautiful... want to help, want to solve
21 problems. As the proverb goes (SPEAKING FOREIGN
22 LANGUAGE) Beyond Every Mountain, There's Another
23 Mountain, that's what happened. Haitians have endured
24 their fair share of hardships and challenges. And it
25 seems that we are facing one of our toughest moments

1 yet with a non-existent government and widespread
2 control by gang (INAUDIBLE), hunger and despair - all
3 hospitals closed, all schools are closed, with many
4 families across the nation. Now more than ever, it is
5 imperative that Haitians themselves take the lead in
6 shaping the future of our nation with a median age...
7 can you imagine that 23 years old, they can work they
8 can do things. Haiti boasts on one of the youngest
9 populations in the western hemisphere; therefore, a
10 meaningful solution to our challenges must actively
11 involve the perceptive and contribution of the youth
12 (sic). Nevertheless, we cannot overcome these
13 obstacles alone. I appeal to the international
14 community to come together to swiftly and provide
15 sincere... when I mean sincere... because Haiti has
16 a lot of natural resources - believe it or not,
17 because I spoke to an architect, engineer, people
18 that have been engaged... archaeologist and all..
19 Support much is needed from our brothers and sisters,
20 please don't stay silent, because, that's as my
21 colleagues just mentioned, the first (TIMER CHIMES)
22 Black republic that actually talked about freedom.
23 Together, let us pave the many brighter, more helpful
24 future of those Haitian people. We are a proud nation
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2 but, unfortunately, we find ourself in a bind again,
3 thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

5 Council Member Carr? Oh, I'm sorry, Council
6 Member Mealy, then Council Member Carr.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Thank you, Madam Chair.

8 I want to thank Speaker Adams, Majority Leader,
9 Chair Salamanca, Chair Hanks, and all my colleagues.
10 Today we are doing my Brownsville Art Center and
11 Apartment application; we was we were able to
12 increase the number of apartments available to the
13 lowest income households those at 30% AMI and those
14 set aside for formerly homeless. The community asked
15 for larger apartments, we were able to get HPD to
16 commit to increasing the size of all the apartments,
17 including substantially increasing the size of the
18 living rooms in the apartments. It is important that
19 the community be able to have the space in the
20 building... to ask HPD to give the CBOs 20 hours per
21 month free to the community. I want to thank HPD for
22 doing that.

23 And as the community knows, parking is a
24 challenge in my district, and they have committed to
25 releasing a Parking Study/Loading Study at the end of

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2 the month. As a preliminary commitment, they have
3 agreed to make ten new onsite overnight parking
4 spaces available on East New York Avenue and on
5 Dumont Avenue.

6 Finally, I am proud that this project celebrates
7 the talent of Brownsville Community by including
8 space for the arts and culture organizations that are
9 the lifeblood of this community. I have no doubt that
10 the Brownsville Art Center will generate
11 opportunities for so many of my community members and
12 the youth who are interested in art, dance, and
13 music. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting
14 this project. Thank you, again, Madam Speaker.

15 And I want to just ask everyone to wish Miss
16 (TIMER CHIMES) Carolyn Jarrod (phonetic) of Hugh Ed
17 Gilroy Senior Center a happy 102nd birthday today!

18 (APPLAUSE) Thank you!

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Council Member
20 Mealy.

21 I would now like to call on Council Member Carr.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Majority Leader.

23 I just want to state for the record of this
24 proceeding that today is St Joseph's Day, and it's a
25 great day of significance to many Christians, and of

1 course Italian Americans across the city of New York.
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3 And so, on behalf of the Italian Caucus, I want to
4 wish all workers, all the dads, and all the Joes out
5 there, a very happy feast day, buona festa to all.

6 Also of interest, we concluded our second annual
7 St Joseph's Day pastry contest, and once again, Tutto
8 Calcio from Council Member Paladino's district won
9 the cannoli section; and I'm pleased to report that
10 Mark's Bake Shoppe, from my district won, the custard
11 zeppole section. So, a great day for Queens And
12 Staten Island - not a Queens sweep this time,
13 (LAUGHTER) but we look forward to having this contest
14 again next year. Buona Festa, Happy St Joseph's Day
15 to all. (APPLAUSE)

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you for that
17 Council Member Carr. My dad's a Joe, so I will eat a
18 cannoli for him.

19 I will now on Speaker Adrienne Adams to close
20 today's Stated Meeting.

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: No sweeter way to do this, Council
22 Member Carr! Thank you very much, the Stated Meeting
23 of March 19, 2024 is hereby adjourned.
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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.



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