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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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December 15, 2021
Start: 1:55 p.m.
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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Corey D. Johnson
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne Adams
Alicka Ampry-Samuel
Diana Ayala
Inez D. Barron
Joseph Borelli
Justin Brannan
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
Tiffany Cabàn
Fernando Cabrera
David M. Carr
Margaret S. Chin
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.
Laurie A. Cumbo
Ruben Diaz, Sr.
Darma V. Diaz
Eric Dinowitz
Daniel Dromm
Mathieu Eugene
Oswald Feliz
James F. Gennaro
Deborah L. Gibson

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

Council Members:

Mark S. Gjonaj
Barry S. Grodenchik
Robert F. Holden
Ben Kallos
Peter A. Koo
Karen Koslowitz
Brad S. Lander
Stephen T. Levin
Mark Levine
Farah N. Louis
Alan N. Maisel
Carlos Menchaca
I. Daneek Miller
Francisco P. Moya
Bill Perkins
Keith Powers
Antonio Reynoso
Kevin C. Riley
Carlina Rivera
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Deborah L. Rose
Helen K. Rosenthal
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.
Mark Treyger
Eric A. Ulrich
Paul A. Vallone
James G. Van Bramer
Inna Vernikov
Kalman Yeger

A P P E A R A N C E S

Reverend Mark Erson
Pastor and Spiritual Leader at St. John's
Lutheran Church

2 SERGEANT SADOWSKI: Hey Joanne, I just
3 got word from Carl that they are all set in the
4 Chambers.

5 At this time will Sergeants please start
6 their recordings.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Testing, testing. Ladies
8 and gentlemen, can I have your attention please. At
9 this time, will all Council Members please take their
10 respective seats. Quiet on the floor please. Quiet
11 on the floor please.

12 SERGEANT SADOWSKI: Good afternoon and
13 welcome to today's New York City Council Stated
14 Meeting. At this time, would all panelists please
15 turn on their video. To minimize disruption, please
16 place electronic devices on vibrate or silent mode.
17 Thank you for your cooperation, we are ready to
18 begin.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen,
20 please turn all electronic devices, all electronic
21 devices to vibrate. Madam Majority Leader.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Good afternoon
23 and welcome to the final Stated Meeting of December
24 15, 2021. I am Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo and I'd
25 like to thank you all for joining us today. If you

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2 would like to follow along, the agenda for today's
3 meeting is posted on our website.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Please join us for the
5 Pledge Allegiance.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: All rise.

7 [EVERYONE] I pledge allegiance to the
8 flag of the United States of America and to the
9 Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God,
10 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you and now
12 do roll call.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Blessed and
21 present.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers? Cabàn

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÀN: Present.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Present.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Carr? Chin?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Present.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Present.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Darma Diaz?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Present.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Ruben Diaz? Dinowitz?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Present.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Presente.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Gibson?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: For the last

22 time, present.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Still here.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos? Koo?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Lander? Levin?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Louis?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Here.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Miller?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Present.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Moya?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Carr?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Present.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Perkins? Powers?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Present.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Present.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Riley?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Presente.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Rose?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Treyger?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich? Vallone? Levin?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Vernikov? Vernikov?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Present.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Yeger?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Here.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo?

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Present.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I'm here.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We have a quorum.

12 We will now have today's innovation, which will be
13 delivered by the Reverend Mark Erson who's been
14 waiting very patiently. Pastor and Spiritual Leader
15 at St. John's Lutheran Church, located at 81
16 Christopher Street in Manhattan. We are so happy to
17 welcome you here today to the New York City Council
18 once again.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: All rise.

20 REVEREND MARK ERSON: Thank you Madam
21 Majority Leader, Mr. Speaker, members of City
22 Council. Whether on screen or in this Chamber, it's
23 always a blessing and an honor to be with you. The
24 days are growing shorter still. For too many, the
25 long nights are not only seen with their eyes but

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2 felt in their spirits. In the midst of celebrating
3 festivals of light and of awaiting the birth of new
4 light, we strive and struggle to audaciously hold on
5 to hope for our own good and for the greater good.

6 And so, we pray. Creator of light who
7 renews and sustains the light within us, shine on and
8 in us this day. Illumine right paths with your
9 wisdom. Warm the cold corners where suffering hides.
10 We especially remember those who have died this past
11 year. Those who continue to mourn the loss of that
12 light in their lives. We also walk with those
13 traversing dark valleys brought on by last week's
14 devastating storms.

15 Inspire us also to look back at the year
16 with thanksgiving. In the midst of our gratitude, we
17 give thanks for those in this Chamber whose terms are
18 coming to an end. Who have selflessly served, who
19 have worked tirelessly to shine light of reform and
20 recovery for the sake of this city and for people.
21 Bless and guide them in their new chapters and
22 adventures. For those who continue, refresh them and
23 prepare those who will begin their terms of service
24 in the new year.

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2 Now we pray, bless this time. Open
3 hearts and minds to the light that will lead to
4 decisions that shine with justice for all. With
5 mercy for those in need. With courage to stand with
6 the powerless. And with the spirit that brings
7 people together in community. In the name of peace
8 and with great joy we pray. Amen.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Amen. Thank you
10 so much Reverend Erson for that very timely and
11 appropriate prayer as we are coming to the
12 culmination of an incredible year. I would now like
13 to ask Speaker Corey Johnson to spread the Invocation
14 onto the record.

15 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Thank you Madam
16 Majority Leader. I want to thank of course Reverend
17 Mark E. Erson for being with us once again today. It
18 is an honor to have you here and we thank you for all
19 the times you have joined us at the New York City
20 Council. It's appropriate that you're here at the
21 final Stated Meeting of this Council. A Native New
22 Yorker born in Staten Island. Reverend Mark Erson
23 has served as Pastor at St. John's in my district
24 since 2011. Since then, he has done so much good for

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2 the West Village and the LGBTQ community, including
3 helping homeless, LGBTQ youth.

4 Many young people have families that have
5 shun them for coming out. They need people like
6 Reverend Mark Erson to lift them up and remind them
7 of how truly perfect they are. Reverend Erson has
8 given back to our city in so many ways, including as
9 a teacher, a theatre artist and an advocate for our
10 most vulnerable and I am really grateful that we have
11 him as a leader in our community, and I am honored
12 that you are here today. You've joined us many times
13 but I'm really honored that you're here today.

14 I make a motion for unanimous consent;
15 the Invocation be spread in full upon the record.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
17 Speaker Johnson. We will now have the Adoption of
18 Minutes by Council Member Mark Gjonaj.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Thank you
20 Majority Leader. I make the motion that the minutes
21 of the Stated Meeting on November 23, 2021, be
22 Adopted as printed.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
24 much. We will now have messages and papers from the
25 Mayor.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered M 0358,
3 Submission of Gail Nayowith for appointment to the
4 Board of Health.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Rules, privileges and
6 elections.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Communication
8 from City, County and Borough Offices.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered M's 0359
10 and 0360 Budget Modifications.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Finance.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Petition and
13 Communication.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Land Use Call-
16 Ups.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: M 0361, 415 Madison
18 Avenue.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on a Call Up
20 Vote. At this time, I ask the Clerk to take a roll
21 call vote on today's Land Use Call Up. Again, we're
22 just voting on Land Use Call Ups at this time.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Adams
3 votes aye. Ampry-Samuel?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ampry-
6 Samuel votes aye. Ayala?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ayala
9 votes aye. Barron?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye and is
11 this the time when I can ask for permission for
12 unanimous consent to vote on all items or is that
13 later?

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes, it is.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: This is now,
16 okay. I ask for consent, unanimous consent to vote
17 on all Land Use Call Ups and general calendar items.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
19 granted.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. I
21 vote aye on all with the exception of 918 and 919 and
22 the accompanying Resolutions and I vote aye on all
23 the other items. That's a no on 918 and 919 and aye
24 on all other items. And you may know that I don't
25 generally do this and I'm normally here till the end

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2 but we are acknowledging the fact that Charles's
3 mother Daisy Barron has passed. She was 96-years-old
4 and she has made her transition.

5 And I just want to say to the body that
6 it's been an honor to serve with you these past eight
7 years representing Starrett City East New York,
8 Brownsville, Canarsie, and I took it as a
9 responsibility for all of those African Americans who
10 have been enslaved to represent them to the best of
11 my ability. To cast my votes to honor them and if
12 I've been successful in that, I'm happy. And if
13 there's been in any glory in that, all of the glory
14 goes to God.

15 And I'm confident that the new body that
16 will be serving will do a great job, a fantastic job
17 and I'm also pleased that Council Member Charles
18 Barron will be returning and will continue the fight
19 that launched to have free tuition restored to CUNY.
20 So, with that, I give you all my blessings and wish
21 you all well. Thank you so much.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council
23 Member Barron and our condolences to you and to
24 Council Member Elect Charles Barron.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: And it has been
3 an honor to serve with you and you have certainly
4 been the voice of consciousness in this body. We
5 will miss you and we thank you for your service.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I appreciate.
7 All my love to all of you. Thank you, God Bless.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Brannan
12 votes aye. Council Member Brooks-Powers?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Brooks-
15 Powers votes aye. Cabàn?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÀN: Aye.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Carr?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Carr votes
22 aye. Chin?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Chin votes
25 aye. Cornegy?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Cornegy?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you sir. Council
6 Member Darma Diaz?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Darma Diaz
9 votes aye. Council Member Ruben Diaz? Dinowitz?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz
12 votes aye. Dromm? Eugene?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Eugene
15 votes aye. Feliz? Gennaro?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Gibson?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Gibson
20 votes aye. Gjonaj?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: I vote aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Grodenchik
25 votes aye. Holden?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Holden

4 votes aye. Kallos?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Koo?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Koo votes

9 aye. Koslowitz?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Koslowitz

12 votes aye. Lander?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Lander

15 votes aye. Levin?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Levin vote

18 aye. Levine?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Levine

21 votes aye. Louis?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Louis

24 votes aye. Maisel?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Maisel
3 votes yes. Menchaca?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Miller?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Yes.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Miller
8 votes yes. Moya?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Perkins? Powers?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Powers
13 votes aye. Reynoso?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I vote aye.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you Riley?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Uhm, Majority
17 Leader, may I have permission to vote on all the Land
18 Use Call Ups and General Orders please?

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Seeing no
20 objections, permission granted.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you Majority
22 Leader. First and foremost, I would like to thank
23 all of you for an amazing year. I started off in
24 January and you all have been a blessing to my
25 journey as an elected official. I stayed back and

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2 watched you all and learned so much from you and I
3 hope to carry out your legacy moving forward for the
4 next eight years. God Bless you all in the endeavors
5 that you will take on moving forward and I vote aye
6 on all. Thank you.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rivera
11 votes aye. Rodriguez? Council Member Rodriguez,
12 would you kindly use the – we're going to get a
13 microphone to you. Thank you.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I would like
15 permission to vote on all general calendar.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: You're leaving
17 us?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Seeing no
20 objections.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Before I do
22 that, vote, I would like to say thank you to all the
23 colleagues, [INAUDIBLE 17:07]and we did it. And we
24 don't have to see things [INAUDIBLE 17:15]. But one
25 thing that I know is that this is the most

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2 progressive class that we have in the history of New
3 York City Council. Four year of moving a lot of
4 agenda that we saw impossible in the past and also,
5 we have learned how to be [INAUDIBLE 17:33]. We got
6 to learn that we don't have to agree on everything
7 but we respect each other. I know that the next
8 class coming will be even more progressive than us.
9 And progressive, that's good to become progressive.
10 People that have been raised fighting for social
11 justice.

12 So, it has been a great honor and
13 [SPEAKING IN SPANISH 17:55-18:05]. Thank you Speaker
14 for your leadership and all your support. And with
15 that, I vote aye.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Council
17 Member Rose?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rose votes
20 aye. Rosenthal? Council Member Rosenthal?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I vote aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Council
23 Member Salamanca?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Council
3 Member Treyger?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Treyger
6 votes aye.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich:?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Yes.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ulrich
10 votes yes. Vallone? Van Bramer?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Van Bramer
13 votes aye. Vernikov?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Vernikov
16 votes aye. Yeger?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Yeger
19 votes aye. Borelli?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Minority Leader Borelli
22 votes aye. Cumbo?

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote aye.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Majority Leader Cumbo
25 votes aye. And Speaker Johnson?

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Okay, all Land

5 Use Call Ups were adopted in the affirmative in a

6 vote of 46 in the affirmative, zero negative and zero

7 abstentions.

8 We will now have communication from

9 Speaker Corey Johnson.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you Madam

11 Majority Leader. Good afternoon everyone. Happy

12 Wednesday, welcome to today's Stated Meeting. The

13 last Stated Meeting of this City Council's

14 legislative session. As I usually do, I want to

15 remind all members that masks are required to be worn

16 throughout the Stated, even when speaking.

17 Today, we're voting on 28 Bills and 13

18 Resolutions. Among the Bills is one to ban the use

19 of gas in new buildings, helping us transition to a

20 greener future. This legislation is part of our

21 efforts to protect our environment and to reach

22 carbon neutrality by the year 2050. Also, as

23 prepared food is a growing part of New Yorkers diets,

24 this afternoon we're voting on a bill to require

25 added sugar notification in the menu of chain

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2 restaurants and we're voting on summer rezoning's
3 including the SOHO neighborhood plan.

4 Before we go any further, I want to wish
5 you, your family and friends a very happy holiday
6 season. I want to congratulate the amazing New York
7 City Football Club for winning the 2021 Major League
8 Soccer Cup. This is their first MLS Championship in
9 the Clubs history, so congratulations to NYCFC. And
10 as we head into the winter holidays and into the
11 winter months, I want to remind everyone to be
12 vigilant as we continue to battle COVID-19. The
13 death toll in the United States is about to reach
14 another tragic milestone. We are close to reaching
15 800,000 deaths from COVID-19 in our country and 75
16 percent of those have died, approximately 600,000
17 were 65 years or older.

18 As of December 14th, we have lost 34,922
19 New Yorkers to COVID. I hope that you and your
20 families stay safe and well. I also want to take a
21 moment to acknowledge other important losses in our
22 city. I'm sad to say that we have had another death
23 from 911 related illnesses. We mourn the death of
24 retired NYPD Detective Terence Terry Mulvey. Retired
25 Detective Mulvey died on December 1st at 62-years of

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2 age. I also want to remember those who lost their
3 lives on the job. Yesterday, Delivery Worker Fadhl
4 Moosa was shot and killed by an armed robber. He was
5 working inside of a deli in Crown Heights Brooklyn
6 when he was killed. He was 20-years-old.

7 And on December 10th, we lost Diego
8 Rodriguez Celi. Diego was a Window Washer who was
9 working on a high rise building in Brooklyn when he
10 tragically fell to his death. He was 34-years-old.
11 This weekend we had devastating news that several
12 tornados ripped through parts of Arkansas, Illinois,
13 Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee killing
14 more than 70 people. The tornado's killed several
15 people working the Friday night shift at the Candle
16 Factory in Mayfield Kentucky and at least six at an
17 Amazon warehouse in Illinois. I want to take this
18 moment to send our deepest condolences to the
19 families and friends of those killed. And yesterday,
20 we marked the nine year anniversary of the Sandy Hook
21 Elementary School shooting. We are still grieving
22 for the 20 children and six educators whose lives
23 were taken away from their families and friends.
24 Sandy Hook was one of the deadliest school shootings
25 in our nations history but as we work to reform our

2 gun laws, school shootings like the recent one in
3 Michigan continue. So, if we could please rise and
4 have a moment of silence for all of those that we
5 have lost. Thank you.

6 Before we jump into our docket for the
7 day, I want to wish the best to Nadia Johnson, a
8 Senior Policy Analyst who is leaving the City
9 Council. We thank her for many contributions to our
10 efforts to create and implement meaningful food
11 policy and to encourage a green and sustainable
12 agenda. We wish her luck in her future endeavors.
13 We also want to say goodbye to Rebecca Chasan, the
14 Senior Counsel in the Finance Division after seven
15 and a half years in the Council. We thank her for
16 her work that she has done on the budget, through the
17 capital process. Thank you Rebecca [APPLAUSE]. As
18 well as her work on legislation to help low-income
19 and vulnerable home owners. Best of luck Rebecca,
20 thank you for everything.

21 Today, we're also saying goodbye to Amy
22 Levitan who has been at the Council – she has been at
23 the Council for 36 years in the Land Use Division.
24 [APPLAUSE] 36 years. Amy has literally worked – she
25 has literally worked on projects in every

2 neighborhood in New York City and has been an
3 incredible mentor to so many staff members. A
4 trusted advisor to hundreds of Council Members and
5 speakers. Few people represent the profession of
6 public service as well as Amy does, so I want to
7 thank her for her incredible contributions to our
8 city and to the City Council. Thank you very much
9 Amy for everything. [APPLAUSE]

10 We are also bidding farewell to Julie
11 Lubin, the General Counsel in the Land Use Division.
12 Julie has been with the Council for six years and has
13 worked tirelessly to navigate the complicated legal
14 issues in the world of land use. Working on
15 everything from the East Midtown Rezoning to the
16 creation of MIH, the closure of Rikers Island. Julie
17 has been incredible. Is she with us? Is she in
18 here? Is she upstairs? Julie, thank you so much. A
19 big round of applause for Julie as well. [APPLAUSE]

20 And last, and last but certainly not
21 least, I want to extend my warmest wishes and my
22 deep, deep gratitude for someone who each one of us
23 know, I want to thank Latonia McKinney, the Director
24 of the City Council's Finance Division. [APPLAUSE]
25 Who is leaving the Council after 23 years of service,

2 23 years. Latonia started at the City Council in
3 1998 and has worked under five speakers. She has
4 held nearly every position within the Finance
5 Division, starting as an Analyst and working her way
6 up to Director. A position she has held for the past
7 eight years. Latonia has helped every single one of
8 us individually in this room with our budget
9 priorities and our discretionary allocations. She
10 has also helped the entire body and our city
11 immensely by ensuring that we pass a fair, balanced,
12 equitable and responsible budget every single year.
13 Latonia, the City Council is deeply grateful for your
14 23 years of service. Thank you for everything you
15 have done and we will miss you. [APPLAUSE]

16 This is my last Stated Meeting as Speaker
17 of the New York City Council. Nearly eight years
18 ago, I raised my hand and took the oath of office to
19 serve as Council Member for District 3 and four years
20 ago, I had the incredible honor as being elected as
21 Speaker of this body. The opportunity to work
22 alongside each of you on behalf of our neighborhoods
23 and the city's most vulnerable has been one of the
24 most unbelievable experiences of my life.

2 At this point, I'm sure you all have
3 heard me use a motto that I learned from my mom. Do
4 the most good for the people who need it the most.
5 That's the creed that I have tried to live by and
6 that I've used to shape the work that we have all
7 done together. To uplift our communities to help the
8 most vulnerable. And the past four years haven't
9 always made that easy for us. In fact, we have faced
10 unprecedented challenges from the threats posed by
11 the Trump Administration to the COVID-19 global
12 pandemic, the horrific murder of George Floyd and the
13 worldwide reckoning of racial injustice that
14 followed.

15 Despite those challenges, and sometimes
16 because of them, we strove every day to address the
17 historic circumstances facing our beloved city. The
18 Council passed a record breaking, the most number in
19 a single session, a record breaking 719 Bills over
20 the last four years. Many of those initiatives that
21 we advanced, like the open streets plan, outdoor
22 dining, the streets master plan will transform every
23 day life in this city for years to come. The Climate
24 Mobilization Act, ending qualified immunities,
25 creating homeless set asides, increasing voucher

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2 rates, tackling some of the biggest issues facing not
3 just New York but the issues that our country and our
4 world face. And still others, the let's go in
5 securing our future reports, charting a road map for
6 our city's future. We weren't afraid to take bold
7 action to significantly reduce carbon emissions and
8 to ensure that Rikers Island eventually closes.

9 We fought for the most vulnerable with
10 fair fares and changed the conversation around our
11 city's streets. We even convinced the Mayor to put a
12 bike lane on the Brooklyn Bridge, which is really a
13 win for the thousands of people who walk across that
14 bridge every single day. And in addition to these
15 large accomplishments that have changed the entire
16 city of New York for decades to come, we have also
17 each one of us, dedicated ourselves to serving our
18 districts and our constituents, the people that sent
19 us here. We help them with problems ranging from
20 overflowing waste baskets and traffic congestion to
21 helping our unsheltered neighbors and navigating
22 bureaucratic red tape.

23 Together, we built and maintained tens of
24 thousands of units of affordable housing for our
25 neighborhoods and fought for our beloved small

2 businesses. But we also stood in the streets with
3 seniors being harassed out of their lifelong homes.
4 We built and renovated schools, community centers,
5 and parks that will stand for generations. We also
6 danced with our neighborhoods in those parks at block
7 parties.

8 I am so proud of everything that we have
9 been able to accomplish together for our districts
10 and our city. It has been the privilege of a
11 lifetime to serve as Speaker of the City Council and
12 I am humbled by the work that we have done
13 collectively together. I will always cherish the
14 friendships that I have made here and I am grateful
15 for your support over the years.

16 I want to take a moment to acknowledge
17 and thank the hundreds of staff members, hundreds
18 both here and in our district offices across the
19 city. Now, I can't name all of the folks that have
20 served here at the Council and I'm just going to name
21 a few and if I don't name you, it doesn't mean I
22 don't love you. But I want to first of all thank the
23 Chief of Staff for the City Council Jason Goldman for
24 everything that he has done over the last four years.
25 [APPLAUSE] I want to thank someone that everyone

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2 knows in this building Ms. Cecile Scott. [APPLAUSE]
3 She takes care of us all. She is the best. I love
4 her immensely. One of my favorite human beings on
5 this planet is Cecile Scott. I want to thank someone
6 who has been with me almost every day for the last
7 four years and almost the last eight years. I want
8 to thank Sean Coughlin, who has been by my side. I
9 want to thank Ebony Meeks, my Deputy Chief of Staff.
10 Thank you Ebony for everything.

11 I want to thank Genevieve Michaels,
12 someone else who has been by my side. An amazing,
13 amazing person [APPLAUSE]. I want to thank Kelly
14 Taylor my Counsel, Jim Caras my Counsel, both of them
15 amazing, amazing people. I want to thank Jeff Baker
16 our Legislative Director who has helped each and
17 every one of us. I want to thank Louis Cholden-Brown
18 who has been with me since the first day I joined
19 this body and as Director of Policy here at the City
20 Council. I want to thank Ed Atkin and I want to
21 thank Anthony Perez. I want to thank all of them for
22 everything that they have done. Thank you, thank
23 you, thank you all. Thank you all.

24 I want to thank from my district office
25 Matt Green my District Director, he has been with me

2 since day one. Patrice Comerford, Laurie
3 Hardjowirogo, Jordan Feiner. I want to thank all of
4 them. They have done hard work day in and day out.
5 So, thank you all very much. Nothing that we are
6 doing here today or have done in the past years would
7 be possible without the dedication, passion and
8 thoughtfulness of the staff that has supported us
9 each and every day. And I know I speak for everyone
10 here when I say, to each and every staff member, I
11 want to thank Carl Dalb(SP?) as well. The man I
12 love. I want to thank Carl.

13 I want to – I know I speak for all of us
14 when I say that from the bottom of our hearts
15 collectively, to every member of the staff here at
16 the City Council in our district offices, anyone who
17 has helped us, we say thank you. We wish all of you
18 and your families a warm and safe holiday season and
19 we hope to see you very, very soon. I want to
20 acknowledge that we are joined by two former Council
21 Members here today. Former Council Member and now
22 Judge Andy Cohen is with us. [APPLAUSE] Thank you
23 Andy, it's great to see you. Eric Dinowitz is doing
24 a great job and I want to thank Mark Weprin our
25 friend as well. [APPLAUSE]. Former Council member,

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2 former Assembly Member. [APPLAUSE]. Barry
3 Grodenchik is still here Mark.

4 Now, onto our agenda for this afternoon.
5 The Council will be voting on the following Finance
6 items: We're voting on Introduction Number 2470 to
7 extend the date by which the Fiscal 2023 Preliminary
8 Budget must be released from January 16, 2022, to
9 February 16, 2022. We're also voting on a
10 Preconsidered Resolution sponsored by Council Member
11 Brad Lander to support subject to appropriations,
12 future undertakings related to the taxi medallion
13 relief program. This important program provides much
14 needed debt relief for struggling taxi medallion
15 owners including guarantee that the city will cover
16 shortfalls in payments on restructured loans. This
17 Resolution sets for the Council's support to continue
18 to fund that guarantee of additional money should be
19 required and to continue to help taxi medallion
20 owners.

21 As a reminder, if you would like to vote
22 no or abstain from any of today's Resolutions, you
23 can approach Dias, announce your voice vote at the
24 appropriate time or email the legislative documents
25 unit at the Council. We'll also be voting on a few

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2 budget items including a transparency resolution, an
3 expense budget modification and a revenue budget
4 modification.

5 The Council will be voting on the
6 following land use items: SoHo NoHo Neighborhood
7 plan will create the special SoHo NoHo mixed use
8 district, apply MIH to the new special district and
9 replace existing zoning districts with a mix of
10 medium and high density mixed use districts. Council
11 Members Margaret Chin and Carlina Rivera can share
12 more details about the many improvements to the plan
13 and the investments they have secured as part of this
14 project. Also, in Council Member Chin's district,
15 250 Water Street will facilitate a new 324 foot tall
16 mixed use building, where 20 percent of the
17 residential floor area will have 40 percent AMI
18 affordable apartments.

19 This project will also direct \$50 million
20 to the South Street Seaport Museum. We have 175 Park
21 in Council Member Keith Power's district, which will
22 facilitate the development of a new two million
23 square foot commercial office and a hotel tower on
24 the current site of the Grand Hyatt Hotel adjacent to
25 Grand Central Terminal. This project will make

2 hundreds of millions of dollars of investment in
3 transit at Grand Central. We have three applications
4 in Council Member Steve Levin's district. The
5 Special Brooklyn Navy Yard District will establish a
6 new Special Brooklyn Navy Yard District to facilitate
7 the build out of the Navy Yard's Master Plan by
8 adding 4.6 million square feet of development over
9 the next 10 to 15 years.

10 River Ring, which will facilitate the
11 development of a Proposed Waterfront Mixed Use
12 development with approximately 1,050 dwelling units.
13 263 of them are affordable on a vacant site formally
14 owned by Con Edison and the construction of
15 approximately 200 units of senior housing. The
16 Council modification restores the floor area that can
17 be generated by the piers and platforms.

18 And 79 Quay Street, will facilitate the
19 development of a new nine-story mixed use building
20 with approximately 86 dwelling units, up to 22
21 affordable. The Coney Island Amusement Park Project
22 Plan, the Third Amendment to the Special Process
23 Agreement to extend the leases for properties that
24 have suffered as a result of COVID in Council Member
25 Mark Treyger's District. 103-16 Van Wyck Expressway

2 Rezoning will facilitate the development of a new
3 four story mixed use building with 18 dwelling units,
4 five affordable in Council Member Adrienne Adam's
5 district. 160-05 Archer Avenue seeks to establish a
6 curb cut authorization in the special downtown
7 Jamaica District in Council Member Daneek Miller's
8 District.

9 Finally, the Fresh Proposal would support
10 the construction of neighborhood grocery stores
11 within underserved neighborhoods across the city.
12 Moving on the Council will be voting today on the
13 following 12 Resolutions. The first one from the
14 Committee on Civil and Human Rights from Council
15 Member Paul Vallone, Resolution Number 1872 will
16 declare December 8th as Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Jee Day
17 in New York City.

18 We will have six Resolutions from the
19 Committee on Education. The first is from Council
20 Member Adrienne Adams. Resolution Number 561 calls
21 on the Department of Education to provide human
22 trafficking prevention training to public school
23 administrators, teachers and staff. The other five
24 Education Resolutions are from Council Member Mathieu
25 Eugene. Resolution 204 declares May 4th as New York

2 City teachers, educational administrators and
3 education support staff recognition day.

4 Resolution 205 calls on the New York City
5 Department of Education to include instruction on
6 peaceful conflict resolution as part of its
7 curriculum. Resolution 206 calls on the state to
8 offer swimming lessons and water safety education to
9 all students in public schools. Resolution 207 calls
10 on the New York City Department of Education to add
11 the history of Haiti to its Black History Curriculum.

12 Resolution Number 308 calls on the New
13 York City Department of Education to acknowledge the
14 participation Haitian soldiers in the siege of
15 Savanna and the impact of the Haitian Revolution on
16 Louisiana purchase by adding these events to our
17 social studies curriculum. The next two resolutions
18 are from the Committee on public housing and they are
19 sponsored by Council Member Carlina Rivera.

20 Resolution Number 1222 calls upon the
21 United States Congress to pass and the President to
22 sign the Green New Deal for Public Housing Act.
23 Resolution 1201 A calls on the Congress to pass and
24 the President to sign the Public Housing Emergency
25 Response Act. Moving on from the Committee on Public

2 Safety, we're voting on Resolution Number 1782,
3 presented by the Chair of that Committee, Council
4 Member Adrienne Adams. The Resolution calls upon the
5 State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign
6 the Wondering Officers Act. Resolution Number 1840
7 sponsored by Council Member Ben Kallos from the
8 Committee on Housing and Buildings, calls upon the
9 Committee on Housing and Building, calls upon the
10 State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign
11 legislation prohibiting eviction without good cause.

12 Lastly, Resolution Number 638, sponsored
13 by Council Member Eugene from the Committee Health
14 calls upon the State Department of Health to create
15 isolation centers or units for the treatment of
16 patients with infectious diseases.

17 Moving on, we're voting on two bills from
18 the Committee on Parks. First, Introduction Number
19 2462 sponsored by Council Member Daneek Miller will
20 officially rename St. Albans Park in Queens to Archie
21 Spigner Park. [APPLAUSE]

22 The second bill from Parks is
23 Introduction 2447, a bill to co-name almost 200
24 thoroughfares and public spaces across the city on
25 request from all the members of the Council. One of

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2 the co-naming's in my district is TIN PAN ALLEY on
3 28th Street between 6th Avenue and Broadway. TIN PAN
4 ALLEY is often cited as the birth place of American
5 music for making sheet music available to countless
6 American households. The designation of this row of
7 five buildings also represents the diverse history of
8 TIN PAN ALLEY acknowledging the harsh realities and
9 racism faced by African Americans at the turn of the
10 20th Century, as well as their achievements and
11 contributions. I want to thank for the staff on
12 these bills and street naming's Chris Artory(SP?) and
13 Patrick Mulvihill.

14 Next up from the Committee on Fire and
15 Emergency Management. Introduction Number 2430 A
16 sponsored by Council Member Joe Borrelli completes
17 the most recent revision cycle to the New York City
18 Fire Code. Thank you to Joshua Kingsley and William
19 Hongatch(SP?). From the Committee on Technology, we
20 have two bills. First, Introduction Number 2158 A
21 sponsored by Council Member Steve Levin, would
22 require the commissioner of the Department of
23 Information, Technology and Telecommunications to
24 designate an employee to serve as a Geospatial
25 Information Officer.

2 Next, Introduction Number 1806 A
3 sponsored by Council Member Peter Koo, will require
4 an annual report by agencies and algorithmic tools
5 used by city agencies. For these two bills, I want
6 to thank Irene Bohofsky(SP?).

7 Moving on, Introduction Number 2020 A
8 sponsored by Council Member Helen Rosenthal and out
9 of the Committee on Civil and Human Rights, requires
10 that movie theaters provide open caption for at least
11 one quarter of all showings and a movie is shown four
12 more times. Also sponsored by Council Member
13 Rosenthal, Introduction Number 1208 B will require
14 ads for any employment position located within New
15 York City to include the minimum and maximum salary
16 offered. I want to thank from the staff for these
17 two bills Jayasri Ganapathy, Wiom Diory(SP?) and
18 Jack Kern.

19 Next, we're voting on three Bills from
20 the Committee on Governmental Operations. The first
21 is Introduction Number 2117 A sponsored by Council
22 Member Keith Powers. This bill will require all
23 mayoral executive orders to be posted online within
24 one business day. Next, is Introduction Number 2438
25 A sponsored by Council Member Helen Rosenthal. Which

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2 will require the City's Voter Guide to be published
3 in the 11 most commonly spoken languages in New York
4 City. The online guide would now include a video
5 statement from each candidate along with captioning
6 and American sign language translation.

7 The third bill from the Committee on
8 Governmental Operations Introduction Number 66 A
9 sponsored by Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo. The bill
10 would require the Mayor to establish a new office for
11 neighborhood safety and the prevention of gun
12 violence. I want to thank for these three bills Nell
13 Beekman, Jesse Fong(SP?) and CJ Murray.

14 Next out of the Committee on Women and
15 Gender equity and sponsored by Council Member Helen
16 Rosenthal, Introduction Number 2424 B will require
17 the creation of an advisory board to advise the Mayor
18 and the Council on the issue of street harassment
19 prevention. I want to thank Smeet De Deshmukh(SP?)
20 and Nicholas Conall(SP?).

21 Next, we're voting on Introduction Number
22 2439 A, from the Committee on Public Safety sponsored
23 by its Chair Council Member Adrienne Adams. This
24 bill will require the Police Department to train
25 officers on responding to incidents involving

2 domestic violence, sex crimes, or human trafficking.

3 I want to thank Joshua Kingsley, Robert Calandra (SP?)

4 and Matt Thompson.

5 Moving on, we have out of the Committee

6 on General Welfare two bills. First, Introduction

7 Number 2081 A sponsored by Council Member Francisco

8 Moya. This bill will help make emergency rental

9 assistant grants, also known as one shot deals, more

10 accessible and improve transparency around the

11 program. Second, Introduction Number 1358 sponsored

12 by the General Welfare Committee Chair Council Member

13 Stephen Levin. This bill will require the

14 Administration for Children Services to report on the

15 use of psychiatric medication by children in its

16 legal custody. I want to thank from the staff for

17 these two bills Aminta Kilawan and Nicole Bramstedt.

18 Next, we have Introduction Number 2005

19 sponsored by Council Member Farah Louis and out of

20 the Committee on Mental Health. This bill will

21 requires the New York City Department of Health and

22 Mental Hygiene to track and issue a report on the

23 mental health of New Yorkers during the COVID-19

24 emergency. I want to thank from the staff Sara Liss

25 and Cristy Dwyer.

2 Next, we have five buildings out of the
3 Committee on Housing and Buildings, Introduction
4 Number 2265 B sponsored by Majority Leader Laurie
5 Cumbo. It will give certain tenants with children
6 under the age of six the option of receiving either
7 stove knob covers or replacement locking stove knobs.
8 From the staff, I want to thank Genan Zilkha and
9 Christopher Pepe. Introduction 2476 A sponsored by
10 Council Member Kalman Yeger will extend the J51 tax
11 exemption and abatement program through June 30,
12 2022. I want to thank Audrey Son.

13 Next, we're voting on Introduction 2246 A
14 sponsored by Council Member Justin Brannan. This
15 bill creates a taskforce to study the feasibility of
16 converting both vacant and commercially unviable
17 office spaces to different uses. I want to thank
18 Audrey Son for that one. Introduction Number 2411 A
19 sponsored by Council Member Robert Cornegy will
20 authorize the Department of Housing, Preservation and
21 Development to enforce the affordable housing
22 provisions within HPD's responsibility. I want to
23 thank Audrey Son for that.

24 The final bill from the Housing and
25 Buildings Committee is Introduction 2249 A sponsored

2 by Council Member Vanessa Gibson. This bill will
3 relax certain owners penalties and regulatory
4 requirements for one to four family homes and thank
5 you to Audrey Son again for that one.

6 Next, we have two bills from the
7 Committee on Environmental Protection. They are both
8 designed to limit the unnecessary deaths of migratory
9 birds Introduction Number 271 A sponsored by Council
10 Member Justin Brannan will require the installation
11 of occupancy sensors to limit illumination in city
12 owned buildings. Introduction 274 A sponsored by
13 Council Member Helen Rosenthal will require that
14 nonessential outdoor lighting in city owned or
15 exclusively leased buildings be turned off at night
16 during peak migration periods. For these two bills I
17 want to thank [INAUDIBLE 47:10], Samara Swanson,
18 Nadia Johnson and Ricky Chawla.

19 From our Committee on Consumer Affairs,
20 we have two bills designed to improve the Side Walk
21 Café Licensing Process. Introduction Number 2096
22 sponsored by Council Member Ben Kallos, who will
23 allow the city to issue temporary operating license
24 to applicants for a sidewalk café license if they
25 plan to maintain an existing café. Introduction 2134

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2 sponsored by Council Member Rafael Salamanca will
3 allow sidewalk café applicants to prepare their own
4 plans rather than use an architect. For these two
5 bills, I want to thank Stephanie Jones, Leah Skrzpiec
6 and Noah Meixler.

7 Now, from the Committee on Health, we
8 have Introduction Number 1326 A sponsored by the
9 Chair Mark Levine that will require added sugar
10 notifications in chain restaurant menus. From the
11 staff, I want to thank Sara Liss, Harbani Ahuja,
12 Jayasri Ganapathy and Zeah Manuel Halu(SP?).

13 Our last Bill of the day and of the
14 2018-2021 legislative session will help us curve,
15 will help us reach the city's net zero for carbon
16 neutrality by 2050. We're in a climate crisis and we
17 must take all necessary steps to fight climate change
18 and protect our city. Introduction 2317 A sponsored
19 by Council Member Alicka Ampry-Samuel will ban the
20 combustion of substances with certain emission
21 profiles in new buildings in certain renovations.
22 This bill will direct the Commissioner of Buildings
23 to deny construction documents and permits in
24 connection with a new building that would require the
25 combustion of the substances with some exceptions. I

2 want to thank from the staff Genan Zilka, Samara
3 Swanston, Nadia Johnson, Ricky Challah, Brad Reed and
4 Terzah Nasser. That is our final agenda and this
5 final Stated Meeting of the New York City Council for
6 this legislative session.

7 And with that, with gratitude, what
8 thanks to you Madam Majority Leader for presiding
9 over this body in a very great way over the last four
10 years, I turn it back to you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
12 Speaker Corey Johnson for that very robust
13 legislative package. We will now move into
14 discussion of General Orders.

15 Seeing that we have on the docket, we
16 will begin with Council Member Gennaro followed by
17 Council Member Rosenthal, Rivera, Kallos, and Chin
18 and then Koo.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you Madam
20 Majority Leader. Regarding Intro. 2317 A, which the
21 Speaker just referenced, [INAUDIBLE 49:49]. I thank
22 Council Member Ampry-Samuel for her leadership and
23 putting forward this great bill, which will
24 ultimately lead the city to an all-electric city
25 drawing from 100 percent green and renewable grid.

2 We are light years away from that now but this puts
3 us irreversibly on that course. This bill alone will
4 yield a savings of 2.1 million tons of Co2 by 2040,
5 which is equal to the carbon as reduced from 450,000
6 cars in a whole year. But that is just the
7 beginning. When first put forward this bill was more
8 of a concept bill and the journey of this bill from
9 concept at detailed final bill was one of the most
10 difficult negotiations of the hundreds of
11 negotiations I have done over the years. And with
12 stakeholder meetings with advocates, industry, labor
13 and the Administration, including the Mayor himself
14 was the most challenging.

15 I thank Council Member Ampry-Samuel for
16 being steadfast on the elements of the bill that were
17 a must for her. I thank the Speaker and Jason
18 Goldman for their great leadership and for giving
19 what I thought was the most ambitious yet
20 implementable possible. And very special thanks to
21 Jeff Baker for being with me the whole way to get the
22 great bill to what we have today. One that will be a
23 template for the nation as we charter course through
24 a carbon neutral future. Special thanks as well for
25 Paul Ochoa and Ben Ferguson from the Administration

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2 and to [INAUDIBLE 51:13] and Advanced Energy Studies
3 [INAUDIBLE 51:18] who provided critical guidance and
4 to my wonderful LB Maddie Cower(SP?) for her great
5 work on this bill. But we wouldn't be here today
6 without Council Member Ampry-Samuel's vision. So, I
7 will end where I began in thanking her for putting
8 this bill forward and being a great advocate for it.
9 Her legacy is a green city and a growing green
10 economy to get us there.

11 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you very
13 much. Thank you very much.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We'll
15 now have Council Member Rosenthal then Rivera.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Thank you so
17 much. I'm proud to speak today about my bills that
18 are passing. We owe a debt of gratitude to our
19 Speaker, Corey Johnson whose brilliant staff
20 negotiated the strongest language possible to help
21 all New Yorkers. Because of their work, all job
22 postings must include salary ranges which have been
23 shown to close the gender pay gap. We have to
24 address street harassment, which many of us have
25 experienced particularly women, the LGBTQAI plus

2 community, specifically transgender women and most
3 recently those of Asian descent.

4 For those who are hard of hearing or
5 deaf, movie theaters must include open captions to
6 some of their show times. The maximum number would
7 be four. Two during peak hours, two non-peak hours,
8 and requires all candidates participating in the CFB
9 Matching Funds Program, must have a video voter guide
10 with open captions and ASL and increases the number
11 of languages provided in printed guides to ten.

12 Going forward, all police officers must
13 be trained in victim centered trauma informed
14 questioning so it's not to discourage survivors of
15 domestic violence, sexual assault and those who are
16 victims of human trafficking from coming forward.
17 And last but not least, we are eliminating non-
18 essential outdoor lighting on city buildings during
19 peak avian time periods, which will decrease the
20 number of birds hitting glass. This past year, we
21 saw hundreds of yellow song birds and every year,
22 hundreds of thousands of birds are killed.

23 I want to thank Jason Goldman, Jeff
24 Baker, Kelly Taylor, Jayasri Ganapathy, Josh
25 Kingsley, and everyone else whose name I forgot, but

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2 thank you very much and I did it in two minutes. So,
3 that's all I'm saying.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: It took eight
5 years but you got it Helen. We will now have one
6 moment Council Member Rivera. We will now have a two
7 minute presentation from our Public Advocate Jumaane
8 Williams followed by Council Member Rivera.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you so
10 much Madam Majority Leader. I just wanted to take
11 some time to say thank you to all of my colleagues in
12 government and the staff here who I have served for
13 many of them, over a decade. I met some of them
14 before I even became an elected official and some I'm
15 going to continue in new roles as they move forward.
16 I know that I'll work with many of you in and out of
17 government as we move forward. This is the last of
18 the call 34 and 2013 where we pass the History
19 Community Safety Act and I think we have shown even
20 through a pandemic, changing leadership, changing
21 state or city, state and nation, that we are
22 committed to making sure that our city government
23 keeps going. I want to thank the partnership of this
24 body. The Speaker, Majority Leader, of everyone for
25 being able to pass 14 bills in my short time as the

2 Public Advocate. And it's times like this that
3 reminds us, even myself that these are fleeting.
4 Elections come and go. The seats we hold will never
5 be more important than the people we are
6 representing. But also, each of us, as we come in
7 with our own ego's our own agenda's, I think the
8 public sometimes understand the difficulties that
9 goes into trying to make something happen with 51
10 people who have 51 districts. And so, I want to
11 applaud us even as we disagree, just remembering the
12 humanity in each of us and to the Speaker, even
13 through lots of things. The difficulty of running
14 this body should not be understated.

15 So, I just want to say thank you to all
16 of you. To the Speaker, the Majority Leader, all of
17 my colleagues in government and to the staff. I'm
18 very much excited and looking forward to see what the
19 next Council will do. Peace and blessings to you
20 all. Love and light.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Ahh, we see our
22 Public Advocates softer side. So, now we will call
23 up at this time - we'll call up at this time Council
24 Member Carlina Rivera who so graciously gave our
25 Public Advocate an opportunity to speak ahead of her.

2 So, we are now going to call up our lustrous, the
3 honorable Carlina Rivera.

4 UNIDENTIFIED: Alright, great color.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Like your color.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you Madam
7 Majority Leader. I'm just going to speak briefly.
8 The climate crisis is not a matter of if or when, it
9 is here and now. And if we are truly to fight
10 environmental injustice, then we must recon with
11 decades of disinvestment in public housing.

12 We cannot delay, we have already seen
13 significantly higher rates of asthma and lead
14 poisoning in our city's NYCHA developments, among so
15 many other major health and safety concerns.
16 Resolution 1222 calls on Congress to pass and the
17 President to sign the green new deal for Public
18 Housing Act, which brings the federal government back
19 into the fold, in the fight to save our public
20 housing and our planet.

21 A green new deal for NYCHA would
22 significantly reduce the carbon footprint of the
23 nations largest public housing authority, foster a
24 healthier environment for families and create
25 hundreds of thousands of green jobs for New Yorkers

2 who need them most. And for far too long, the
3 federal governments failure to fund public housing
4 has led to petty fights between New York City and
5 state.

6 Resolution 1201 calls on Congress to pass
7 and the President to sign the Public Housing
8 Emergency Response Act, to dedicate \$70 billion in
9 funding for capital repairs and upgrades in our
10 countries public housing development.

11 Today, you will also vote on the SoHo
12 Rezoning, which marks a critical change to our city's
13 historic practices of focusing our neighborhood
14 rezoning's in communities of color which are
15 comprised of a majority of lower income families.
16 This rezoning will now move us toward a more
17 equitable future where all neighborhoods participate
18 in our ongoing fight against the housing crisis
19 facing this city.

20 Finally, I'm proud to be honoring a few
21 street co-naming's. I want to specifically mention
22 Donald Subs Jr. whose activism and artistic work
23 forever changed the East Village Community and we
24 will be co-naming a street after Adele from Casa
25 Adele. Please, if you've never been to the

2 restaurant on the Lower East Side, please go have
3 some Puerto Rican cuisine.

4 And lastly with my last second, I want to
5 thank everyone for the opportunity to speak. I want
6 to thank you all for your ongoing support, your
7 friendship, collaboration these past four years and
8 wherever next year finds you, be it here in chambers
9 or elsewhere, I look forward to our continued
10 partnership and service of this city. Thank you so
11 much everyone. And you're going to hear from
12 Margaret Chin on SoHo NoHo, she'll speak brilliantly.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you Madam
14 Majority Leader. Thank you everyone. Yes, today
15 we're going to be voting on the SoHo NoHo rezoning.
16 As you heard from my colleague Council Member Rivera,
17 we fought very hard to make sure that every single
18 neighborhood, especially the wealthier neighborhood
19 with job opportunity, great transit that they have to
20 do their part to help give opportunity for affordable
21 housing. And I think that we have done this in this
22 rezoning. We have spent at least almost three years
23 talking with neighbors, stakeholders, small
24 businesses, bid associations, to really gather input.

2 Look, the zoning hasn't been changed for
3 almost 50 years. And this way, residential won't be
4 allowed and mandatory inclusionary zoning will have
5 to be implemented to create affordable housing here,
6 so that working families will have the opportunity to
7 live in neighborhoods like SoHo that have so much
8 resources.

9 And my staff and us in our office, and
10 thank you know to my colleague Council Member Rivera,
11 we work very hard. There were lots of early morning
12 meetings and meeting with agency to make sure that we
13 get all the questions answered. And on top of that,
14 we have gotten an investment in our district for more
15 parks, open space, affordable housing on city owned
16 site that is surrounding the SoHo NoHo neighborhood.
17 Because there is no city owned site in the rezoning
18 area but we were able to get the city to commit to
19 building affordable housing in the surrounding area.

20 I know that I share with my colleagues
21 the points of agreement. There's a lot we got for
22 our district but I really want to thank you know our
23 Speaker. Corey, you've been so supportive and of
24 course Jason, texting me and so, what's going on?
25 But giving me the support to get into the finish

2 line. And of course Madam Majority Leader, another
3 minute, our Council Land Use Staff. Roger, Chelsea,
4 Kelly, Angelina Martinez, [INAUDIBLE 1:01:39]. You
5 guys have been fantastic and I truly don't like early
6 morning meetings but for land use and for this
7 rezoning, I'm willing to do whatever I can to get it
8 over to the finish line.

9 So, I really ask my colleagues for your
10 support and on 250 Water Street, the Speaker talked
11 about, we are going to get affordable housing at 40
12 percent AMI. Downtown Seaport area is also a well-
13 resourced neighborhood. At the same time, we'll be
14 able to preserve the historic South Street Seaport
15 Museum with the shifts and the history of how New
16 York City began. So, I urge my colleagues to support
17 both of this two rezoning's. Thank you.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council
19 Member Chin. We will now have Council Member Koo,
20 Lander, Menchaca, and Levin.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Thank you Majority
22 Leader. Today, I ask my colleagues to vote yes on my
23 bill Intro. 1806 A, which will give New Yorkers a
24 better understanding on how the city uses algorithms
25 and other automatic decision systems. The bill

2 builds off of Local Law 49 of 2018 to open algorithms
3 law, which was sponsored by my predecessor, former
4 Council Member Jimmy Walker.

5 Whether you realize or not, your day to
6 day activities are impacted by this ultimate decision
7 making systems. They determine everything from the
8 school your child attends to what hospital EMS brings
9 you to. These systems also determine what
10 interpretation services available at your poll site
11 and provided data which forms the basis of facial
12 recognition technology.

13 It is imperative that these systems and
14 this information used by them are vetted for
15 transparency to ensure accountability. Intro. 1806
16 A increases transparency by requiring agencies to
17 report on what algorithms and automated decision
18 systems are used each year, how they are used and
19 information on the data use collected and analyzed
20 along with information on the vendor. Thank you to
21 former Council Member James, Jimmy Walker, my former
22 Committee Counsel Irene Bohofsky, Patrick Mulvihill,
23 Sebastian Bacchi, Charles [INAUDIBLE 1:04:26-1:04:29]
24 Jeff Baker and Jason Goldman.

2 Thank you also to Speaker Johnson and
3 Chair Holden. All the advocates who supported this
4 bill and my own staff. Thank you. Happy holidays.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member
6 Lander.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you very
8 much Madam Majority Leader. I'll save my mushy
9 remarks for when I vote to speak to bills now.

10 First, I'm so excited about Intro. 2317
11 A, that Council Member Alicka Ampry-Samuel is
12 sponsoring to transform our city into an all-electric
13 city. We do not have time to continue to burn fossil
14 fuels. I want to give props to the coalition that
15 fought for that and I want to give special props to
16 Alicka Ampry-Samuel because I know it was a big,
17 strong fight.

18 We have a lot of work to do to make sure
19 that we convert our energy grid to solar and wind and
20 renewables, so that the energy power that is powering
21 our buildings is clean and renewable as well. And I
22 look forward to fighting hard to continue that in the
23 Comptroller's office and I know this body will as
24 well.

2 I want to give props to Minority Leader
3 Borelli for Intro. 2430 A, which pushes forward and
4 establishes standards for battery storage for solar
5 power, which is critical if we're going to convert
6 the grid to clean electricity. I don't think I've
7 ever spoken for one of the Minority Leader's bills on
8 the floor before today. So, it's nice to get it in
9 before I get out the door.

10 I'd like to ask members to support 1870.
11 My Resolution expressing the City Council's support
12 for the Taxi Medallion Debt Relieve program. I want
13 to give props to Council Member Levin for his work
14 and to Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez and especially
15 to the Taxi Workers Alliance for showing us the
16 plight of those taxi workers crushed by medallion
17 debt. This is a smart program to help working taxi
18 drivers be able to feed their families and save their
19 homes.

20 And finally, I want to note that in the
21 Street Co-Naming Bill, we're actually un-naming a
22 street today. We are removing Margaret Sanger's name
23 from the street outside the Manhattan Planned
24 Parenthood health center. And I think this is worth
25 pausing on, first to praise Planned Parenthood of

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2 Greater New York for doing real work to recon with
3 their history, to recon with the systemic racism in
4 their past, to own up to it and to make hard changes.
5 But I want to shout it out because I think at the
6 same time, allies of reproductive justice and
7 abortion rights better get louder in defending the
8 rights of women in this country, of people who need
9 abortion care and of reproductive justice. So, while
10 I will be voting yes to remove Margaret Sanger's name
11 from the street outside the Planned Parenthood health
12 center, you better believe I'm going to get louder on
13 reproductive justice and abortion rights and I hope
14 you'll join me. Thank you.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council
16 Member Lander. Now, we'll have Council Member
17 Menchaca.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you
19 Majority Leader. Sorry I cant be there in person but
20 I just want to say hello and [SPEAKING IN SPANSIH
21 1:07:28]. I am speaking on a few bills and some
22 thank you's. Helen's work thinking about domestic
23 violence and sex work or sex crimes, really
24 connecting it to training has been something that has
25 been all inspiring. I want to say thank you to my

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2 colleague and friend Helen Rosenthal. And also to
3 the song birds that you are protecting in this bill,
4 many people in my community have written to me and I
5 want to say thank you to those that wrote and I'm now
6 here voting on their behalf.

7 I want to say thank you to Brad for the
8 medallion crisis work and this Resolution and I will
9 be supporting that as well. And finally, I just want
10 to say thank you to Corey Johnson, our Speaker. So
11 much of what we have done together here has been in
12 not just solidarity but in true nature of solidarity
13 physically together. He's come out to the district
14 and really understood the plight of immigrants. Last
15 weeks bill really showed what we needed out of him
16 and Jason and I just want to say thank you. There's
17 a lot of work to do and I just don't want to move
18 without saying, thank you for the conversation we had
19 last week. I'm going to carry those conversations
20 that I've had with many of you as we move forward for
21 implementation and engagement for all communities.
22 So, thank you. Thank you Speaker Johnson. It's been
23 a pleasure doing this work with you.

24 I also want to thank in my last few
25 seconds my team, who has brought me here to this last

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2 moment. Cesar Vargas, Lorena Lucero , Nancy
3 Allyssa (SP?) in the district. Thank you so much for
4 everything you have done to ensure that legislatively
5 budget-wise, policy-wise, that the district was taken
6 care of. I'm able to do the things that I do only
7 because I have an incredible team of people dedicated
8 to the community and the people of District 38.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: And finally, I
10 just want to say -

11 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Okay, well I'm
13 going to save it for the rest of my time when I vote.
14 Thank you so much.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
16 Council Member Menchaca. Now, we'll have Council
17 Member Levin followed by Council Member Ampry-Samuel
18 and then Borelli.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very
20 much Madam Majority Leader. I will take my time
21 during my remarks to explain my vote to thank all the
22 wonderful people at this Council to thank. But I
23 just want to express to my colleagues uhm, I have
24 two, two bills that will be passing today, Intro.
25 2158, which would help make our existing GIS

2 infrastructure function better. That's our
3 Geospatial Information Systems. Allowing us to
4 respond more quickly and effectively to crisis such
5 as recent superstorm flooding and the COVID-19
6 pandemic. I want to thank my colleague Council
7 Member and Chair of the Technology Committee Robert
8 Holden for his partnership on this bill.

9 Also, we'll be voting on Intro. 1358,
10 which requires reporting on the use of psychotropic
11 drugs that children are prescribed in ACS custody,
12 foster care. And will provide a window of
13 transparency here in New York to what is really a
14 disturbing national trend of over prescriptions of
15 medications to youth in care. I'd also like to take
16 a moment to congratulate the families of Nicholas
17 Heyward Sr., Alyssa Torres, Rita Saunders, and
18 Kenneth Kasia(SP?) whose years of advocacy paid off
19 today as the Council votes to approve the street co-
20 naming's in their honor. And to honor these members
21 of our community and make sure that their legacies
22 live on.

23 I just wanted to also acknowledge, I'm
24 disappointed. I sponsored a bill 2047, which is the
25 Fair Chance for Housing Act. I do appreciate all of

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2 my colleagues discussions on this bill. For those of
3 you that cosponsored it and supported it, I
4 appreciate your collaboration. I'm hopeful that this
5 bill will pass in the next session. This is a bill
6 that is about affording everybody in our city, all of
7 us who are Gods children, the right to dignity with a
8 roof over their head. Whether they have a criminal
9 history or not. Everybody deserves to have a home.
10 And so, I'm disappointed that this bill is not
11 passing today but I am very confident, very confident
12 that in the future this legislation will pass and I
13 look forward to seeing that day here in the New York
14 City Council. And I'll come back on my next round to
15 talk about that. [APPLAUSE]

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council
17 Member Levin, we'll now go to Council Member Ampry-
18 Samuel followed by Borelli.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Our city
20 and state has set lofty goals to reduce our gas
21 related emissions. As many children of the 70's and
22 80's, I remember celebrating Earth Day and taking
23 personal responsibility for the earth and
24 environment. We people have had to contend with the
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2 effects of global warming in the forms of record
3 breaking fatal weather events year after year.

4 The responsibility has always been on
5 individuals. Multiuse water bottles, shorter
6 showers, home recycling, this Council also prohibited
7 single use straws, plastic bags and reduce the usage
8 of plastic flatware. We have literally made personal
9 environmental responsibility a letter of the law.
10 But buildings are responsible for nearly half of the
11 greenhouse emissions that are destroying our earth
12 every day.

13 Today, is the last Stated of this Council
14 term and it has been an honor and privilege to
15 represent my community where we see a 32 percent
16 higher exposure rate to dangerous pollutants from
17 greenhouse emissions. A community where the Council
18 staff recognizes best practices and believes in New
19 York as a leader. So much so that they brought this
20 idea to me in its infancy stages. Immediately
21 recognizing the intersectionality of climate and
22 racial justice. I knew that this was a charge that
23 the 41st Council must have set. Together, we worked
24 tirelessly with advocates to develop this bill and
25 push it through.

2 Although we have few surprising allies,
3 we have some surprising challengers as well. But we
4 held strong and as we look to the future, I thank
5 Speaker Johnson and my colleagues for supporting this
6 gas ban bill which essentially codifies our emission
7 reduction goals. And I thank Jim Gennaro, excuse me,
8 I thank Council Member Gennaro – can you give me one
9 minute?

10 I thank Council Member Gennaro for
11 helping me to sharpen my debate skills. That was
12 quite the challenge. So, as I come to a close with
13 my remarks and my time in the Council, I thank all of
14 the advocates that gave us a master class and data
15 for days on emissions, gas, the grid, pollutants. I
16 thank Pete Sikora and Johnathan, We Act NYCC and
17 countless others. And I want to really thank Jeff
18 and Jason for working so hard because I know at
19 midnight on some days, I could have been a bit much.
20 It was tough but worth the fight.

21 I want to also thank my staff Naomi
22 Hopkins and my Legislative Director Everton Smith for
23 their support and also, my staff in the Council,
24 Jennifer Joseph, Kim Robinson, Christina Serrano,
25 Takirra Jackson, and Maurice Cummings for their

2 amazing team work. I want to thank you all and
3 remind you that climate justice is racial justice.
4 So, let's keep putting people first. Thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council
6 Member Ampry-Samuel so much. Council Member Borelli.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I like to stand
8 at my desk. I don't like the stand up comedy routine
9 that we do now. [APPLAUSE] Yes, thank you, thank
10 you. I feel like Jerry Seinfeld up there you know.

11 I just want to say number one, I will say
12 my emotional farewell to everyone. I don't see Corey
13 here but I wanted to say it's been a really wonderful
14 four years working alongside the Speaker. You know
15 through all the work the Council did. Even though of
16 course we disagree many times, it's nice to have a
17 partner in government and also a friend in government
18 and I really thank you for your service to the City
19 of New York. Whatever you go on to do next, that
20 institution or whatever will be very lucky to have
21 you. And the rest of you guys, you're not very good,
22 so. No, I'm kidding.

23 I should have done the stand up comedy
24 routine. It's been a privilege to work with so many
25 of you over the past four years. Some of you longer.

2 Barry and I were sworn in on the same day, so he
3 would have been the longest serving Council Member
4 come January 1st alongside me but now, I guess I'll
5 be the only timer and it's nice to reflect that some
6 of the conversations and some of the personal moments
7 that each of us in this room have had together and
8 those watching on the TV screen at home. Yes, we get
9 to spend some time, quality time together, so thank
10 you all.

11 I just want to talk briefly about my
12 bill, which has been the culmination of a couple of
13 years of work alongside the Fire Department. It is
14 the regular and often update of our city's fire code.
15 We adapt the work of the International Fire Code to
16 the unique challenges in New York and to get a really
17 thumbs up from Brad Lander is really incredible and I
18 appreciate his support for this. Because in truth,
19 this is actually one of the most green pieces of
20 legislation that this Council has ever done. We're
21 taking lithium ion batteries which are the wave of
22 the future, the way we generate electricity and store
23 it within our homes, within our apartments. Now,
24 we're allowing that to be brought inside residential
25 buildings, inside apartments, inside high rises.

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2 This is going to change the way the city
3 generates electricity. This is going to change the
4 way the city uses electricity. We're also going to
5 change the way we allow lithium ion micro mobility in
6 buildings around the city. We're also going to allow
7 hydrogen fuel energy generation. So, we're doing
8 actual, actual green things with the City's Fire Code
9 and it's been a pleasure to do that. One of the best
10 things we're doing though is allowing distilleries to
11 operate legally within New York City.

12 So, I know it's a big priority for many
13 of you who enjoyed distilled spirits, made right here
14 in New York City. It's great that we have any
15 manufacturing industry wanting to come here and it
16 turns out we had distillers who wanted to come here
17 and opened up tasting rooms and little sheik places
18 where they can produce liquor and sell it for all of
19 our enjoyment. And you can enjoy some of that
20 distilled spirits now in my back yard at my fire pit,
21 which will be legal finally the minute the Mayor
22 signs this law, which is a great thing. So, I invite
23 you all in the future. Again, thank you all. I
24 thank the Speaker and thank you to all of my
25 colleagues and enjoy the day.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council
3 Member. We will now have Council Member Farah Louis.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you Madam
5 Majority Leader. While the COVID-19 pandemic is
6 winding down, we are left with a catastrophic mental
7 health crisis within our city. Many New Yorkers
8 witnessed family, friends and beloved community
9 members succumb to the vicious COVID-19 virus. We
10 endured an unhealthy level of isolation. Housing
11 issues, food insecurity, unemployment and much more
12 that contributed to the deteriorating mental health
13 of New Yorkers. Communities of color in
14 particularly, the 33 neighborhoods hardest hit by
15 COVID-19, they suffered the most casualties during
16 the pandemic. We also witnessed a tragic rise of
17 hate crimes among Asian, South Asian, and Jewish
18 communities during the pandemic. These communities
19 are infamous for being mental health deserts. Due to
20 the lack of quality healthcare and mental health
21 services which further compounds the mental health
22 crisis we're experiencing here in New York.

23 The recent allocation of additional
24 funding to various mental health services is a
25 commendable initiative by the Administration. It is

2 definitely not enough and the goals of Thrive NYC are
3 noble. It's not enough. However, there has been
4 little to no change in the quality of mental health
5 services and affordable medical insurance available
6 to the most disadvantaged New Yorkers. Mental Health
7 services is not an issue we can throw money toward
8 and expect improvement. These services provided must
9 be specialized for the very needs of New Yorkers
10 while being culturally appropriate. However, as we
11 have seen and heard over the past few years,
12 especially now during the COVID-19 pandemic, there is
13 a dangerous and unacceptable lack of critical
14 information on the state of mental health of New
15 Yorkers.

16 Without access to such information, the
17 resources provided failed to contour themselves
18 toward the needs of the individuals they are supposed
19 to target. Regardless of the amount of money that is
20 being expended. If I could have one more minute
21 Madam Majority Leader.

22 If we are truly committed to holistically
23 tackle the mental health crisis that is running
24 rampant in our city, we have to understand the
25 gravity of what we're dealing with. So, today, I

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2 want to encourage my colleagues to vote in support of
3 my bill Intro. 2005. I want to thank you Speaker
4 Johnson and most importantly, I want to thank the
5 former Chair of this Committee Diana Ayala, who has
6 been so supportive in my transition to this
7 Committee, as well as Jeff Baker, Sara Liss, Christy
8 Dwyer, Christopher Pepe for tirelessly working on
9 this bill and my staff Christy and Alex. Thank you.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council
11 Member Farah Louis. We will now go right into the
12 Report of Special Committee's.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Reports of
15 Standing Committees. We'll stand at pause for one
16 moment.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
18 on Civil and Human Rights, Intro. 1208-B Employer Job
19 Postings.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on
21 General Orders.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro. 2020-A Open
23 Captioning and Movie Theaters.

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on
25 General Orders.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
3 on Consumer Affairs and Business Licensing Intro.
4 1775-C Eating Utensils and Extra Eating Containers.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Laid over.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro. 2096-A Sidewalk
7 Café Licensing.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on
9 General Orders.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro. 2134 Revokable
11 Consents for Sidewalk Cafés.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on
13 General Orders.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
15 on Environmental Protection Intro.'s 271-A and 274-A
16 Illumination of the City Buildings.

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

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro. 2317-A Substances
20 with Certain Emissions -

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on
22 General Orders.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
24 on Finance Intro. 2470 Budget Submission Dates.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on
3 General Orders.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered Reso. 1869
5 Organization Funding.

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
7 Orders.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered Reso. 1870
9 Taxi Medallion Owner Relief.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
11 Orders.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered M359 and
13 Reso. 1876 and Preconsidered M360 and Reso. 1877
14 Budget Modifications.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
16 Orders.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
18 on Fire and Emergency Management Intro. 2430 Fire
19 Code.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on
21 General Orders.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
23 on General Welfare Intro. 1358-A Psychiatric
24 Medication -

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on
3 General Orders.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro. 2081-A Emergency
5 Assistance Grants.

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

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
9 on Governmental Operations Intro. 66A Office for
10 Neighborhood Safety.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on
12 General Orders.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro. 2117-A Online
14 Posting of Executive Orders.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on
16 General Orders.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro. 2438-A Addition to
18 the Voter Guide.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on
20 General Orders.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
22 on Health Intro. 1326-B Sugar Notifications in Chain
23 Restaurants.

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on
25 General Orders.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
3 on Housing and Buildings Intro. 2246-A Conversion of
4 Commercial Office.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on
6 General Orders.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro. 2265-B Steel
8 Safety Knobs.

9 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on
10 General Orders.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro. 2411-A HPD
12 Affordable Housing.

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on
14 General Orders.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro. 2449-A Hazardous
16 Conditions at Construction Sites.

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

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro. 2476 Multiple
20 Dwelling Tax Exemptions.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
22 Orders.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
24 on Mental Health, Disabilities, and Addiction Intro.
25 2005-A Mental Health Reporting.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on
3 General Orders.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
5 on Parks and Recreation Intro. 2462 Archie Spigner
6 Park.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
8 Orders.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered Intro. 2477
10 Naming of 199 Thoroughfares.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
12 Orders with a Message of Necessity.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
14 on Public Safety Intro. 2439-A Domestic Violence
15 Training.

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on
17 General Orders.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
19 on Rules, Privileges and Elections Preconsidered M
20 350-A and Nayowith to the Board of Health.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
22 Orders.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
24 on Technology Intro. 1806-A Algorithmic tools used by
25 agencies.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on
3 General Orders.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro. 2158-A Geospatial
5 Information Office.

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

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
9 on Women and Gender Equity Intro. 2424-B Street
10 Harassment Advisory Board.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on
12 General Orders.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: General Orders Calendar,
14 Intro. 2443-A Joint Living Work Quarters for Artists.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
16 Orders.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: General Orders Calendar
18 Preconsidered LU 949 and Reso. 1855 Coney Island.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
20 Orders.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: General Orders Calendar
22 LU 899 and Reso. 1879 through LU 904 and Reso. 1884
23 175 Park Avenue.

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
25 Orders.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: General Orders Calendar
3 LU 906 and Reso. 1885 and LU 907 and Reso. 1886 250
4 Water Street.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
6 Orders.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: General Orders Calendar
8 LU 914 and Reso. 1887 and LU 915 and Reso. 1888
9 Special Brooklyn Navy Yard District.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
11 Orders.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: General Orders Calendar
13 LU 918 and Reso. 1889 and LU 919 and Reso. 1890 SoHo
14 and NoHo Neighborhood Plan.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
16 Orders.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: General Orders Calendar
18 LU 924 and Reso. 1891 Fresh Two Zoning Text.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
20 Orders.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: General Orders Calendar
22 LU 925 and Reso. 1892 and LU 926 and Reso. 1893 103-
23 16 Van Wyck Expressway.

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
25 Orders.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: General Orders Calendar
3 LU 929 and Reso. 1894 through LU 936 and Reso. 1900
4 River Ring.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
6 Orders.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: General Orders Calendar
8 LU 938 and Reso. 1901 16005 Archer Avenue.

9 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
10 Orders.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: General Orders Calendar
12 Preconsidered LU's 950 and Reso. 1902 and LU 951 and
13 Reso. 1903 79 Quay Street Rezoning.

14 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
15 Orders and for the last time, I would like to ask the
16 Clerk to take a roll call vote on all of the items
17 Coupled on today's General Order Calendar.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Adams?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Permission to
20 explain my vote?

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
22 granted.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you very
24 much Madam Majority Leader. I just want to say to
25 all of my colleagues that will not be in this room

2 again in January, it has been my honor serving with
3 all of you. You have served with such grace, such
4 integrity, such wisdom. I've learned so much from
5 all of you in this room and those that are remote
6 with us on Zoom today, I can't tell you how much
7 pride I feel in being a part of this body and just to
8 share, and I'm going to talk about - I'll probably go
9 a little long, I'm sorry.

10 When I walked into this Chambers for the
11 first time four years ago, my spirit said welcome
12 home. And I knew that this was the place that I had
13 to be and the place that I belonged for my district
14 in particular. Corey Johnson danced in my district
15 when he talked about dancing. We danced through
16 South Ozone Park and Rosedale. You will be dearly
17 missed. I congratulate you for all of the work that
18 you've done. The steps that you've made in creating
19 the most progressive City Council in the history of
20 the City of New York. My hats off to you my friend.

21 Okay, uhm, back to the bills. There are
22 three pieces of legislation today that I'm so proud
23 that will be passed. And they all have one thing in
24 common and that's victims protections. I'm going to
25 highlight one of them, something that we don't talk

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2 about nearly as often as we should. We'll be voting
3 on Resolution 561, which I introduced back in 2018,
4 calling on the City of New York, the Department of
5 Education to provide human trafficking prevention
6 training to public school teachers, staff and
7 administrators.

8 It's no secret that many survivors of
9 human trafficking are actually minors. That's why I
10 believe our educators should be trained to recognize
11 the warning signs and risk factors of human
12 trafficking. Equipping them with the knowledge and
13 tools will help when it comes to protecting our
14 children. So, again, thank you Speaker Johnson,
15 Chief of Staff Jason Goldman, Public Safety Council
16 Josh Kingsley and Matt Thompson, Education Chair Mark
17 Treyger, all Committee Staff that's worked on this
18 legislation with me for your work as well as my own
19 staff. It has been my honor, my honor to serve with
20 all of you in this room today. I vote aye on all.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ampry-
22 Samuel?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: So, I just
24 want to say that its been a heck of a ride these past
25 four years. Uhm, and I just want to share one quick

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2 memory as I sat here. I remember being at – we were
3 having a hearing and I remember looking through the
4 doors and seeing my mother holding my son and I
5 looked at my watch and said, oh it's not – I forgot
6 to pick him up from school and I was in the middle of
7 a hearing. But we all found a way to be able to take
8 care of home and be able to represent our districts
9 no matter what in one of the toughest city's in the
10 world. And I have been honored to represent
11 Brownsville, Ocean Hill, Bed-Stuy, Crown Heights and
12 East Flatbush with everything that I have and I just
13 wish you all an amazing next term for those that are
14 coming back. And I just want you to rock it, rock
15 it, rock it and for those that are moving onto
16 something else, I wish you God speed.

17 I thank you for your friendship. I thank
18 you for you know coming through and being my support
19 and making sure that my district had a partner. I
20 thank you for that and that's what this Council was
21 about for me. And I just wish you an amazing holiday
22 season and a wonderful new year. I love you all and
23 with that, I vote aye on all. [APPLAUSE]

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
25 Council Member Ampry-Samuel.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

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

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
6 granted.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I won't take long
8 because I know that this could drive on till tomorrow
9 but I really just wanted to say thank you to all of
10 you who are leaving. You have all left a little
11 piece of you in this room and in my heart and I wish
12 you all much success and if you ever need anything,
13 please don't forget me. Call me any time but quite
14 frankly, its been an honor to serve amongst all of
15 you great people. I love you all. Good luck.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: And how do you
17 vote?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye on all.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Brannan
22 votes aye on all. Council Member Brooks-Powers?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Permission
24 to explain my vote.

25

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
3 granted.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: So first I
5 wanted to take a moment to thank the outgoing Council
6 Members in particular for their mentorship over the
7 last several months since being thrust into the New
8 York City Council. I truly appreciate the
9 opportunity of working with each and every member in
10 this body to move our city forward. We have you know
11 really touched on every element of someone's quality
12 of life from the trash in our community to the public
13 health with the pandemic and so much more. And I am
14 excited and looking forward to the new partnerships
15 to come and the work that will be done with the
16 incoming class in the New York City Council.

17 I'd like to also thank Speaker Johnson
18 and the entire central staff support including Jason
19 Goldman and of course, Ebony Meeks, Southeast Queens
20 own and actually originally from the 31st Council
21 District, so I have to note that as well. For the
22 immense level of support and guidance that I was able
23 to be afforded to make sure that my district did not
24 miss a beat despite having a vacancy for some time.

2 I also am excited about being able to
3 support the renaming of the number of the streets
4 throughout my district and neighboring district, but
5 I wanted to specifically mention the names of Justice
6 Wallace. Justin Wallace was a ten-year-old boy whose
7 life was cut down by a bullet. That was one of the
8 most darkest days that I have faced as a member in
9 Council and as a public servant in my entire
10 professional career. And while we cannot bring
11 Justin Wallace back, we hope that every time that
12 people walk past that street in Far Rockaway that
13 they will remember Justin and live as Justin wanted
14 to.

15 May I just have one more moment please?

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes Ma'am.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you.

18 As well as Dr. Deborah Hoyle, a long time advocate in
19 Far Rockaway and Archie Spigner, the Dean of
20 Southeast Queens who also was a member of this body.
21 I will prepare to close by just also acknowledging
22 two bills. One is Intro. 66 with being under the
23 leadership of Council Member Majority Leader Cumbo.
24 A much needed piece of legislation as we work to
25 combat gun violence across New York City. And Intro.

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2 2424-B being led by Council Member Rosenthal, where
3 it will create an advisory board to help address New
4 Yorkers who continue to be harassed as the walk
5 through the streets in New York City and we hope that
6 we'll be able to do some great work with that board.
7 And with that, I am proud to vote aye on all. Thank
8 you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Cabàn?

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

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
14 granted.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÀN: Thank you Majority
16 Leader. First, just congratulations to my colleagues
17 on passing such wonderful bills today. Particularly,
18 Council Member Ampry-Samuels gas ban bill. That is
19 such an incredible achievement. Thank you. I do
20 really wish that Council Member Levin's Fair Chance
21 for Housing Bill was on the agenda today too but I do
22 look forward to passing it next term. And I vote aye
23 on all with the exception of Intro.'s 2476 and 2439
24 in which I vote no, thank you.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Cabrera?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Permission to
3 explain my vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
5 granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Thank you so
7 much Majority Leader and thank you for your
8 leadership throughout all these years. What can I
9 say after 12 years, 12 amazing years, I want to thank
10 my colleagues. You made us all better. We had an
11 amazing ride. Every time I go through those gates
12 and from day one to this day, uh, I'm so humble by
13 the opportunity that I had and I want to thank God
14 and my constituents for that opportunity and my
15 staff. Many who stuck with me for the last 12 years.
16 Greg Faulkner, Anthony Springer, [INAUDIBLE 1:37:16-
17 1:37:20]. Thank you. Thank you for serving our
18 community.

19 I want to thank the Speaker for the
20 opportunity to partner together in so many levels.
21 And Jason Goldman, you're amazing. Thank you for the
22 countless hours that you spent with all of us and you
23 were so patient and so real. And so, with that, I
24 vote aye on all the bills and Resolutions.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
3 Council Member Cabrera.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Carr?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Madam Majority
6 Leader, permission to explain my vote?

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
8 granted.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Thank you so much.
10 I just wanted to take a moment to thank and wish
11 nothing but the best to all of the outgoing Council
12 Members who are leaving this institution at the end
13 of the year. I want to thank you for your service to
14 the city. There are many passionate debates that
15 occur in this body and I know all of us are all
16 simply striving to pursue the public good as best as
17 we are able to discern it. So, I thank you for doing
18 that whether it was for four, eight, or twelve years.

19 I also want to thank the outgoing members
20 of the LGBT caucus for embracing me. In particular
21 caucus Chair Danny Dromm, I look forward to serving
22 in that institution for the coming term. And I just
23 want to acknowledge a couple of members. I want to
24 thank the departing member of our republican
25 conference, Council Member Ulrich. He has done

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2 nothing but wonderful things in his 12 years, over 12
3 years representing the 32nd Council District and I
4 know he will continue to do great things for our
5 city. And I thank him from the bottom of my heart
6 for ably representing my favorite part of the city
7 outside of Staten Island, my beloved Breezy Point. I
8 know he did wonderful things for that community.

9 And I also want to thank our outgoing
10 speaker Corey Johnson for his friendship to my
11 predecessor Steve Matteo and for the wonderful
12 collaboration they had over the years. Whether it
13 was when he was Chair of the Health Committee in his
14 first term or now as Speaker. He was a friend to
15 District 50, a friend to Staten Island and I look
16 forward to seeing the things you are going to do in
17 the future.

18 So, with that said, I'm just going to
19 cast my vote, just bear with me for a second. I'm
20 going to be voting no on Introductions 1208-B, 1326-
21 B, 2020-A and 2317-A, 2411-A, 2438-A and M 358 with
22 accompanying Resolution 1878 and then aye on the
23 rest.

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Chin?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Permission to
3 explain my vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
5 granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you Madam
7 Majority Leader. It's been 12 years and the moment I
8 walked into this Chamber, I did my swearing in
9 ceremony back in 2009, end of 2009. For me, it's
10 really such a historic moment. I fought very hard to
11 come to the City Council. I won on my fourth
12 attempt.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Alright.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: But I never gave up
15 because I started fighting for representation.
16 Because back then the City Council did not have Asian
17 representation. And I started that journey back in
18 1989 when we did the Charter Revision to increase the
19 size of the City Council from 35 to 51. And being
20 the first Asian woman to be elected, I feel the heavy
21 responsibility. [APPLAUSE]

22 In the next Council, there is going to be
23 four, four, right quadruple. And that is really
24 historic but I felt so much love in this Council.

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2 All the Sergeants, you all took care of me. You
3 always make sure, you too cold? I think you be cold?

4 They make sure that I have you know
5 cushion on a seat because as a petite you know woman,
6 I want to be seen and heard. I know I have a loud
7 voice but I want to also make sure they see me. But
8 all the colleagues that I started with 12 years, I
9 mean you guys have been amazing. Debbie, Karen, I
10 mean, we're like the old timers but it's been such an
11 honor and pleasure to serve in this Council. And to
12 be able to make changes, improve peoples lives. And
13 my mother always told me, do whatever you can to help
14 people who need your help. There are a lot of
15 people, constituents that probably that probably
16 don't need my help but the people who needed my help,
17 we were always there. And I've been so blessed with
18 a team of staff that started with me and some of them
19 went onto the Mayor's Office. That helps when budget
20 time comes.

21 But my Land Use Staff, you know the
22 reasons they have to work on all those rezoning's. I
23 know some of my colleague in the - especially the
24 colleagues who knew me for the last 12 years. You
25 know how many rezoning's I went through in my

2 district? I think it's a record but you have always
3 supported me and I just wanted to also thank my
4 staff. Ian Chan is here to help me take care of
5 small business, community. My Chief of Staff Gigi
6 Li, my Deputy Chief of Staff Kana Ervin and also my
7 District Staff. You know they hold down the fort and
8 take care of constituency while were getting
9 legislation done and rezoning done. Pat Olan, Monica
10 Guardiola, Kora Funk(SP?) I mean they are strong
11 support behind me.

12 So, I just wanted to thank Corey, we only
13 did eight years together but we Co-Chaired the
14 Manhattan Delegation and that was such a wonderful
15 time. Corey's always like, let's talk to the other
16 delegation. You know, get their support. And I'm so
17 happy that you got to be the Speaker and thank you so
18 much for all your support, especially in a lot of the
19 Capital Budget and all the central staff. The
20 Finance Staff, the Land Use Staff, the Legislation
21 Staff, they have all been so supportive.

22 And I just - it's just like, I'm finally
23 going to retire and live the good life but I will
24 always be supportive of the Council Member whose
25 going to stay. Don't hesitate to call if you need

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2 help, right? And I also want to make sure that you
3 carry on what we have achieved in this term. For me,
4 senior, especially for the senior. Make sure you
5 continue to fight for increased on the Senior Budget
6 because did a lot of great things okay? The senior
7 needs you, so make sure you keep that up and stay on
8 the course.

9 So, thank you for all the support. Best
10 wishes to all of you. We're going to be there, the
11 alumni's, we're around. But thank you to all of you
12 for your support and friendship and I proudly vote
13 aye on all. Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Cornegy?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Permission to
16 explain my vote?

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
18 granted.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I want to thank
20 you Madam Majority Leader for leading this body and
21 these meetings and in other matters with a degree of
22 precision and passion. Always bringing yourself to
23 this job. I want to thank Speaker Corey Johnson for
24 allowing me to actually grow in this body and always
25 being a friend and committed to communities that

2 don't look like him and don't sound like him. But
3 today, for me, it's one of those pivotal days when
4 it's actually the happiest day of my life and the
5 saddest simultaneously. That happens one time in a
6 mans life and it's the happiest because I get to
7 after all of these years, vote on a bill that would
8 rename the corner of Quincy and Malcolm X Boulevard
9 in my district for my dad, the Reverend Dr. Robert E.
10 Cornegy Senior.

11 And the saddest because like college,
12 I've met some people here that I will have
13 friendships with way into my twilight years, almost
14 forever. So, with that in mind and with the level of
15 emotion that I'm feeling, I vote on all.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. Can
17 you please repeat your vote.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I emphatically
19 vote aye on all.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Darma
22 Diaz?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Permission to
24 explain my vote?

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
3 granted.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Thank you. I
5 promise to be brief. I want to thank the Speaker and
6 I especially want to thank Jason. When I came on 12
7 months ago, he said how many Committees? And I said
8 seven and seven became ten. So, I walk away
9 enriched, empowered, educated. I walk away with ten
10 Committees, two caucuses, one delegation and the
11 Chair of the Women and Gender and Equity. I thank
12 you all for this wonderful and amazing experience.
13 It may have been 12 months but it's been the best 12
14 months of my life.

15 To my daughter, thank you Allison for
16 being my rock. To the City of New York, I'm proud to
17 have served. To my staff, thank you. [APPLAUSE]
18 And to Eric, my number one constituent who was just
19 here, thank you Eric for joining us. [APPLAUSE]

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Darma Diaz
21 votes aye. Council Member Ruben Diaz? Council
22 Member Ruben Diaz? Council Member Dinowitz?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz
25 votes aye on all. Council Member Dromm?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Permission to
3 explain my vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
5 granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you very
7 much. I want to take this opportunity to thank
8 Speaker Johnson for entrusting me with the Chairman's
9 Chair for the Finance Committee. Uh, he has been a
10 rock for me and I am most grateful to him for his
11 trust in me. I want to thank the Chief of Staff
12 Jason Goldman for all that he has done for me. Our
13 Deputy Chief of Staff Ebony Meeks.

14 I already this morning thanked all of the
15 members of the Finance Committee for what they have
16 done. The members of the Finance Staff, Latonia
17 McKinney, Rebecca Chasan, Stephanie Ruiz, Noah Brick,
18 Nathan Toth and for all the work that they have done
19 on the budgets. It has been an incredible experience
20 and the honor of my life to serve in the City Council
21 and even more so to serve as the Finance Chair.

22 So, I thank you and I just want to say
23 thank you to all of my colleagues and with that, I
24 vote yes on all. And also, may I have permission to
25 vote on the Land Use Call Ups?

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Any objections?

3 Seeing none.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you very
5 much. I'd like to vote aye on all as well.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: And thank you so
7 much Council Member Danny Dromm for your service as
8 Finance Chair. Many of our colleagues today had a
9 chance to celebrate the incredible work and the long
10 hours that you put in in this really incredible and
11 critical role in the Council and we thank you.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you very
13 much.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Eugene?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Permission to
16 explain my vote?

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
18 granted.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Thank you so much
20 Madam Majority Leader. My colleagues, I cannot
21 believe it. That I have been in this honorable body
22 for 14 years, 14 years. It has been so fast and I
23 can remember vividly the first day when I came to
24 this Chamber, after being elected two times in two
25 months or three months. This room was overcrowded

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2 with people of all ethnic backgrounds and that was
3 the opportunity for me to continue to do what I love
4 doing, what I've been doing before I was elected.
5 Fighting for health, education and tried to better
6 the community and improve the quality of life of
7 people.

8 In addition to that, I was privileged and
9 blessed and I'm humbled to say that. To be the first
10 Haitian American to be elected to government in the
11 entire state of New York. [APPLAUSE]

12 And now we have Haitian elected officials
13 in this city and state government including Farah
14 Louis and [INAUDIBLE 1:52:08-1:52:11]. But I want to
15 thank the opportunity to thank all of you because the
16 City Council is a school. We learn from each other
17 and I learn from each one of you. Thank you so very
18 much. And I couldn't be able reach so far without
19 the contribution of your friendship, without your
20 collaboration. To all of you, thank you so, so, very
21 much.

22 Let me say something. Speaker Johnson
23 went to one of my swearing in. We had music and he
24 was dancing. You know, if you were watching, who is
25 that? I said, the Speaker. The Speaker is dancing.

2 You know they love you and now reviewing the videos
3 two weeks ago. Thank you so very much. And to all
4 of you thank you so very much and I want to
5 acknowledge also Council Member Ken Fisher. He was
6 one of the supporter of my Youth organization many
7 years before I was elected. You are an inspiration
8 for me also. And to all the new members, bless you.
9 I wish you success because like you, all of us who
10 came here the first time and I know that you're going
11 to make a big difference in the life of people in New
12 York City.

13 To all of you, thank you so very much.
14 God Bless you. God Bless your family. Be safe and
15 bless of you. With this, I vote aye on all. Thank
16 you. [APPLAUSE]

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Thank you. It
19 seems like the Zoom didn't get my audio on the Land
20 Use Vote, so I would like to make a motion for
21 unanimous consent to vote on all Land Use items and
22 all items on the General Orders Calendar.

23 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Seeing none, how do
24 you vote Council Member?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Permission to
3 explain my vote?

4 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Permission granted.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: To my colleagues,
6 I have been in office for approximately eight months
7 and it's been an honor and a privilege to work with
8 all of you. I've been lucky to have had the
9 opportunity to not only work with you but also learn
10 from all of you.

11 We have lawyers in the room. We have
12 social workers in the room. We have so many
13 different Council Members with so much experience and
14 so many different fields. Thank you for bringing
15 that expertise and using that expertise and using all
16 of your energy to build a better City of New York.
17 Our city is a better city because of that. So, thank
18 you and with that said, I vote aye on all.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Madam Majority
22 Leader, I'd like permission to speak on my vote?

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
24 granted.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: First, I want to
3 thank you Madam Majority Leader for leading our
4 meetings with poise and passion and I really admire
5 you and I appreciate you for what you do. For
6 Speaker Johnson, I don't really have the words to
7 thank you for the friendship and brotherhood that you
8 have shown me and I know that whatever you do going
9 forward, use your you know the full range of your
10 talents on the lines of excellence. And wherever you
11 go, you will make a huge difference and I thank you
12 so much.

13 You know, Jason Goldman I thank you for
14 your friendship and brotherhood, managing somehow to
15 keep me under control. It's not easy to do that and
16 I really do appreciate that. I'm very sad in not
17 being able to be here you know at the Chambers in
18 person. I have COVID but I'm okay. I don't have
19 symptoms or you know very, very mild symptoms so I
20 would urge people to do like I do, which is get
21 tested every couple weeks because you never know if
22 you're going to come out positive and you know
23 prayers to my wife that she not come down with this
24 because there's no guarantee that she would be a mild

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2 case if she was to contract. We ask for those
3 prayers.

4 And to my colleagues who are moving on, I
5 served with many of you like the first time around.
6 Karen Koslowitz, Barry Grodenchik, Stephen Levin, and
7 my new friend you know Darma Diaz who I didn't serve
8 with before but she is terrific and I love her. And
9 uhm, you know Danny Dromm and others, I'm sure I'm
10 leaving some out. It's great to see Ken Fisher who I
11 served with staff in the Council in the 1990's.

12 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: And he was
14 there. And with that, my time is up so I vote aye on
15 all with the exception of Intro.'s 1208 and 2020 on
16 which I vote no. Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you and our
18 prayers for your speedy recovery. We all have the
19 best wishes for you. Thank you so much.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you.
21 Thank you Madam Majority Leader.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Gibson?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Permission to
24 explain my vote?

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
3 granted.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you so much
5 Madam Majority Leader. Good afternoon my colleagues.
6 It has been an honor to be a member of this body for
7 the past eight years. I remember my first election
8 to the State Assembly back in 2009 and running for
9 the City Council in 2013. Being a part of this body
10 has been such an incredible and rewarding experience
11 and journey for me. It has been the greatest honor
12 of my life to represent District 16 in the West
13 Bronx, the Boogie Down Bronx. The communities that
14 I've loved, the Claire Monte Village, Concourse
15 Village, High Bridge Mount Edan and Morris Heights.

16 And now as I close this one chapter of
17 service and I look to the next chapter of making
18 history in the Bronx, as the first ever African
19 American and female elected Bronx Borough President.
20 [APPLAUSE].

21 I am so grateful and I give all honor to
22 God who has blessed me on this great journey. It
23 has been an incredible opportunity learning from all
24 of you. My source of strength. My colleagues, our
25 Speaker, Jason Goldman, Ebony, Anthony, the entire

2 Finance Division, the Land Use Division, the
3 Legislative Division. Growing as a public servant.
4 We have made significant investments across this
5 city. I think about my first term working with Mark
6 Levine, passing the universal right to Council, which
7 saves families from evictions. I think about the
8 work we've done in education, supporting social
9 workers and guidance counselors and school nurses,
10 and community schools, fair fares and fair futures
11 and dealing with climate change and housing.

12 It has really been an honor serving as
13 the first ever person of color Chairing the Committee
14 on Public Safety to the work that I've done as the
15 Subcommittee on Capital and now Chairing Oversight
16 and Investigations. [APPLAUSE]

17 I am so proud of this incredible moment
18 and I am carrying all of this to Bronx Borough Hall.
19 So, I thank you colleagues. I want to thank my
20 sisters in the Women's Caucus. Thank you sisters for
21 all that you've done and to the BLAC and to my
22 Speaker, my friend. It has been an honor working and
23 walking on this journey with you and I look forward
24 to even better as we move forward. Happy holidays to
25 each and every one of you. To all the returning

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2 members, may God Bless you and keep you and to all
3 the outgoing members, I pray that God continues to
4 use you to make our city a better city for all.

5 Happy holidays and thank you New York City Council.

6 And for the last time, as the Council Member of

7 District 16, I vote aye on all. [APPLAUSE]

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: That's my Borough
9 President.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Gjonaj?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Majority Leader,
12 I'd like to please explain my vote and praise you.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes and yes.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Okay, good.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Majority Leader,

17 I want to thank you for your friendship, for your
18 professionalism and for your passion on the issues
19 that are important to us. I want to thank Speaker

20 Corey Johnson. I want to thank all of the staff,

21 Jason Goldman, the former Chief of Staff, Ramon

22 Martinez, Jeff Baker, Jim Caras, Joanna Castro, Ebony

23 Meeks, Anthony Perez, Irene Bohofsky, Stephanie

24 Jones, Noah Meixler, the Sergeant at Arms, all of the

25 staff. I want to thank my staff, my former Chief of

2 Staff Regie Johnson and my current Chief of Staff
3 Vera Mjeku. Arnie, Austin, Deja, Elsie, [INAUDIBLE
4 2:01:50]. You have all made my life easier and have
5 made me look good by the work that you do at the
6 Council and in my district office.

7 As the first of being ever to serve on
8 the City Council, I am grateful for the most humbling
9 experience of my life. We've done some incredible
10 work. I know that we're leaving New York City in
11 many cases better than we found it. In some other
12 cases, I'm not so sure but to the colleagues that I
13 serve alongside of, I want to thank you. Thank you
14 for your friendship. Thank you for your guidance. I
15 want to thank you for being in my life. You have
16 certainly made me a better person. I want to
17 acknowledge and share my sincerest condolences to
18 Charles Barron and his family on the loss of his
19 mother. And with that, I wish all of you the
20 blessings of the holidays, a Merry Christmas, a Happy
21 Hanukkah, a Happy Kwanzaa, but most of all, I wish
22 all of you a happy, healthy, peaceful and safe New
23 Year. And with that, I vote aye on all under two
24 minutes. Thank you Majority Leader.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
3 Council Member Gjonaj. Do you wish to have more time
4 to praise me?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: I certainly do
6 because I praise you for being you Majority Leader
7 and for being my friend.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
9 Council Member Gjonaj.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member
11 Grodenchik?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Permission to
13 explain my vote Majority Leader?

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
15 granted.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Thank you.

17 [APPLAUSE]

18 What can I say? It's difficult for me
19 like it's been difficult for many of you today. In
20 my heart, I'm still a 15-year-old kid from New York
21 City public housing, who somehow managed to make it
22 to the big top here in New York City and I am
23 grateful to each and every one of you for your
24 friendship, for your comradeship, and even when we
25 didn't always agree, that's what made it even more

2 special. Today, for those of us who are leaving, it
3 might be a little bittersweet but that's okay. You
4 need to go low sometimes to feel the highs that you
5 have in life. And uhm, I want to start by saying a
6 few words.

7 Uhm, I want to thank first of all my
8 Chief of Staff Girish, my Counsel Steve Behar, Irene
9 and Dev and Devender and Jennifer and everybody else
10 who worked with me over these past six years. I want
11 to thank especially my wife Deborah and my son David
12 who put up with this. My wife will be 32 years come
13 January. We met on New Years Eve and to my parents
14 in heaven, who shaped me and molded me and gave me
15 the strength that I have today. I say thank you mom
16 and dad. Uhm, today we're voting on about 200 street
17 renaming's and I guess what is a coincidence maybe,
18 three of the people that I had the pleasure of
19 working with at Queens Borough Hall, the late, great
20 Claire Shulman, our Deputy dear friend Peter Magnani
21 and another dear friend Dan Andrews, the Press
22 Secretary. He was probably the longest serving Press
23 Secretary in the history of New York City for both
24 Claire and the late Helen Marshal. They are all
25 having street renaming's after them, so I thank Paul

2 Vallone and I thank Danny Dromm and Jimmy Van Bramer
3 for shepherding those through the Council.

4 Just a few more seconds Madam Majority
5 Leader, although what are you going to do to me now
6 right?

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I think we all
8 knew you needed a little bit more time.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: My advise to
10 the new members that are coming in. I congratulate
11 you all again. And I tell you every day, Claire
12 Schulman taught me to thank all your staff, no matter
13 how good or how bad the day has been, it's been the
14 same for them and Lord knows that they appreciate it.
15 My other piece of advice, you're here to make headway
16 not headlines and remember that. And I'm going to
17 leave you, my friend Adrienne Adams, I had to ask her
18 for a little advice today on this song. Made popular
19 by the great Mahalia Jackson. It's just something
20 that I thought of. I heard this verse at the funeral
21 for Helen Marshal. And it's entitled, 'If I can help
22 somebody.' If I can help somebody as I pass along.
23 If I can cheer somebody with a word or song. If I
24 can show somebody that he's traveling wrong, then my
25 living shall not be in vain. [APPLAUSE]

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2 To all of you and to the millions of New
3 Yorkers that you've helped these past four years, in
4 some cases 12 years, your living was not in vain.
5 You have lifted up 8.6 million people and have been a
6 beacon to those around the world. For those of you
7 who continue on in elective office, my prayers go
8 with you and for those of you who are going somewhere
9 else, may you travel in peace and may the wind always
10 be at your back. Thank you and God Bless you all.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.
12 [APPLAUSE] Now, that's a Council. Barry Grodenchik,
13 we need you to vote aye or however you'd like to
14 vote, my apologies.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: I vote aye on
16 all with the exception of 2020 and [INAUDIBLE
17 2:07:53].

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. You
19 need to go to the microphone Council Member
20 Grodenchik. Another chance at the mic.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: One more
22 chance. I got another two minutes? Aye on all with
23 the exception to 2020 and 2317 on which I abstain.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. Now,
3 that's my kind of Council. Barry Grodenchik, quoting
4 Mahalia Jackson. There we go.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Holden?

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

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
9 granted.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I want to thank
11 Speaker Corey Johnson number one. For your passion,
12 your dedication and I wish you God speed. Have a
13 great vacation, you certainly earned it. You've been
14 through some of the roughest years any Speaker has
15 faced. Jason Goldman, where is he? Wandering
16 around? He's always wandering. There he is outside.
17 Thank you Jason. Thank you Jason. Thank you Jason
18 Goldman for I mean taking all my calls or eventually
19 getting back to me but thank you for keeping it
20 really light. And I love you humor; I love the you
21 know the comments you make; it keeps it light. It
22 takes the pressure off too this job. So, I want to
23 thank you. And certainly, my neighbor Karen
24 Koslowitz in my neighboring district.

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2 I kid – you know it seemed like we've
3 known each other since the 50's but it's really the
4 late 80's that I met Karen and it was really a
5 highlight of my first term in office that I served
6 alongside her. She was my Council woman and she was
7 one of the best we've had and I thank her. And
8 again, my witty friend, Eric Ulrich 12 years of
9 dedication and service to the 32nd and he left it in
10 good hands by the way. And I want to thank you for
11 all you've done and it was really, you know again,
12 you have another career coming obviously but – and
13 all of you. I'm going to miss many of you and all of
14 you that I've had contact with and you guys were
15 terrific. We didn't see eye to eye all the time but
16 we had fun didn't we. It was a great four years that
17 I've been with you. I'll miss you. Keep in touch
18 and uhm, Mark Gjonaj by the way who just was on and
19 Barry, thank you. Again, it's been a pleasure. So,
20 with that, you know I'm going to miss everyone that
21 really made it much better.

22 I'm sorry, just a few more seconds.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Of course.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all except
25 for LU 918, 919, 906, 907 and accompanying Reso's.

2 Intro's 1208, 1775, 2020 and 2317, which I vote no.

3 Thank you. Happy Holidays everyone.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Kallos?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Is it granted?

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We can hear you.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Perfect. In our
9 final stated, I wanted to thank our colleagues
10 whether we agreed or disagreed. It have been a
11 privilege of a lifetime to serve alongside you,
12 especially my brothers and sisters in the progressive
13 projects. The Congresswoman Karen Maloney, Borough
14 President Gale Brewer and State Senator Schumer,
15 you've been there for me and our community on every
16 fight.

17 I cannot be more proud of the
18 accomplishments that we've had over the past eight
19 years. In particular laws and Charter Revisions that
20 have reduced the influence of big money in our
21 elections and in our government. We made it so that
22 the people can run for office on small dollars and we
23 have an amazing incoming Council. For the first
24 time, that would a majority of women with many of
25 these candidates rejecting real estate money because

2 of the changes we made. We reformed the body by
3 banning Lulu's and making this a full time job. So,
4 Council Member's only priority could be serving their
5 constituents. To keep New Yorkers here in their
6 homes, we passed a law to register affordable
7 housing, which you can now access on
8 housingconnect.nyc.gov. We rezoned to stop
9 billionaires grow and buildings for billionaires
10 propped up on empty mechanical boards.

11 Just last week, we passed a law to end
12 illegal Air BNB's so that affordable housing remain
13 housing for New Yorkers - Also, laws that help feed
14 our kids healthy food. From healthy happy meals to
15 universal school lunch, not to mention when a
16 prekindergarten funding from Albany and expanding 3K
17 for the city including for my daughter. A retirement
18 security for all is not only the law of the land for
19 New York City but now for every resident of New York
20 State. We fought for the future of our planet
21 becoming the largest city to declare climate
22 emergency and in our parks. Passing my friend Costa
23 Constantinides Climate Mobilization Act and today's
24 historic fossil fuel ban.

2 None of these accomplishments would have
3 been possible without support from colleagues, from
4 advocates and from our amazing constituents. And to
5 Council Staff, Central Staff and my own team, with
6 the eight year award [INAUDIBLE 2:13:06] Jesse
7 Towson(SP?), Debbie Libode(SP?), and the rest of the
8 team -

9 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Jameson, Taylor
11 Benow, Adam Bermudas, Savannah Conheavy(SP?),
12 Avi(SP?), Dan, Steve, Paul Westrick, Isabella Smith,
13 Matt Ackanerny, Sara Andrews, Anthony, Joe Strong,
14 and countless interns, thank you for your tireless
15 work to make our city a better place. My final thank
16 you is the most important one to my constituents and
17 also New Yorkers who make this the best job on earth
18 and for who I hope we have made a positive effect
19 over the past eight years. I vote aye on all with
20 the exception of SoHo NoHo and 250 Water Street
21 Rezoning's.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Can you please
23 repeat that again?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Uh, all of it? I
3 vote aye on all with the exception of the SoHo NoHo
4 and 250 Water Street Rezoning's.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: You heard it.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Koo?

7 [APPLAUSE]

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Majority Leader,
9 Speaker, last 12 years ago -

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Can you speak
11 into the mic Council Member Koo? We want to hear
12 every word.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Four years ago, I
14 took a special trip. The City Council trip. It was
15 a long trip. I learned a lot of things. I met a lot
16 of people. I know how to compromise. I learned more
17 about empathy. I learned more about compassion. I
18 learned really a lot from my colleagues and from the
19 speakers and from everyone here.

20 The trip is ending today officially, so I
21 want to thank Speaker Johnson for his dedication and
22 his leadership and Jason Goldman, I bother him a lot
23 by text and by telephone. And all the central staff,
24 they are working great. They give us a lot of help
25 and all the people on the podium here. Thank you

2 very much. This is a fun trip. I've learned a lot.
3 I'm sure all of you agree that we met on this trip
4 and it's not by coincidence, it's a mission from God
5 that all of us get together every month so many times
6 and make decisions for the city to make the city a
7 better place.

8 So, thank you very much and I also want
9 to thank my Chief of Staff Elaine Jung. She's right
10 there. She has been helping me - she has been
11 helping me from day one. Even before day one, on my
12 campaign she was helping me and she stick around and
13 she sit till the last day. Thank you. So, with
14 that, God Bless every one of you. Thank you and I
15 vote aye on all.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
17 Council Member Koo. You are the real deal.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Koslowitz?

19 [APPLAUSE]

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: You're going
21 to make me cry.

22 [CROWD]: We love you Karen.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Well, I love
24 you too. Well, 22 years in the City Council with
25 eight years intermission, when I as Deputy Borough

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2 President. I see Ken Fisher here; he started a month
3 before I started. I started in March, you started in
4 February with 35 members in the City Council. It's
5 really been a great trip. I'm looking forward to
6 retiring. I don't know what it feels like to wake up
7 without an alarm clock and I'm going to find out
8 right now. I just want to say Corey, the last four
9 years, I feel for you. I've been with five Speakers
10 and you had it the toughest. You had everything
11 happen in between. It really was unbelievable. You
12 did an unbelievable job.

13 I knew four years ago, when you were
14 running for Speaker, you were the one for me. That I
15 absolutely was going to support you and how right I
16 was. I love you. You've done a magnificent job and
17 thank you. And -

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I love you. I love you
19 very much. I love you.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: And to Jason,
21 thank you for being there, for taking my calls and if
22 you couldn't talk to me now, you spoke to me later.
23 Always the same day. So, thank you so much for
24 everything you did. You were a great team.

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2 I also want to thank the staff. I can't
3 name everybody. I wouldn't even remember everybody,
4 their names. But I want to say to Jim Caras, is he
5 still here? To Jim Caras who was my legal counsel in
6 '91 and all the way through and we had a lot of fun
7 and thank you Jim and to Lance, I just learned how to
8 pronounce his last name. And thank you Lance very
9 much, it was a pleasure. And also, to my staff who
10 have been there for me Ronnie Croce who is my Chief
11 of Staff, who I met at the Council because she used
12 to sit downstairs and we were allowed to smoke in her
13 office. And I went into her office to smoke and we
14 became very, very good friends.

15 And to my x-employee Amanda Menichini who
16 is now the Borough President of Queens. Thank you
17 Amanda. And to Alex Anderson whose been there for
18 me. Thank you Alex for everything. So, with that,
19 I'm guaranteeing you, I will never run again. I'm
20 finished, so I love you and I look forward to seeing
21 you again. Oh, I vote aye. [APPLAUSE]

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Lander.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Whoo the Kos is a
24 tough act to follow. It was better when Rory
25 Lanceman was in between the Kos and me. Colleagues,

2 whew what an extraordinary honor and privilege it has
3 been to serve alongside you. You know I'm thinking
4 today of so many of the things we've done in this
5 Chamber and where I was sitting. The Public Advocate
6 talked about the Community Safety Act and our work to
7 ban discriminatory stop and frisk and I was back in
8 that back left corner on that powerful evening as it
9 was three o'clock in the morning and we worked to
10 stand up for New Yorkers to have justice in their
11 neighborhoods. I was on this side of the dais and
12 the hearing that we had on the 65th Anniversary, 60th
13 Anniversary of Brown vs Board of Education, when we
14 moved to pass the School Diversity Accountability
15 Act. And then we brought that into our district,
16 into District 15. Steve and Carlos had integrated
17 our middle schools thanks to what had happened in
18 this Chamber.

19 We have stood up here for so many
20 workers. For fast food workers, for deliveristas,
21 for taxi drivers, for free lancers. The free lancer
22 bill even passed with 51 votes. I think my only
23 unanimous bill. Plastic bags, we probably forgot
24 about plastic bags. After two votes to get rid of
25 plastic bags and so many more, all of those things

2 were the work of so many people, who a few of whom
3 are in this Chamber. But the legislative aides and
4 budget analysts and land use staff, what an
5 extraordinary central staff team. Thank you more
6 than I can say.

7 To my own Council staff, 33 people, I
8 won't name them all that have served on our team over
9 the last 12 years. How excited am I that my next
10 Council Member is one of those people, the
11 extraordinary Shahana Hanif, who is coming into this
12 body with a strong majority of women and people of
13 color and fierce fighters for this city.

14 Something kind of remarkable and peculiar
15 happens in this Chamber where all those things each
16 of us are most proud of, often somebody else hated
17 those things and fought hard against them. We'd
18 scrape it out politically and ideologically and yet,
19 something remarkable happens because we have this
20 shared sense of duty together. And I was just
21 looking up at this quote again and thinking about
22 what it means to serve there with this quote from
23 Lincoln that a government of the people, by the
24 people and for the people, shall not perish from this
25 earth. These are paroles times for our democracy and

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2 it has been an extraordinary honor and blessing to do
3 my little best alongside all of you to make sure it
4 does not perish. And I really am grateful to all of
5 you for it. Thank you.

6 I vote aye on all with the exception of
7 2476 on which I vote no. Thank you all so, so much.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Levin?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Permission to
10 explain my vote?

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
12 granted.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you. Uhm,
14 my colleagues, I want to spend my time thanking
15 people. I want to thank first our Speaker Corey
16 Johnson who for the last four years has really had
17 the weight of the world on his shoulders and has
18 navigated this body to the other side of
19 extraordinary paralysis times. And has done so with
20 great heart and great courage. Thank you Corey.

21 I want to thank our prior Speakers
22 Melissa Mark-Viverito and Christine Quinn. I want to
23 thank all of my colleagues who are too numerous to
24 name but I love all of you, past and present. Thank
25 you. I want to thank Jason Goldman, Ebony Meeks,

2 Mike Cravate(SP?) Ramone Martinez, Latonia McKinney,
3 Preston Nibloc(SP?) Regina Parada Ryan, Doheny
4 Sompura(SP?), Nathan Toth, James Reyes, Jeff
5 Rodis(SP?), Dan Kroop, Julie Harames(SP?) Numara
6 Newshot(SP?), Aminta Kilawan, Andre Vasquez, Tonya
7 Sirius(SP?), Crystal Pond, Natalie Omary, Nora Yaya,
8 Jim Caras, Liz Fine, Dedere Joshua(SP?), Kathleen
9 Ohn, Jason Otanio, Chuck Davis. All our Land Use
10 Staff Raju Mann, Brian Hall, Amy Levitan, Julie Lubin
11 and all of her predecessors as Land Use Council.
12 Gayle Benjamin, Jan Atwell, Jeff Baker, Mack
13 Owalb(SP?), Rob Newman, Laura Popa, Joanna Castro,
14 William Martin, Jonathan Etrick(SP?), Carl
15 Dialba(SP?), thank you Carl.

16 Uh, Raphael Perez, Israel Rosario, John
17 Biondo and all of our tireless and professional
18 Sergeants at Arms, who have kept this body running
19 day in, day out every day. [APPLAUSE] Bill
20 Alatrystay(SP?) and his staff. I want to thank Mayor
21 Bill de Blasio and his team, who I believe did many
22 good and positive things for our city, particularly
23 in the area that I have worked General Welfare. Just
24 a couple more moments Madam Majority Leader.

25 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Of course.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: My wonderful staff
3 over the years, Johnathan Boucher, Elizbeth Adams,
4 Deedra Cheatham, Ben Solitaire, Nicole Hunt, Evecutory
5 Kumaar(SP?), Anna Sanchez, Lud Paulino(SP?), Julie
6 Barrow, Glenomy Bravo Lopez(SP?), Matine Sarcy(SP?),
7 Lisa Bloodgood, Mado Jalla(SP?), Casey Adams, Rachael
8 Foentis(SP?), Ben Petock(SP?), Lina Flores, Ivan
9 Acosta, Eris Delone(SP?), Travis Comidor(SP?), Ronnie
10 Metal, Ashley Thompson, and my longest serving staff
11 member and one of my best friends in the world Betty
12 Lester and a blessed memory Hope Rishback(SP?),
13 Marianne Woodmires(SP?)and Kevin Peter Carol. I want
14 to thank my constituents for placing your trust in me
15 for these past 12 years.

16 And just one thing I want to say is that
17 - and this is a message really to the incoming
18 Council Members and any future Council Members is
19 uhm, this body works because of collegiality. It
20 works because we have friendships that transcend
21 political physicians and ideologies. We have respect
22 for one another and that is the secret sauce of this
23 body. That's why this body functions well. And
24 there are other legislative bodies around the country
25 that do not function that well. But that's what this

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2 body has and it always has had it and it always will.

3 But I just want to exhort my successors in this body

4 to please, please, make sure that you place that

5 collegiality and respect for one another as a very

6 high priority because that's what will make this body

7 shine for many years to come.

8 And with that, I vote aye on all with the

9 exception of 2429, which I vote no. And thank you.

10 I love you. Thanks. [APPLAUSE]

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council

12 Member Levin.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Levine?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Thank you. Madam

15 Majority Leader, permission to explain my vote.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Thank you so

18 much.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Manhattan Borough

20 President Elect.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Thank you, thank

22 you. Thank you for your service to this body. Thank

23 you more importantly for your friendship Madam

24 Majority Leader and oh boy, my goodness colleagues, I

25 have just absolutely cherished these last eight years

2 with all of you. I am so grateful for what you have
3 taught me, for the ways you've challenged me that too
4 and most importantly for the many, many friendships
5 that I will cherish here for the rest of my life.
6 Thank you. Today, we're passing what is actually my
7 45th bill Intro. 1326. I won't go into the details
8 but -

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Not bragging.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: We're going to
11 put warning labels on fast food menus for high sugar
12 items. You should vote for it.

13 I am so grateful to both of the Speakers
14 I have served under. Melissa Mark-Viverito and Corey
15 Johnson who have made that legislative work possible.
16 Thank you Corey for all of the ways that you have
17 supported me over the last four years and for your
18 friendship. I am really honored to have Chaired the
19 Parks Committee and fought on behalf of our precious
20 green space on behalf of equity in the park system.
21 Honored to have Chaired the Health Committee in
22 particular, during these very difficult two years of
23 crisis, where I've stood up for science and equity
24 and compassion.

2 And through it all, I've tried to make
3 the city work for people who are left behind. For
4 people who are vulnerable and marginalized. Whether
5 it's helping undocumented immigrants get access to
6 primary healthcare. Whether it's helping protect
7 kids from the dangers of e-cigarettes. Whether it's
8 helping protect tenants who are in the grips of an
9 eviction proceeding, right Vanessa? Is Vanessa still
10 here? She's somewhere.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I'm here.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: There she is. I
13 am just so proud of the bill that Vanessa and I
14 passed together making this the first place in
15 America to establish the right to counsel for tenants
16 facing eviction in housing court. It has set off
17 ways of change here in New York City and nationally.
18 And it is just amazing that that I can continue to
19 work with Vanessa, with Antonio, with Donovan, even
20 with former City Council Member Vita Facello in our
21 new roles on behalf of our boroughs. I can't wait to
22 partner with all of you.

23 None of what I have done would be
24 possible without the work of an amazing staff on the
25 Committee's I've shared here in the central staff. I

2 just want to mention from my days as Parks Chair,
3 Chris Artory, Patrick Mulvihill, Chima Obichere. As
4 Chair of the Health Committee, Isaiah Emmanuel
5 Hilu(SP?), Sara Liss, Harbani Ahuja, Ann Bulken,
6 Lauren Hunt, and the extraordinary team that has been
7 with me in my City Council office, all of whom have
8 been with me for almost my entire eight years. My
9 extraordinary Chief of Staff Aya Keefe, my amazing
10 Legislative Director Slattery, phenomenal District
11 Office Director Keitha Smith(SP?).

12 Very quickly to wrap up, uhm, team
13 members Winthrop Roosevelt, Manny Belliard, Eric
14 Qwayyo, [INAUDIBLE 2:32:13]. I am incredibly blessed
15 to come into work beside so many talented
16 professionals every day. Thank you again colleagues
17 and now for the last time, I get to say that I will
18 be voting aye on all. Thank you. Thank you.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
20 and congratulations, our Manhattan Borough President.
21 I like the way that sounds. [APPLAUSE]

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Levin to
23 clarify his vote.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: On my vote, I'll
25 be voting no on 2176 but I will take this opportunity

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2 to thank a couple more people. I want to thank Kelly
3 Taylor, Louis Cholden-Brown, Ed Atkin - 2476
4 Malocknis Ardeen(SP?) and Elliot Lynn. That's all.
5 Thanks.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Louis?
7 Council Member Maisel? [APPLAUSE] Council Member
8 Maisel votes yes. Council Member Menchaca?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Majority
10 Leader, permission to explain my vote?

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
12 granted.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: I wish I could
14 be there to give you a hug right now.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I was just going
16 to say it but I didn't know if it was appropriate.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Well, I, you
18 can hug. We can hug.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Hmm.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Buenos Diaz
21 everyone. I am really full of so much emotion
22 thinking about these last eight years and as a
23 creature of government, I've been in government for
24 over 16 years serving with Borough President Marty
25 Markowitz and then Speaker Christine Quinn. And then

2 getting the idea to run against the incumbent in her
3 membership, I launched a campaign and this incredible
4 district sent me with hearts a blazing to become the
5 first Mexican American elected in the history of the
6 Council and the first openly gay legislature Council
7 Member from Brooklyn. Super excited that now we are
8 going to have two openly gay legislatures, Council
9 Members from Brooklyn Chee(SP?) and Crystal. Super
10 excited about that but the legacy that I want to
11 connect to right now is the legacy of incredible
12 friendship around our immigrant community. Yes, I
13 was the Immigration Committee Chair. Yes, I was
14 incredibly passionate but there's no way that you can
15 get anything done in this Council without incredible
16 partnership.

17 And whether it was in the BMT or in
18 delegation, all of you understood the power and the
19 presence of our immigrant community. And so, all the
20 workers that we have been fighting for from our
21 construction workers, day laborers, salon workers,
22 deliveristas, the taxi medallion owners. All of
23 these people have made the city incredible and we
24 have stood together on that. I can't wait to
25 continue to do this work with you and whatever the

2 future brings, but I just wanted to note that this
3 takes solidarity. This kind of work is not easy,
4 especially for people who don't have the power to
5 vote us in and are often invisible in our communities
6 but I am committed to continue to make that work
7 happen. And for the Council Members that are coming
8 in -

9 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: We must
11 continue to lift those voices, whether it's in
12 participatory budgeting to ensure that they can
13 connect to the power that they have in themselves to
14 shape the future of this democracy in our city and
15 across the country.

16 I will be voting no on Land Use items 918
17 and 919 and I'm going to leave you with this quote
18 because I think it connects to the feeling that I
19 have, that we are not done here in this work that we
20 are doing here. It may be incomplete but it is a
21 beginning, a step along the way. An opportunity for
22 the lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may
23 never see the end results but that is the difference
24 between the master builder and the worker. We are
25 workers, not master builders, ministers not messiahs.

2 We are profits of a future that is not our own.

3 Thank you so much. That was a prayer to Oscar
4 Romero, a Jesuit who died in El Salvador and to that,
5 buenos noches. Thank you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council
7 Member Menchaca and thank you so much for your
8 service.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Miller?

11 [APPLAUSE]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Permission to
13 explain my vote Madam Majority Leader?

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
15 granted.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I just want to
17 begin by saying what an incredible honor and
18 privilege it is to be one of 51 in the city of eight
19 and a half million. It has been an incredible
20 journey over the past eight years. There's been a
21 lot of talk about the collaboration and the
22 friendship that it takes to really make this happen.
23 We say each and every day that public policy happens
24 by virtual public discourse.

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2 I walk through my district every day, as
3 many of my colleagues here and we know that you start
4 by constituents in the super market, in the synagogue
5 church and mass and you're hearing stories and you're
6 hearing conversations. That is the conversation,
7 that is the dialogue that shapes the work that we do
8 here each and every day. We bring those voices with
9 us and represent those marginalized folks each and
10 every day, whether it is in budget, whether it is in
11 public policy. That is the work that we have done
12 collectively.

13 In that, being the lone Muslim member of
14 the New York City Council, we have done incredible
15 things on behalf of that, of the Muslim community and
16 Umma. I did not vote for the opportunity for Muslim
17 children to not have to choose between their
18 education and their faith. Nor the Halal meals and
19 all the things that have occurred. It was the 51
20 members of this Council that collectively thought
21 that it was prudent to do that and I thank you.

22 To the members of the Black, Latino and
23 Asian Caucus, thank you, thank you, thank you for the
24 incredible work that you have done over the years
25 representing nearly five million New Yorkers.

2 Speaker Johnson, for your courage and your
3 leadership. Thank you sir. Thank you, thank you,
4 thank you. It's been quiet, it's been consistent.
5 And to your team, uhm, Jason and Ebony and the rest
6 of the team and you know, we can be a bit much to
7 handle, thank you so very much for that. Karen,
8 thank you for your leadership at the Queens
9 delegation.

10 For me, this can be a moment to talk
11 about as the Chair of the Civil Service and Labor
12 Committee over the past eight years. The tasks that
13 I've been challenged with, the reason why I was here
14 to represent workers here in the City of New York.
15 Not just to over 450,000 municipal workers but all
16 workers and I think that we changed the trajectory
17 around dignity and respect, compensation, pay equity
18 and all the things but there's still some meat left
19 on the bone guys and let's make sure that we continue
20 to represent workers.

21 And before I end, I just want to, I want
22 to thank my staff, past and present but I must begin
23 with the great Joe Goldbloom. [APPLAUSE] Senior
24 Advisor, Chief of Staff Ali Rasoulinejad. Ms.
25 Margaret Jensen, Elizabeth Suomni(SP?) Jalissa

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2 Quigly(SP?) Ari Enis(SP?), Casey Gorden and Mr. John
3 – And of course from the BLAC Brandan Clarke. Thank
4 you so much. [APPLAUSE]

5 So, today we will be voting on
6 legislation that would rename the park after Archie
7 Spigner. Archie Spigner that served for nearly three
8 decades in this fine institution here, poured so much
9 into St. Albans Park and it is just an honor and a
10 privilege to memorialize him in a park in which he
11 was a steward of and did so much for. So, I ask that
12 my colleagues join me in voting for this legislation.

13 With that, I thank you all. It's been
14 one heck of a ride and I vote aye on all. [APPLAUSE]

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you for
16 your service Council Member Miller.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Moya?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Thank you. Madam
19 Majority Leader, if I can explain my vote?

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
21 granted.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Thank you so much.
23 I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank
24 Speaker Corey Johnson, Jason Goldman, Ebony Meeks,
25 Anthony Perez, the central staff for the incredible

2 work that they have done over the last four years but
3 in particular, I want to thank the Land Use team.
4 It's been an honor and a privilege to serve with you.
5 But I want to give a special shoutout to Ami Levitan
6 for her incredible work and dedication to the City
7 Council and the City of New York and to especially to
8 me. Someone who came in here with very little
9 knowledge of what to do in Land Use and she really
10 took the time to educate me and make sure that we can
11 do some really great things here for the City of New
12 York and I'm just incredibly grateful for all of the
13 hard work that you have done to make this such as
14 success. We thank you for your service Amy and we
15 love you very much.

16 And with that, I just want to wish all my
17 colleagues and their families a wonderful holiday
18 season and I hope that all of you stay happy and
19 healthy. Thank you so much and I will be voting aye
20 on all.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
22 Council Member Moya.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Perkins?
24 Council Member Powers?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Permission to
3 explain my vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
5 granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. I
7 will be so brief because that's my parting gift so
8 many of you but I just want to say uh, I just want to
9 say you know, this is the honor of a lifetime to work
10 in this Chamber. And to have come in here and met so
11 many friends who had been here already who are now
12 departing and the work that you guys have done and
13 the leadership you have shown over the last four
14 years which have been extremely difficult, will be
15 something that all of us will carry on into the next
16 term. And your legacies will be here forever and I
17 hope you know that.

18 So, with that, I vote aye on all and I
19 thank you and wish you all the best and of course, I
20 will do my individual goodbyes as well but thank you
21 guys for such a wonderful four years here in the City
22 Council. Thanks.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
24 Council Member Powers.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Reynoso?
3 Council Member Rivera?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Permission to
5 explain my vote?

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
7 granted.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I just want to
9 tell everyone how proud I am to be a member of this
10 body and for everything that we've all accomplished
11 together. It is incredibly humbling to be standing
12 in this Chamber. This is an incredible honor. I'm
13 just a kid that would wait for sneakers online on the
14 Lancy Street, so to be here means a lot.

15 So, I want to thank you all and say stay
16 healthy, be nice, and as a couch of mine would say,
17 go out there and have fun. Happy holidays and I
18 proudly vote aye on all. [APPLAUSE]

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rose?
20 [APPLAUSE]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Permission to
22 explain my vote?

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
24 granted.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: For the last time,
3 somethings never change, I'm always nervous before I
4 speak to my colleagues in this body. Because you are
5 all so special and you're so articulate and you're so
6 great. And so, I just want you to know that it has
7 truly been an honor and a privilege for me to serve
8 in this body as the first African American elected to
9 any office in Staten Island. [APPLAUSE]

10 I am so honored to have served with so
11 many firsts in this body, Margaret Chin, Carlos, and
12 you have all served with distinction. You proof that
13 we can do all and be successful. Today is really an
14 emotional day for me because this is my last Stated
15 Meeting that I'll attend as a member. I considered
16 myself blessed to have the opportunity to learn from
17 some of you, work with many of you and yes, disagree
18 with a few of you during the past 12 years.

19 I feel that together we've been a force
20 for positive change in New York City. We've
21 accomplished much since I first took the oath of
22 office. I had the honor to Chair the Civil Rights
23 Committee, Waterfront Committee, senior centers and
24 youth. And in particular, I am gratified by our
25 efforts to end stop and frisk policing policy, expand

2 workers right and maternity leave, protect low-income
3 renters from discrimination, increase affordable
4 housing and uhm, restore summer employment programs
5 for youth and allocate a record setting. \$1 billion
6 for youth services in New York City.

7 We faced many challenges from recovering
8 from Super Storm Sandy to responding to the killing
9 of Eric Garner in my district to grappling with
10 COVID-19.

11 I want to thank Speaker Corey Johnson
12 because I truly say this uhm, from my heart. I truly
13 love you and that you get Staten Island and that you
14 helped us deliver services to the under served in my
15 district. I want to thank Jason Goldman. I want to
16 thank the phenomenal central staff that I wish I had
17 time to name all of you. Previous Speakers Christine
18 Quinn and Melissa Mark-Viverito who recognized some
19 quality in me that I didn't recognize in myself.
20 Thank you for all the support.

21 I want to thank Majority Leader Cumbo for
22 your dynamic leadership. You have led us through
23 this four years with just the quorum and grace and
24 intelligence and I want my fellow City Council
25 Members to know that I hold you all in high esteem

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2 for your service to our city and your commitment for
3 a better government. But I really want to thank you
4 for being friends and family. The 12 years that I've
5 been here, you brought me through the loss of my
6 parents and all of my numerous health issues. And I
7 just want to thank my staff who have been with me
8 most of them all 12 years. I want to thank you for
9 working so hard on behalf of the constituents in my
10 district who have formerly been really ignored. I
11 want to thank my district and my LO staff and I will
12 always treasure the time that I've spent here with
13 all of you in the Chamber. I've made lasting
14 friendships. You know, I would hate to start naming
15 names because I would leave someone out and it would
16 hurt.

17 So, I love you. You know who you are.
18 You know who you are and uhm, I just want to say for
19 the last time, again, thank you Corey for helping
20 Staten Island, my constituents and for being a true
21 friend. And I want to say for the last time, I vote
22 aye on all and all of the staff. You are all
23 phenomenal. Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Louis?
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Permission to
3 explain my vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
5 granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you Madam
7 Majority Leader. I want to do this quickly because I
8 feel that all the outgoing members, this is your
9 time. First, I want to vote aye on all but second, I
10 want to thank you Speaker Johnson. You welcomed me
11 with open arms when I came in here. It was a vicious
12 time but you took me in so I want to say thank you.
13 Thank you to Jason for your help and support and
14 thank you Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo for bringing
15 your Brooklyn Black girl magic each and every day.
16 We appreciate you. And for all the members that are
17 leaving, while you may not be able to grace your
18 presence in this place every day, I invite you all,
19 our advisors to the incoming class coming in because
20 we all need your support. We all need your advice
21 and your partnership. Thank you all for all that you
22 provided to the City of New York. Because without
23 you, we wouldn't be able to progressively move
24 forward. Thank you.

25 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rosenthal?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: So, this is
4 just ridiculously hard. I can't believe I'm leaving.
5 I think I just got started. Like, does that not seem
6 like a minute ago? Eight years ago?

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Somebody's
8 looking for a third term.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: That's right.
10 Uhm, but you know I had never walked into the
11 Chambers before my first day and it was a powerful,
12 powerful moment. And I look around at all of my
13 colleagues who I have grown to love so much and from
14 whom I've learned so much. I'd like to say that I've
15 matured over the eight years. I hope my constituents
16 and you all feel the same way.

17 And of course, I want to thank my
18 constituents, my staff, the staff here, all of whom
19 are phenomenal. And I know you're right Debbie, you
20 can't give a shout out to anyone but I'm gonna.
21 Council Member Ampry-Samuel, I don't know if you're
22 going to remember this. But when COVID hit and the
23 Speaker had us all on the phone, right? Once every
24 couple of weeks and we would report in. Every damn
25 time Alicka, you would talk about the growing number

2 of people who had passed away from COVID in your
3 district. And they were all people who you knew.
4 You were just telling us the numbers of people you
5 knew. Family members, from your church, from your
6 community and I learned to be humble at that moment.
7 At that moment. It was really a very humbling
8 experience and I will carry that for the rest of my
9 life. Uhm, you know, when you're from the Upper West
10 Side, you don't necessarily know the rest of the city
11 but so many of you have given me a chance to visit
12 your districts, get to know the people you serve.
13 All of you do a damn good job serving your
14 constituents. I love coming out to Staten Island.
15 Laurie, you have some great restaurants in your
16 district.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Uhm, so yeah,
19 for the last time, I vote aye on all and thank you
20 all so very, very much. [APPLAUSE]

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Treyger?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Permission to
25 explain my vote?

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
3 granted.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: To the Speaker,
5 to our extraordinary speaker. To our extraordinary
6 Majority Leader -

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: To my
9 extraordinary colleagues, both folks who are
10 incoming, present, past, to extraordinary staff,
11 Jason Goldman, Ebony, everyone, the entire team,
12 thank you for welcoming a son of Ukrainian
13 immigrants, son of public school educators, thank you
14 for welcoming an educator from Southern Brooklyn.
15 Thank you for welcoming I believe the first Russian
16 speaking Council Member. But not the last because we
17 have two coming in. [APPLAUSE]

18 I want to say that it has certainly been
19 the honor of my life and people told me four years
20 ago, well, the Education Committee doesn't have that
21 much authority because we're a creature of the state.
22 I was told that multiple times by several people.

23 Yes, it's true. And if someone asked
24 four years ago, would it be possible to deliver \$700
25 million to every public school in New York City to

2 get every school to 100 percent fair student funding
3 [APPLAUSE]. Would it be possible to deliver over
4 \$750 million in capital money to make our schools
5 more accessible? Would it be possible to secure
6 funding to add in total over 700 new full time social
7 workers in schools? So, for the first time in
8 history, every school will have a full-time social
9 worker. Would it be possible to add over \$600
10 billion to ensure that every high school now will
11 have a PSAL program? Would it be possible to hire
12 several new Title 9 Coordinators? Would it be
13 possible to achieve early childhood teacher pay
14 parity? Would it be possible to get paid parental
15 leave for educators?

16 Some folks would think that you're crazy.
17 But to my colleagues, we got it done. [APPLAUSE]

18 From the bottom of my heart, I thank you
19 for always championing our kids. For always
20 centering our children. In this business, we get
21 pulled in a million directions but folks who have
22 worked with me on BNT, I thank all of you for never
23 forgetting what this is all about. To our educators,
24 never forget —

25 SPEAKER JOHNSON: You were on BNT?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: I think folks
3 know that. To our educators know that folks in this
4 Council saved thousands of school positions last year
5 when they were on the line. That's what this body
6 did. That's what we're going to continue to do and
7 to my incoming colleagues, future colleagues, I'll
8 close by saying this. Thank you for choosing an
9 honorable profession. It's an honorable profession.
10 Remember that our progress is not measured by how
11 many Tweets or Facebook likes we have. It is
12 measured by the impact, the positive impact that our
13 families reach in our districts across our city.
14 That's how progress empowers measure.

15 So, with that Majority Leader, I am going
16 to vote aye, including extending the leases to
17 wonderful Coney Island Amusements, the Wonder Wheel
18 included as well. And this body passed a lot of bill
19 but also passed a landmark resolution. Thank you for
20 landmarking the Coney Island Boardwalk. With that, I
21 vote aye. Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ulrich?

23 [APPLAUSE]

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Ladies and
25 gentlemen, children of all ages. I'm even wearing a

2 Ring Leaders jacket today. Mark, that was a great
3 speech, you must have been practicing it for weeks in
4 front of the bathroom mirror. That was terrific, you
5 were great. You are a very tough act to follow but
6 you've been a great friend and colleague.

7 So, I'm a little disappointed. At first,
8 may I be excused to explain my vote and maybe we
9 could start the clock over too in the process.
10 Anyway, so I'm a little disappointed because I was
11 informed today that after twelve and a half years in
12 the Council, that I still have to wait another 20 to
13 start collecting my pension. I'm not old enough to
14 collect my pension, so I'm a little disappointed
15 about that. I was elected on February 24, 2009,
16 along with Julissa Ferreras and Kenny Mitchell in a
17 nonpartisan special election. A week and a half
18 after my 24th birthday, I was only 24-years-old. I
19 didn't know what the hell I was doing to be honest
20 with you and then I remember quite clearly having a
21 meeting across the street in 250 Broadway with Ed
22 O'Malley, he was a great guy and a great friend and
23 from Queens. And I said, well, we have the PS Budget
24 and the OTS Budget and I said, I'd like to order some
25 new furniture for my district office. And he said, I

2 don't think that you should do that. And I said,
3 why? The money is in the budget, they told me I
4 could use the OTPS to buy new furniture.

5 And he looked at me and he said, well, we
6 really don't know how long you're going to be here.
7 So, I'm still here. I got elected four times in that
8 district. I told that story at the Ed O'Malley's
9 retirement party and everybody laughed because he was
10 retiring and I was still here.

11 So, I just want to say what an honor its
12 been to represent my community and my constituents
13 here at City Hall. I feel like I'm a better person
14 for it and I want to thank Corey and Jason. By the
15 way, they are a piece of cake. When I got here, I
16 had to deal with Ramone and Christine Quinn, so you
17 know Jason and Corey is like a walk in the park for
18 me.

19 And you know they were tough but they
20 were very fair. Ramone sent me a beautiful text this
21 morning. We became very close and he really set the
22 bar very high for how hard the central staff works
23 and he was a great friend and a great leader here.
24 But the point is that I've enjoyed every minute of
25 it. I always try to bring levity to the meetings. I

2 always tried to bring good humor to some of the
3 hearings because sometimes, sometimes we get bogged
4 down in all the stress and anxiety and the things
5 going on back in the district. Or you know a
6 struggle that we're having with a colleague but you
7 know, if you love what you do, you'll never have a
8 bad day at work. And I've loved every minute of it
9 and I want to thank my constituents for sending me
10 here. I want to thank all of you for your
11 friendship, your partnership, your patience in many
12 cases, and I wish you all the best. I don't know
13 where I'm going yet, that's in God's hands and Eric
14 Adams, but that's another story for another day, so
15 we'll figure that out soon.

16 I'm going to vote in a minute but I want
17 to leave you with a blessing from the book of members
18 from the old testament. Okay, because I thought it's
19 very important that we recognize where we get our
20 blessings from and our rights from the Lord. Bless
21 and keep you with the Lord. Let his face shine upon
22 you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you
23 kindly and give you peace. Amen

24 And with that, I vote aye on all with the
25 exception of 2317, 1775, 2411, 1208, 132- I can't

2 Borelli's handwriting, so you have to help me out
3 here but I'll come up to you in a minute and tell
4 you. He's going to do a great job by the way. And
5 aye on all the others. But thank you, God Bless you,
6 Merry Christmas. Happy, healthy New Year, Happy
7 Kwanzaa. It's been real. Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Vallone?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Madam Majority
10 Leader, I do believe I have to make a motion for
11 unanimous consent to vote on the previous land use
12 items if I might be able to do so now.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Seeing no
14 objections, permission granted.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: And for one last
16 time Madam Majority Leader, may I be excused to
17 explain my vote?

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Boy, I've really
19 enjoyed asking you that. You have been a true
20 friend, a sister to not just me but to all of us and
21 have led with grace and integrity and to be proud of
22 for all who sit in that seat after you. So, thank
23 you for that. For Corey and your team, you know if a
24 strength of a body is determined by it's leader, than
25 boy we are the strongest of them all. Because you

2 have withstood and been there for every one of us
3 personally, professionally, with our families,
4 through COVID and have brought this city back to the
5 great as one we once started.

6 So, never forget that. And let me just
7 reflect for a second in 1974, I was seven and my
8 father stepped through those gates at City Hall and
9 he served until 911 right in 2001, for almost 27
10 years and for 48 years, there's been a Vallone in
11 City Council. And for all of you that know me, you
12 are extended family, not only to me but to our whole
13 family and I have served to bring honor to my father
14 and all that he has done. And Corey, you
15 reestablished that. I'll never forget that and he is
16 proud knowing that the body that he created the first
17 speaker for has grown to become to the beacon for all
18 nations, not just here.

19 And for me, stepping out into my last
20 Stated today and walking out those steps with so many
21 of you, it was reflective time to know that that has
22 passed. But I do know that I have children and
23 family that will once again, carry that beacon and I
24 know it will be proud when we step through the steps
25 again. It has truly been something that I could not

2 do alone. My Chief of Staff was not only mine but my
3 brothers, Peter Vallone Jr. and now he's going on to
4 be a Chief of Staff once again. Johnathan
5 Shutt(SP?), my Deputy Chief Amanda Zaar, Veto
6 Ditanico(SP?), and to make sure everyone has been
7 taken care of. Kevin Carposki(SP?) who is also
8 continuing on.

9 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Christine, Katy
11 Bain, Jadie(SP?) Kim. I was only able to obtain for
12 Northeast Queens because I had you, the best team.
13 And when we started boy we weren't on the map but
14 we're on the map now. And that is something I will
15 always be proud of. Our family says thank you. I
16 say thank you and to my fellow Council Members and
17 your families and to every one who is listening, may
18 you have a joyous and happy holiday season. The
19 merriest of Christmas's and a happy and blessed New
20 Year. Thank you very much.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
22 Council Member Vallone and how do you vote.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Oh yeah, that
24 would be helpful. See, that's what happens when you
25 follow Eric. It's the night time - so, I vote no on

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2 2317, no on 2020 and aye on all for the rest. Thank
3 you.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Van
5 Bramer?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Permission to
7 explain my vote?

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
9 granted.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you
11 very much. Though I'm dialing in from Astoria
12 Queens, which Council Member Vallone would very much
13 appreciate. I want to start by thanking the people
14 of the 26th Council District who voted me in
15 overwhelmingly three times and it has been an amazing
16 honor and privilege to represent the people of the
17 26th District for 12 years. They have always
18 supported me and we have always worked incredibly
19 hard.

20 I'm grateful to have been the Chair of
21 Cultural Affairs and Libraries for 12 years and when
22 we started the budget of the Department of Cultural
23 Affairs, it was \$150 million. Today, it is over \$250
24 million and it should be even greater and I'm sure
25 the Majority Leader agrees. We've done great work

2 for our libraries. Great work on behalf of our
3 communities and I want to thank in particular my
4 staff. I know we all think we've had the greatest
5 Chief of Staff in the business but I know I've had
6 the greatest Chief of Staff in Matt Wallace and the
7 greatest Deputy Chief of Staff in Deborah
8 Tharrington(SP?). My amazing team Elene and Jack and
9 so many others who have served our office faithfully
10 and served our district faithfully. I want to thank
11 my husband Dan. I'm very proud to have been one of
12 the first openly gay Council Members in the Borough
13 of Queens. Dan has stood through me the entire way
14 and I want to thank my mother, who was a catch here
15 at Key Food just down the road here on 30th Avenue in
16 Astoria and a meat wrapper. And the fact that her
17 son would grow up to be a Council Member is a tribute
18 to her and everything she worked for.

19 So, thank you to my mother, to my
20 husband, to all the people who worked in our office,
21 most especially Matt Wallace. To the people of the
22 26th District, thank you for giving me this
23 opportunity. With that, I vote aye on all. Thank
24 you very much.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council
3 Member Van Bramer, it's been an honor to work with
4 you.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

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

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
9 granted.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Thank you
11 Madam Majority Leader. I just want to say thank
12 you to the members of this Council for such an
13 incredibly warm welcome and especially to Speaker
14 Corey Johnson, thank you and Jason Goldman and
15 everyone else here. Minority Leader Joe Borelli,
16 thank you all so much.

17 I wish all the outgoing Council Members
18 the best of luck in all your future endeavors and I
19 look forward to making my district and the city a
20 better place. And with that, you all know I can't
21 vote aye on all right? I'll be voting no on
22 Intro's 1208-B, 1326-B, 2020-A, 2317-A, 2411-A,
23 2438-A and M358 with accompanying Resolution 1878
24 and aye on the rest. Thank you.

25 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

3 [APPLAUSE]

4 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Madam President,
5 may I be excused to explain my vote?

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Alright, thank
8 you very much Mr. Speaker.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Uhm, I really,
11 you know believe it or not I was really just going
12 to vote and not do my little spiel. Sorry Barry.
13 But then Barry started quoting from a song and you
14 know, I said, well, if we're going to start quoting
15 from songs, I thought maybe you know Mr. Frank
16 Sinatra ought to be mentioned here. Let the record
17 show I took the blows and I did it my way.

18 You know, I joined this Council, the
19 great class of 2017 and I say great class of 2017
20 and I'll get to that in a second. I frequently
21 have spoken on this floor about the giants who came
22 before us and I really do mean that. I worked for
23 a giant in my eyes, Fernando Ferrer who walked
24 these halls, first elected in 1982. And I sit in
25 the same office as each of my three predecessors

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2 who have held my seat. The first of whom was
3 [INAUDIBLE 3:10:27], also elected in 1982. Giants,
4 Louis Fiddler, my mentor, my hero, a giant and as I
5 was sitting in this room today, I saw Ken Fisher
6 who was in the Council when I was a teenager
7 working for a member of this Council.

8 Council Member Koslowitz mentioned
9 Ronnie Croce. I remember that office very well and
10 the smoke and that Speaker Vallone did not like the
11 smoke but nobody got to tell Ronnie Croce what to
12 do. And I also know the story about your hair in
13 the members lounge and that's going to be a story
14 for a different time, for the after party. We'll
15 leave that for a different time.

16 The class of 2017 is incredible. We
17 came here together. Some of us knew each other,
18 some of us did not know each other. Madam
19 President, I'm going to ask you for some time
20 because that's going to beep and I know how that
21 works.

22 We came here a week after election day.
23 Council Member Rivera, Councilman Powers, Ayala,
24 Gjonaj, Diaz, Moya, Adams, Holden, Ampry-Samuel,
25 Brannan and myself. Great class of eleven or maybe

2 not so great. Councilman Holden's election hadn't
3 been cold yet, so he wasn't invited and it was just
4 the ten of us and we really got to know each other.
5 And you know there were the lectures from Ramone
6 and Speaker Mark-Viverito came by but we really got
7 to know each other and the friendships that began
8 that week, I think have led us to 48 months later
9 where we are today.

10 Uhm, I get into heated disputes here on
11 this floor about what I think it right. Uhm,
12 because you know when I think it's right, it's
13 right and I'm going to say so. Like Frank said,
14 I'll state my case of which I'm certain.

15 But that's not to say that I don't
16 respect you. Either the members here or the
17 members at home watching, if they're still there
18 but more importantly their respect and you respect
19 the nearly 200,000 people you represent who sent
20 you here. The people get the government they
21 deserve and if they choose you and you get to be
22 here. If we all paid the same price for a seat on
23 this flight, we all get a right to talk and we all
24 get an opportunity to hear each other and an
25 obligation to stay and listen. And that's what I

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2 have done even though my last name is Y. I have to
3 stay till the end. I do want to hear you all.

4 And so, with that, I will cast my votes
5 today. And yes, I too have a long list, I'm not to
6 be outdone. Maintaining the record of the last 48
7 months with the highest number of no votes of any
8 member of the Council.

9 I vote no on Intro. 1208, as it is an
10 unconstitutional compelled speech and will be
11 promptly struck down by the courts. I vote no on
12 Intro. 2020, Intro. 2411, Intro. 2096, uhm Land Use
13 918 and 919 with Resolutions 1889 and 1890. Land
14 Use 924 and Resolution 1891 but I will note that I
15 appreciate the work of the Land Use division in
16 trying to make that a better zoning text amendment,
17 the Fresh Two Zoning. Land Use 906, 907,
18 Resolutions 1885 and 1186. I also will vote no on
19 Introduction 1326, Introduction 2443, Introduction
20 2317. I am abstaining on Introduction 2477 very
21 briefly. Just for the record, I just want to say
22 it's not out of a concern of anything that is
23 mentioned in that bill, the co-naming's but
24 frankly, it was dropped on our desks relatively
25 recently, three days ago accompanied with a message

2 of necessity. The message from the Mayor is
3 required states, I hereby certify to the necessity
4 for the immediate to passage. I don't think it's
5 immediately necessary for us to pass a street
6 naming bill, so I'm going to abstain on that. And
7 I vote aye on the remainder of the bills Mr. Clerk.
8 No, there's a couple, there's a couple. I vote aye
9 on everything else.

10 And to the Speaker, Mr. Speaker, I know
11 he's here somewhere, I appreciate you very much. I
12 appreciate your leadership of this body and we
13 don't always agree but I appreciate the respect
14 that you've given opposing views. Myself and
15 anybody else who has opposed your views, it was
16 never a shouting match. It was a respectful
17 conversation. You gave us a chance to make our
18 point and here we are on the floor doing it. And
19 I'm very grateful of course to Jason and to all the
20 members of the Council staff who have done
21 incredible work in trying times, especially for the
22 last two years. Thank you very much. Thank you
23 very much Madam President.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Minority Leader Borelli?

2 MINORITY LEADER BORELLI: Madam,
3 Speaker, I would like 20 minutes on the clock
4 please.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Oh Joe. We did it
6 Joe.

7 MINORITY LEADER BORELLI: We did it.
8 It's almost over.

9 SPEAKER JOHNSON: You get it?

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yeah, I do.

11 MINORITY LEADER BORELLI: I just want to
12 say a final farewell to the members who aren't
13 returning. Our colleague Stephen Levin sent me a
14 text a couple of days ago because he knows I like
15 history, and it was a cartoon of the City Council
16 from 1938. It was poking fun at us, some of you
17 got it and it highlighted all the little quirks of
18 each of the members. And the thing I took away
19 from that was that no one actually remembered
20 anyone's name from 1938. And unfortunately, that
21 fate will probably be the same for all of us at
22 some point in the future. So, while we are
23 somewhat famous, big fishes in our little pond at
24 times, we got to remember that when we leave here,
25 it is about what you've done for the people of the

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2 City of New York. What you've done for your
3 constituents. That actually matters because again,
4 nobody is going to remember us in 100 years either.

5 So, with that, with that really happy
6 thought you know, I vote aye on all except Intro's
7 2317, 2411, 1208, 2020, 1326, 2438 and M358 along
8 with accompanying Resolution 1878. Have a good
9 holiday, a good New Year everyone. [APPLAUSE]

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Majority Leader Cumbo?

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Okay. Hold on
12 one second.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Madam Majority Leader,
14 may I call Council Member Yeger?

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Please.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: To clarify his vote.
17 Thank you.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Another two
19 minutes right? May I vote?

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes, you may
21 vote.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you Madam
23 President.

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: But the other
25 two minutes -

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: I vote no on 1870
3 and I yield the remainder of those extra two
4 minutes back. Thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. Wow.
6 Thank you so much. I am so honored to be here with
7 all of you on this last day. I was so excited and
8 for many of you who know me, I've been counting
9 down the days but now that we're actually here, I'm
10 pretty sad.

11 I want to first start off by thanking
12 Speaker Corey Johnson for appointing me as the
13 Majority Leader of the New York City Council.
14 Recognizing that he was going to have a very
15 passionate, opinionated, never to be silenced
16 Majority Leader and I appreciate and thank him for
17 giving me that space.

18 So often when people select people, they
19 kind of want people that are going to go along with
20 whatever it is that they are doing and Speaker
21 Johnson gave me the freedom and the space to be me
22 and to be unapologetically me and I appreciate you
23 and I thank you so much for that.

24 And I really thank you for allowing so
25 many of the things that I was able to accomplish to

2 happen from the Bedford Union Armory to the saving
3 of Weeksville, to all the work that we did with the
4 arts and cultural institutions. It's really been
5 an incredible road and I thank you so much.

6 I want to thank Jason Goldman for always
7 taking my calls as well. It seems like he didn't
8 get back to me as quickly as he did to some of you
9 but he always delivered and was always so kind and
10 I know that this is going to be a friendship that's
11 going to last. And I want to thank Lance here, he
12 has been my incredible legal counsel, making me
13 look good. Checking to make sure everything is
14 going fine when folks like Yeger and Gjonaj want to
15 do amendments and I get all nervous. He makes sure
16 that it happens appropriately and by the law and to
17 the letter. So, I thank you so much for your
18 leadership and for always working alongside of me
19 to make me feel confident in being the Majority
20 Leader.

21 I want to thank my son. Uhm, I just
22 want to read you something very quickly. Everybody
23 knows Prince and if you didn't know him by now,
24 you've gotten a Christmas card from him so you've
25 seen him. It says, from his school, Prince's

2 vocabulary and critical thinking skills are
3 amazing. He loves story time and is particularly
4 focused during group writing activities,
5 recognizing letter, sound relationships and sight
6 words. He works independently during seat work and
7 asks for help when needed. He is also helpful with
8 peers if they need assistance. He has a kind and
9 loving heart.

10 So, I just wanted to read that to you
11 because many of you know my journey. When I first
12 found out I was going to have a baby, I had no idea
13 if I could be a full-time mom and a full-time
14 Majority Leader and when I got that in the mail in
15 terms of his report card, it answered my prayers
16 that I could in fact do it. So, I want to just
17 shout out all the moms out there who wonder if they
18 can make it happen, if they can do it all. It's
19 hard, it's a tough road but you absolutely can do
20 it.

21 I want to thank my parents who continue
22 to hold me down that take those three o'clock in
23 the morning calls when I don't know if I've done
24 the right thing, if I voted the right way. Who
25 always give me that encouragement. I want to thank

2 my grandparents who are not living. Raymond Cumbo
3 and Emma Cumbo. I want to thank my maternal
4 grandparents. I want to thank Fanny May Booker and
5 William Booker and I just want to note that William
6 Booker was the first African American to ever
7 attend the democratic national convention
8 recognizing Michigan in the 1940's.

9 I also want to thank my partner Bobbie
10 for all of his work and helping me get through
11 this. I want to celebrate my staff members Jasmine
12 Quello(SP?) Tasha Young, GeGe Davis Elliot(SP?).
13 They are I guess all three my Chief of Staff's. I
14 want to thank Tahera Manard(SP?), Arna Lipkin and
15 many others. I also want to thank the Women's
16 Caucus. The Women's Caucus are the baddest, more
17 fiercest, most hard working women you ever will
18 meet and this body has kicked down the doors for 31
19 women to now enter this body. This is so
20 incredible. [APPLAUSE]

21 But what I want to say is, for me as an
22 African American woman, I show up and do the best I
23 can every day because I want to chart a new path.
24 We have spoken so much about what women's
25 leadership is going to do. We have to make sure

2 that the 31 are successful. That we work together
3 and we show this city, this state, this nation and
4 this world what is possible through women's
5 leadership. This is an important time and we have
6 to show them what we've got. And then I'll just
7 run through very quickly, I just want to run
8 through - these are only the people that I call two
9 or three times a day every week. You know who you
10 are. So, Ebony Meeks, thank you for holding me
11 down always and Land Use Raju Mann and Brian Paul,
12 I call them all the time. Finance Latonia
13 McKinney, where's Nathan? Rebecca, I also want to
14 thank Regina, Chuck Davis. Nobody really likes to
15 get a call from Chuck Davis because we know it's
16 about some sort of compliance but he does it and he
17 does it well.

18 I want to thank Bill Allitricce(SP?) for
19 always capturing my best side and Heraldo and the
20 whole media team for all their work. I want to
21 thank Carl De Alba and Rafael Perez and all of the
22 Sergeant at Arms for their incredible work. I want
23 to thank - this is a different one. I want to
24 thank Paul Ochoa from the Mayor's side because I
25 call him at least three times a day every day. He

2 has been phenomenal and I want to thank my BFF's
3 Jeff Rodis (SP?) and David Greenfield who I also
4 call so often. And I just want to thank this
5 entire body.

6 And I just want to close with saying,
7 when we look around this room, we see all of the
8 diversity that is here today. It's beautiful but
9 it's challenging and we should always be in a place
10 where we welcome the challenge because it gives us
11 different perspectives, different ideas.

12 I want to say to the new members, never
13 be afraid to be your full and complete self. Bring
14 your whole self to the Council because to dim your
15 light or to silence yourself or to oppress yourself
16 is not giving the body the full measure of the life
17 experiences that you bring to this body. I thank
18 you so much for allowing me to be the first African
19 American woman elected or appointed rather as
20 Majority Leader. And I hope I paved the way for
21 many more to sit in this seat. Thank you so much
22 and God Bless you all. This is the best Council,
23 the greatest ride and meeting all of you was
24 phenomenal. I love you. I love you Corey Johnson.
25 Thank you for all of your phenomenal work.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I love you Laurie.

3 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: And we are going
4 to continue to raise up New Yorkers all across this
5 city. Thank you again. [APPLAUSE] And I vote
6 aye.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Corey Johnson.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Can I just have a -
9 just a couple moments of silence. I just want to
10 say one thing, just one quick thing Barry, Barry.
11 Just one quick thing. You know, when I was 16-
12 years-old in a small town in Massachusetts, I was
13 extremely suicidal. I didn't think there were any
14 other gay people in the world besides me. And when
15 I came out to my mom, who I speak to twice a day
16 every day my entire life, she immediately told me
17 she loves me and that everything was going to be
18 okay.

19 And then I came out at school and I was
20 the only openly gay student out of 1,300 kids in my
21 school and I had just been captain of the football
22 team. I showed up in New York City, this city, my
23 home. I'll live here the rest of my life with two
24 duffle bags on May 1, 2001. I knew one person. I
25 was 19-years-old. And two years later I found out

2 that I HIV positive and I lost my health insurance
3 one week later. I was paying \$400 a month to live
4 in someone's kitchen at 21st Street and 8th Avenue
5 in Chelsea. I had to push the refrigerator over at
6 night to pull out the futon and then push it back
7 during the day when I left. \$400 a month I was
8 paying to live there.

9 There were months that I couldn't buy my
10 HIV medicine in my first year that I found out that
11 I HIV positive because I lost my job. And when I
12 decided to run for the City Council, everyone told
13 me not to run. Danny Dromm didn't but everyone
14 else - no really, every one told me not to run. My
15 mom worked three jobs when I was growing up. She
16 was my lunch lady at school. She was my dental
17 hygienist after school and she cleaned houses every
18 Saturday that I can remember in large, big,
19 beautiful homes and we lived in one of the 12 units
20 of public housing in the town that I grew up in.

21 I never thought this was possible. I
22 never thought it was possible to be a successful
23 gay person. I never thought I'd be able to come
24 out. I never thought I could make it in New York
25 City. I didn't think any of that was possible.

2 And so, if you are a small Black girl in New York
3 City, look at Laurie Cumbo and look at Debbie Rose
4 and look at Selvena Brooks-Powers and look at
5 Vanessa Gibson and look at Adrienne Adams and look
6 at Farah Louis and look at Alicka Ampry-Samuel.
7 Dream big.

8 If you are a new immigrant to this
9 country, listen to the stories of Margaret Chin and
10 Peter Koo and Inna Vernikov.

11 And if you are a young gay person, who
12 is struggling with who you are, dream big. You are
13 worth it and you can do it. I would not be here
14 and everyone of us could say this if it weren't for
15 the hard work and sacrifices that my grandparents
16 and parents made for me and the people that came
17 before me that paved the road. Whether it was
18 Marry Pinkett for you or Tom Dwane for me that made
19 it possible.

20 So, I'm not feeling emotional. I'm
21 feeling grateful. I'm feeling extremely grateful.
22 I'm grateful that I've had this opportunity for
23 eight years and I don't want to sound hockie or
24 sacrin but I've gone to have relationships and
25 friendships with people that represent every corner

2 of the greatest city in the world. I never would
3 have been to parts of this city if I was not a
4 member of the New York City Council.

5 The amount of work we have been able to
6 do that people don't even know about, hear about,
7 understand whether it is libraries or parks or the
8 person who is about to get evicted, or the person
9 who can't get the hospital bed. We do this work
10 every single day and we don't talk about it. We
11 don't Tweet about it. We just do it because we
12 love people and we want to make the world a better
13 place, each and every one of us. No matter if we
14 disagree with each other sometimes and we fight
15 with each other like a dysfunctional family. We
16 got in this because we want to change the city and
17 change the world.

18 And so, when I was 16 and I wanted to
19 take my life and when I was 22 and I found out I
20 was HIV positive and when I was living in that
21 kitchen next to the refrigerator for \$400 a month,
22 I couldn't see this path. I couldn't see being a
23 member of the Council or being the Speaker of the
24 Council. And I believe everything happens for a
25 reason. I believe everything happens for a reason.

2 And so, uhm, I want to say that my rock
3 and goddess in my life is my mother. And
4 everything I do is in her name and everything I do
5 is to honor her and how she made this life possible
6 for me. And so, she's watching right now. She
7 texted me she's watching, so I want to tell her
8 that I love you and I'm grateful for you and thank
9 you for everything you have done for me. From when
10 I came out at 16-years-old and you told me you
11 loved me unconditionally, to when you sat in these
12 chambers four years ago when I was elected Speaker
13 of the City Council and every day in between. And
14 I want to thank all of you, members of this body.
15 Friends of mine who will be friends for life. I am
16 proud of all of you. I feel good, really good that
17 so many of you are continuing in government because
18 I know your hearts and I know what you will do for
19 the people of this city.

20 This has been the greatest professional
21 privilege of my life. I will never forget it and I
22 am going to Southeast Queens tonight to hop on a
23 flight to South America and I'm doing it with
24 gratitude and with a smile. And so, I want to
25 thank you all with the COVID-19 pandemic, with

2 everything we've gone through. The ups and the
3 downs, I'm walking away a grateful, full-hearted,
4 sober, happy man. I vote aye on all. Thank you
5 very, very much. [APPLAUSE]

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Okay, we are
7 going to continue with the meeting. Someone has a
8 flight to catch.

9 Please don't leave, we have to do
10 Resolutions. Oh, this is nice, what is this.
11 Okay, okay.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Madam Majority
13 Leader?

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I would just like
16 to correct the record. In my remarks, I misstated
17 the last name of our Sergeant at Arm is Israel
18 Martinez. I just want to thank Israel Martinez for
19 the record. Thank you.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.
21 Alright, quiet in the Chamber. Thank you so much.
22 All items on today's General Order Calendar are
23 adopted by a vote of 48 in the affirmative, zero
24 negative and zero abstentions, with the exception
25 of LU's 918, 919, and all accompanying Resolutions.

2 Quiet in the Chamber. Which was an adopted by vote
3 of 43 in the affirmative, 5 negative and zero
4 abstentions.

5 And Intro. 1208-B, which was adopted by
6 a vote of 41 in the affirmative, 7 negative and
7 zero abstentions. And Intro. 2020-A which was
8 adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 7
9 negative and 1 abstentions. Intro's 2317-A which
10 was adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 7
11 negative and 1 abstentions. Preconsidered
12 Resolution 1870, which was adopted by a vote of 47
13 in the affirmative, 1 negative and zero
14 abstentions. Intro. 2411-A which was an adopted by
15 a vote of 43 in the affirmative, 5 negative and
16 zero abstentions. Quiet in the Chamber. Quiet in
17 the Chamber. I'm going to start calling out names
18 Manhattan Borough President.

19 Intro. 1326-B which was adopted by a
20 vote of 43 in the affirmative, 5 negative and zero
21 abstentions. Preconsidered M358 and Resolution
22 1878 which was adopted by a vote of 45 in the
23 affirmative, 3 negative. Intro. 2096-A which was
24 adopted by a vote of 47 in the affirmative, 1
25 negative, zero abstention.

2 Intro. 2443 which was adopted by a vote
3 of 47 in the affirmative, 1 negative, zero
4 abstentions. The revised Land Use call-ups vote is
5 49 in the affirmative, zero negative and
6 Preconsidered Intro. 2477 which was adopted by a
7 vote of 47 in the affirmative, zero negative and 1
8 abstention.

9 Intro. 2439-A which was adopted by a
10 vote of 47 in the affirmative, 1 negative and zero
11 abstention. Intro. 2476 which was an adopted by a
12 vote of 45 in the affirmative, 3 negative and zero
13 abstentions.

14 Intro. 2438-A which was adopted by a
15 vote of 46 in the affirmative, 2 negative and zero
16 abstentions. LU 906 plus 907 plus accompanying
17 Resolutions, which was adopted by a vote of 45 in
18 the affirmative, 3 negative and zero abstentions.

19 Introduction and Reading of Bills.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: All bills were
21 referred to Committee's as indicated on today's
22 agenda.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We
24 will now move into the discussion of Resolutions.
25 We have at this time two members that wish to speak

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2 on Resolutions. Council Member Eugene, do you
3 still wish to speak at this time.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you Mathieu.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member
6 Menchaca, do you wish to speak at this time?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: I just want to
8 say that good cause is really important that we
9 pass in the state and the fact that this Council is
10 voting today a Resolution with the help of the
11 incredible folks over at Citizen Action of New
12 York, we're going to send a strong message to
13 Hochul and the entire legislative body. It's
14 really a proud moment to be supporting this
15 Resolution. Thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
17 much Council Member Menchaca. Quiet in the
18 Chamber, I'm about to begin to read each
19 Resolution. Thank you. We will now have a voice
20 vote on each of today's Resolutions. If you would
21 like to vote no or abstain from any of today's
22 Resolutions, please approach the dais, announce
23 your voice vote at the appropriate time or email LD
24 as in David, u@council.nyc.gov. I will now read
25 them onto the record.

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2 Resolution 204 declares May 4th New York
3 City teachers, educational administrators and
4 education support staff Recognition Day. In order
5 to recognize and highlight the important work they
6 do to keep our city schools running and to educate
7 our children and provide a suitable environment for
8 learning. Will all those in favor, please say aye.

9 [CROWD SAYS AYE]

10 All opposed say nay. [SILENCE]

11 Any abstentions? [SILENCE]

12 The ayes have it. Resolution 204 calls
13 upon the New York City Department of Education -
14 Resolution 205 calls upon the New York City
15 Department of Education as well as the New York
16 State and Federal governments to include
17 instruction in peaceful conflict resolution as part
18 of the required curriculum in all schools. Will
19 all those in favor say aye.

20 [CROWD SAYS AYE]

21 All opposed say nay. [SILENCE]

22 Any abstentions? [SILENCE]

23 The ayes have it. Resolution 206 calls
24 upon the State of New York to include in its
25 curriculum requirements, swimming lessons and water

2 safety education to all students in public schools
3 from kindergarten through 12th grade where
4 appropriate and swimming related instruction such
5 as water safety and dry land strokes to all students
6 in public schools from kindergarten through 12th
7 grade when their school does not have a pool in the
8 building or is not within ten miles of a pool where
9 appropriate. Will all those in favor say aye.

10 [CROWD SAYS AYE]

11 All opposed say nay. [SILENCE]

12 Any abstentions? [SILENCE]

13 The ayes have it. Resolution 207 calls
14 upon the New York City Department of Education to
15 add the history of Haiti, including the Haitian
16 revolution and the abolition of slavery to the
17 public schools Black History Month curriculum.
18 Will all those in favor say aye.

19 [CROWD SAYS AYE]

20 All opposed say nay. [SILENCE]

21 Any abstentions? [SILENCE]

22 The ayes have it. Resolution 208 calls
23 on the New York City Department of Education to
24 acknowledge the participation of Haitian soldiers
25 in the siege of Savannah and the impact of the

2 Haitian Resolution on the Louisiana purchase by
3 adding the events to the public school social
4 studies curriculum. Will all those in favor say
5 aye.

6 [CROWD SAYS AYE]

7 All opposed say nay? [SILENCE]

8 Any abstentions? [SILENCE]

9 The ayes have it. Resolution 561 calls
10 upon the New York City Department of Education to
11 provide human trafficking prevention training in
12 public school administrators, teachers and staff.
13 Will all those in favor say aye.

14 [CROWD SAYS AYE]

15 All opposed say nay. [SILENCE]

16 Any abstentions?

17 The ayes have it. Resolution 638-A -
18 638 pardon me. Resolution 638 calls on the New
19 York State Department of Health to create stand
20 alone, self-contained isolation centers or units
21 for treatment of patients with infectious disease
22 due to epidemic, including highly contagious and
23 airborne disease. Will all those in favor say aye.

24 [CROWD SAYS AYE]

25 All opposed say nay. [SILENCE]

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2 Any abstentions? [SILENCE]

3 The ayes have it. Resolution 1201-A
4 calls on congress to pass and the president to sign
5 HR 235, the Public Housing Emergency Response Act.
6 Will all those in favor say aye.

7 [CROWD SAYS AYE]

8 All opposed say nay. [SILENCE]

9 Any abstentions? [SILENCE]

10 The ayes have it. Resolution 1222 calls
11 upon the United States Congress to pass and the
12 President to sign the Green New Deal for Public
13 Housing Act. Will all those in favor say aye.

14 [CROWD SAYS AYE]

15 All opposed say nay. [SILENCE]

16 Any abstentions? [SILENCE]

17 The ayes have it. Resolution 1782 calls
18 on the state legislature to pass and the Governor
19 to sign A7284-76489 known as the Wandering Officers
20 Act to prohibit the appointment of a person as a
21 police officer if such person has previously been
22 fired as a police officer from any jurisdiction.
23 Will all those in favor say aye.

24 [CROWD SAYS AYE]

25 All opposed say nay. [SILENCE]

2 Any abstentions? [SILENCE]

3 The ayes have it. Resolution 1840-A
4 calls upon the New York State legislature to pass
5 and the Governor to sign A 5573/S3082 in relation
6 to prohibiting eviction without good cause. Will
7 all those in favor say aye.

8 [CROWD SAYS AYE]

9 All opposed say nay. [SILENCE]

10 Any abstentions? [SILENCE]

11 The ayes have it. And finally,
12 Preconsidered Resolution 1872, declares December 8
13 as pardon me if I confuse the pronunciation. Sri
14 Guru Tegh Bahadur Jee Day in the City of New York.

15 Will all those in favor say aye.

16 [CROWD SAYS AYE]

17 All opposed say nay. [SILENCE]

18 Any abstentions? [SILENCE]

19 The ayes have it. We will now move into
20 general discussion. Are there any members that
21 wish to speak at this time.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: No.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: There are no
24 members that wish to speak at this time? Ladies
25 and gentlemen, I will now call on Speaker Corey

2 Johnson to close today's Stated Meeting.

3 [APPLAUSE]

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I love you Laurie
5 Cumbo. I love you all. This is the greatest city
6 in the world. The Stated Meeting of December 15,
7 2021, and the entire legislative session of the New
8 York City Council from the year 2018 through the
9 year 2021 is hereby finally adjourned. [APPLAUSE]

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Beautiful.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Congratulations.

12 We did it.

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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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