

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

STATED MEETING

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April 6, 2011
Start: 2:53 pm
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HELD AT: Emigrant Savings Bank
49-51 Chambers Street

B E F O R E:
JOEL RIVERA
President Pro Tempore

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Christine C. Quinn
Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Charles Barron
Gale A. Brewer
Fernando Cabrera
Margaret S. Chin
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Elizabeth S. Crowley
Inez E. Dickens
Erik Martin Dilan
Daniel Dromm
Mathieu Eugene
Julissa Ferreras
Lewis A. Fidler
Daniel R. Garodnick

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

James F. Gennaro
Vincent J. Gentile
Sara M. Gonzalez
David Greenfield
Vincent M. Ignizio
Robert Jackson
Letitia James
Peter A. Koo
G. Oliver Koppell
Karen Koslowitz
Brad S. Lander
Stephen T. Levin
Melissa Mark-Viverito
Darlene Mealy
Rosie Mendez
Michael C. Nelson
James S. Oddo
Annabel Palma
Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.
Diana Reyna
Joel Rivera
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
James Sanders, Jr.
Larry B. Seabrook
Eric A. Ulrich
James Vacca
Peter F. Vallone, Jr.
James G. Van Bramer
Albert Vann
Mark S. Weprin
Jumaane D. Williams
Ruben Wills

A P P E A R A N C E S

Rev. Susie Elliott
Co-Pastor
Mr. Paran Baptist Church

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: Ceremonials. Now,
3 we have the Bryant High School Women's Basketball
4 Team who had an undefeated regular season. Now, I
5 want to say to Bryant, this is a huge
6 accomplishment for any school, but that you've had
7 to overcome a particular alumnus who drags the
8 school down, who's just a blemish. I'm only
9 kidding. Bryant High School, for anybody who
10 doesn't know, is Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer's
11 alma mater. They are as proud of him as he is of
12 them. So congratulations.

13 I, myself, was on the basketball
14 team in my high school. Yes, two years and I got
15 one basket. It was a lay up at St. Mary's Garden
16 City. I remember it clearly. It was a
17 distinguished basketball career. Let us ask the
18 clerk to read the proclamation and
19 congratulations, very much.

20 CLERK: Council of the City of New
21 York Proclamation. Whereas, the Council of the
22 City of New York is proud to honor the Bryant High
23 School girl's basketball team for their
24 outstanding accomplishment in the PSAL regular
25 season.

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2 And whereas, the Public School's
3 Athletic League, the PSAL, the public high school
4 league for all the boroughs of New York City, has
5 one of the most storied leagues in interscholastic
6 sports since it was founded in 1903, with the
7 broad participation of 1,040 boys. In 1970, well
8 ahead of the trend for the adoption of girl's
9 sports competitions in high schools, the PSAL
10 introduced its girl's basketball championship.

11 Today, we are proud to honor 14
12 young women who have seized the opportunity to
13 play and compete in sports with the same pride in
14 their teamwork and achievements as young men have
15 had for generations.

16 And whereas, the Bryant High School
17 girl's basketball team comprised of five seniors,
18 two juniors, two sophomores and five freshmen,
19 compete in the PSAL A Queen's Division and
20 continue a long history of success for their
21 girl's basketball program, with their shared
22 commitment as a team, these 14 players, including
23 team captains Yarmese Jones and Patty Badea,
24 finished their regular season 14-0 in their
25 division.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Yay.

CLERK: And 20-0 overall. And
whereas, an undefeated regular is an impressive
accomplishment for any basketball team, and the
Bryant High School girl's basketball team, through
their impressive win streak, became the sixth
ranked team in all of New York City and made a
long run through the A Division Playoff.

Now therefore be it know that the
Council of the City of New York honors and
congratulates the Bryant High School girl's
basketball team for their outstanding teamwork in
the PSAL regular season, Christine C. Quinn,
Speaker for the entire Council, James Van Bramer,
26th Council District Queens.

SPEAKER QUINN: Yay. Jimmy, do you
want to say a few words?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Just
very quickly. I just wanted to say when I read in
the Daily News that these young women were
undefeated in the regular season, I said, you know
we have to do something to honor them, because so
often we honor the men and boy's teams, and
wouldn't it be great if the Council honored young

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2 women who are competing and challenging themselves
3 and winning, which is a great, great success
4 story.

5 So I just want to thank all of
6 these young ladies for being such wonderful
7 representatives of Queens and of Bryant High
8 School for competing and for winning and reminding
9 us how important it is that we support female
10 athletes, women's teams and women's sports at all
11 levels, so that all of you are just going to go on
12 and do great things in the WNBA and all sorts of
13 other places.

14 I asked Councilwoman Ferreras, as
15 Chair of the Women's Committee, to join me and
16 would like her to say a few words as well.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Thank
18 you, Council Member Van Bramer. I just am so
19 amazingly proud. There's women out there, young
20 girls looking at all of you and understanding how
21 great it is to be not only celebrating victory,
22 but I know that this gives you the discipline, the
23 courage and sometimes the structure that you will
24 need for many things in your lives. So I
25 congratulate you.

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2 I also hope that this only brings
3 us a little closer, as we look at the NCAA games
4 and everyone is talking about Final Four and we're
5 all following male basketball that someday we also
6 do the same for the women that participate in the
7 NCAA. So congratulations to you.

8 SPEAKER QUINN: Anyone from the
9 team or the school want to say a few words?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Coach
11 X, you're going to say a few words. We're also
12 joined by the principal, Aaron Perez of Bryant
13 High School. Coach, why don't you say a few
14 words?

15 JIMMY EXARHOS: I just want to say
16 thank you to Council Speaker Quinn, Council Member
17 Ferreras and Van Bramer, an alumni from Bryant
18 High School, as we were told. Thank you to all
19 the girls for a wonderful season. They did
20 fantastic. Every year, I go away with 14 new
21 daughters. We're one big happy family. Thank you
22 for having us.

23 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you all.
24 Congratulations, and we look forward to many more
25 great seasons. Congratulations.

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2 Leroy, you're next, right? We have
3 the Pathways College Prep School from St. Albans.
4 They were the PSAL B boy's champions in
5 basketball. Come on up, guys.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Come on up,
7 Pathways. Come on up front. Come on up, guys. I
8 know you've been waiting. Stretch those legs.
9 Pathways High School is a new school. The school
10 is only how many years old? Four years old, and
11 it's a brand new school. They just hit 500 kids
12 this year. So the coaches have been taking the
13 talent as they come in the school. They've been
14 training them as they move forward. I'm proud to
15 say that they have the PSAL Division B citywide
16 championship. So we're here to honor them for
17 that today.

18 I get tired of Staten Island teams
19 winning all the PSAL stuff and coming to City
20 Hall. I'm glad that we have a Queens' team--there
21 you go--that has won the citywide basketball
22 contest. I'll turn it over the Speaker and then
23 we'll have the clerk read the proclamation.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: We're going to have
25 to have College Prep boys versus Bryant High

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2 School girls and see what happens. They all look
3 a little too confident I think. If the clerk
4 could please read the proclamation and
5 congratulations, guys.

6 CLERK: Council City of New York
7 Proclamation. Whereas the Council of the City of
8 New York is proud to honor the Pathways High
9 School boy's basketball team for capturing the
10 Public School Athletic League, the PSAL, B
11 Division city championship. And whereas, Pathways
12 College Preparatory School is a young institution
13 based in St. Albans Queens that has fewer than 600
14 students, in only a few years since it was
15 established, Pathways has already garnered a great
16 reputation for providing its students with
17 personalized pathways to success in secondary
18 school, college and life.

19 And whereas, Pathways College
20 Preparatory School's basketball team, the
21 Trailblazers, recently ended their season ranked
22 as the second seed in the local version of March
23 Madness. The Trailblazers defeated the Frederick
24 Douglass Academy Lions of the Bronx to capture the
25 crown.

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2 And whereas, under the guidance of
3 head coach Harold Peaks and assistant coach Rodert
4 Horford, Pathways advanced through the playoffs
5 this year with exciting wins over several
6 challenging teams to make it to the championship
7 game on March 20th.

8 And whereas, Pathways' talented
9 squad of young players in the championship squad
10 include Marquis Rivera, Brandon Hart, Jamel
11 Holmes, Jordan Washington, Shaleik Ulysse, Kyle
12 John, Romario Fletcher, Izaha Jackson, Kalil
13 Safiedeen, Reginald McKenzie, Sam Annorh, Danile
14 Polhill III, Joseph Ferguson, Jason Smith and
15 Anthony Jacobs.

16 And whereas, working as individuals
17 and as a cohesive team, these young men have made
18 the southeast Queens community proud. Now
19 therefore, be it known, that the Council of the
20 City of New York honors and congratulates Pathways
21 High School boy's basketball team for their
22 outstanding teamwork and triumph in the PSAL B
23 Division city championship, Christine C. Quinn,
24 Speaker for the entire Council, Leroy Comrie,
25 Deputy Majority Leader, Council Member 27th

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SPEAKER QUINN: Yay. I think we're going to hear from the coach.

HAROLD PEAKS: We want to thank Leroy Comrie for this great honor. We also want to thank our principal Ms. Mitchell for a great job that she did providing us with an opportunity. We'd like to thank New York City Department of Education and the PSAL for giving us an opportunity for these young men to show their basketball talent. We want to thank everybody here for honoring us. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much. And I'm just saying, a bunch of really, really terrific young men and other men led by a woman.

KIMBERLY MITCHELL: I just want to thank Councilman Comrie for inviting the boys down to honor them for this, their achievements. Just as a young leader, I've only been a principal since September, so this is a great opportunity and honor. I feel blessed to lead such wonderful young men, and this is our future, so I know that they're going to do great. Hopefully they'll be

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SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you guys very much. Congratulations, and as your principal said, you really, as were the young women from Bryant, an inspiration to all of us. So thank you for your great work. Thank you all for creating this wonderful new school which is giving all of you this great opportunity. So we look forward to many, many more years of great basketball records and scores and great academic scores as well. So, thank you guys, and congratulations. Thank you, Leroy. That concludes our ceremonials for the day.

[Pause]

MALE VOICE: Ladies and gentlemen, can I have your attention please? At this time, please turn all cell phones and pagers to vibrate. All cell phones and pagers to vibrate, thank you.

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: My colleagues please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

[Pledge of Allegiance]

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Roll Call.

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2 CLERK: Arroyo?
3 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.
4 CLERK: Barron?
5 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.
6 CLERK: Brewer?
7 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.
8 CLERK: Cabrera?
9 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.
10 CLERK: Chin?
11 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.
12 CLERK: Comrie?
13 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Here.
14 CLERK: Crowley?
15 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: [No
16 response].
17 CLERK: Dickens?
18 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.
19 CLERK: Dilan?
20 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.
21 CLERK: Dromm?
22 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.
23 CLERK: Eugene?
24 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.
25 CLERK: Ferreras?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.
3 CLERK: Fidler?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.
5 CLERK: Foster?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: [No
7 response].
8 CLERK: Garodnick?
9 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.
10 CLERK: Gennaro?
11 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [No
12 response].
13 CLERK: Gentile?
14 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.
15 CLERK: Gonzalez?
16 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: [No
17 response].
18 CLERK: Greenfield?
19 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: [No
20 response].
21 CLERK: Halloran?
22 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: [No
23 response].
24 CLERK: Ignizio?
25 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.

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2 CLERK: Jackson?
3 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.
4 CLERK: James?
5 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Here.
6 CLERK: Koo?
7 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.
8 CLERK: Koppell?
9 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.
10 CLERK: Koslowitz?
11 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: [No
12 response].
13 CLERK: Lander?
14 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: [No
15 response].
16 CLERK: Levin?
17 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.
18 CLERK: Mark-Viverito?
19 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:
20 Here.
21 CLERK: Mealy?
22 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present.
23 CLERK: Mendez?
24 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.
25 CLERK: Nelson?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.
3 CLERK: Palma?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.
5 CLERK: Thank you. Recchia?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Here.
7 CLERK: Reyna?
8 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.
9 CLERK: Rodriguez?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.
11 CLERK: Rose?
12 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: [No
13 response].
14 CLERK: Sanders?
15 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: [No
16 response].
17 CLERK: Seabrook?
18 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Here.
19 CLERK: Ulrich?
20 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.
21 CLERK: Vacca?
22 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.
23 CLERK: Vallone?
24 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.
25 CLERK: Van Bramer?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.
3 CLERK: Vann?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.
5 CLERK: Weprin?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.
7 CLERK: Williams?
8 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.
9 CLERK: Wills?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Here.
11 CLERK: Greenfield?
12 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Here.
13 CLERK: Gennaro?
14 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.
15 CLERK: Gentile?
16 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.
17 CLERK: Oddo?
18 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.
19 CLERK: Rivera?
20 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.
21 CLERK: Speaker Quinn?
22 SPEAKER QUINN: Here.
23 CLERK: We have a quorum.
24 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Quorum is
25 present. My colleagues please rise for the

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2 invocation being delivered today by Reverend Susi
3 Elliott.

4 REV. SUSIE ELLIOTT: May we pray.
5 And no, oh Lord, thou art our Father. We are the
6 clay, though art the potter. We are the work of
7 thine hand. We thank thee, oh God, for all these
8 who are committed to serve. May they serve with
9 honesty, love and compassion, realizing that we
10 are all our brother's keepers, and that one day we
11 must give an account of our stewardship. May they
12 deliberate and vote, not what is politically
13 expedient but what is right and just for the
14 people they represent. Bless them, oh Lord, we
15 pray, and keep them in health, amen.

16 GROUP: Amen.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Council
18 Member Mealy?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Yes, I rise
20 for Reverend Susan Elliot is a co-pastor of Mt.
21 Paran Baptist Church in Brooklyn. She is a
22 retired counselor who spent more than 25 years in
23 the New York Public School system. Reverend is
24 the founder and former director of Project Hope, a
25 mission dedicated to helping women released from

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prison to reenter into society.

I make a motion to spread the invocation in full upon the record this day. Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I know I'm out of order, but she's from Councilman Dilan's district.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Adoption of the minutes.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Thank you. I told them that, but we share districts.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Adoption of the minutes. Seeing none, move forward to Messages and Papers.

SPEAKER QUINN: If I could ask my colleagues to stand please. Let me first start with two pieces of happy Council news. One is that we have another addition to the Council's family. On April 1st, and this is not an April Fool's joke, on 2011, Council Member Jessica Lappin gave birth to Miles McMichael Wuertele. Miles weighed in at just over 8 pounds and was 21 inches long. This is her and her husband Andy's

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2 second child. Miles joins his older brother Luke
3 in the Lappin Wuertele household. Jessica and
4 Miles are doing fine. Jessica reported to us that
5 she gave birth at New York Hospital in a room that
6 had a view of the Ed Koch Queensborough Bridge,
7 just for the record.

8 I also want to announce that there
9 has been a Council engagement. Our Director of
10 Security, Carl D'Alba and Ruthie Delfranco from
11 our Administrative Services department have become
12 engaged. I believe on their recent trip to Paris,
13 so, Mazel tov to Carl and Ruthie. Yes, no more
14 pressure on Jimmy Oddo at all.

15 Let me now ask my colleagues up for
16 a moment of silence for us to remember the great
17 congress member Geraldine Ferraro who passed away.
18 On March 26th, 2011, former Queens Congresswoman,
19 Geraldine Ferraro, 75-years-old, passed away after
20 a 12-year battle with blood cancer.

21 In the summer of 1984, we will
22 never forget when she walked onto the podium at
23 the Democratic National Convention in San
24 Francisco, wearing a white dress she had bought at
25 Orchard Street on the Lower East Side, and

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2 accepted the Democratic nomination for vice
3 president of the United States. She was the first
4 woman to ever be nominated to the position of
5 president or vice president by a major political
6 party. At that moment, she took her place in
7 history. On the podium Gerry told the world, I
8 stand before you tonight to proclaim America is
9 the land where dreams can come true for all of us.

10 I think we all know the rest of her
11 storied history and all of the work she had done
12 before that as a teacher, as a district attorney,
13 as someone who encourage Mario Cuomo to run for
14 governor.

15 She was survived by her husband
16 John--they had recently celebrated their 61st
17 wedding anniversary--by her children Donna, John
18 and Laura. I was honored to get to attend her
19 funeral.

20 I just want to say I was asked
21 about Gerry a number of times and I shared the
22 story that not long after I got elected Speaker,
23 she reached out to me and said if there was
24 anything I could do to help, you know let me know.
25 Anyway I could help, I'm happy to be of

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2 assistance. We became friends and had a lot of
3 meals together and she gave me a lot of good
4 advice.

5 I later came to learn she put that
6 same call in to Senator Gillibrand and
7 Congresswoman Maloney and a long list of other
8 women elected officials, none of whom she knew
9 personally before they became elected officials.
10 That was something she did just quietly on her own
11 to help make sure women had the support they
12 needed in elected office. Certainly, she changed
13 the face of politics and the face of America for
14 women in many ways that we will continue to see
15 the impact of moving forward. Thank you, Mr.
16 Majority Leader.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
18 very much, Madame Speaker. We'll move forward to
19 message and papers from the Mayor.

20 CLERK: M 442 through M 444, ECB
21 reappointments.

22 SPEAKER QUINN: Rules, Privileges
23 and Elections.

24 CLERK: M 445 ECB appointment.

25 CLERK: Rules, Privileges and

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Elections.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:

Communications from the City, County and Borough
Offices.

CLERK: None.

SPEAKER QUINN: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Petitions
and communications.

CLERK: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Land Use
Call-ups.

CLERK: M 446 through M 449.

SPEAKER QUINN: If we could get a
call up vote, couple all of those and have a call-
up on the Land Use Call-ups please.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

CLERK: Arroyo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

CLERK: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

CLERK: Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

CLERK: Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

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CLERK: Crowley?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

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CLERK: Dickens?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

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CLERK: Dilan?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.

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CLERK: Dromm?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye, and may

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I have permission to vote on General Orders?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I vote aye.

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CLERK: Eugene?

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

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CLERK: Ferreras?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: I vote

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aye on all Land Use Call-ups and with permission

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aye on all coupled General Orders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

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CLERK: Fidler?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

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CLERK: Foster?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: [No

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response].

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CLERK: Garodnick?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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CLERK: Gennaro?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Mr.

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Leader, I vote aye on the Call-ups and I ask

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permission to vote on all the items before the

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Council today.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote aye

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on all the General Orders and all Resolutions.

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CLERK: Gentile?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

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CLERK: Gonzalez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

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CLERK: Greenfield?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

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CLERK: Ignizio?

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

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CLERK: Jackson?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.

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CLERK: James?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye.

CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

CLERK: Koppell?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: I vote aye
and with unanimous consent, I request to vote on
all General Order items and Resolutions.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: I vote
aye.

CLERK: Koslowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

CLERK: Lander?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

CLERK: Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

CLERK: Mark-Viverito?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.

CLERK: Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [No
response].

CLERK: Mendez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I vote aye
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vote aye on the coupled General Orders.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Thank you.

CLERK: Nelson?

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye and I request unanimous consent to vote aye on all the General Order calendar items.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

CLERK: Palma?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye on all.

I mean, yeah, aye on all.

CLERK: Recchia?

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.

CLERK: Reyna? Reyna?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I vote aye.

CLERK: Rodriguez? Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CLERK: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: [No

response].

CLERK: Sanders?

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: I vote aye and permission to vote on all General Orders, vote aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

CLERK: Seabrook?

COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Yes, Mr.

Majority Leader, I vote aye. I'd like to also with unanimous consent to vote on all Land Use and General Call-ups but I'd also like to have the recognition a few days it was the 43rd anniversary of the assassination of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King. And that we all should realize that which had taken place and that we also lost another giant in Manny Mirabal who was such a scholar at Columbia University and should be recognized. Thank you, Mr. Majority Leader.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

CLERK: Ulrich?

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

CLERK: Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

CLERK: Vallone?

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

CLERK: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

CLERK: Vann?

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

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CLERK: Weprin?

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

CLERK: Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote
aye on all Land Use Call-ups and I'd like
permission to vote on all General Orders.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'd also
like to take a minute to say that I'm proud to be
voting on my first legislation, the 428-A, and I
want to thank the Speaker for her leadership in
this package of bills that dealt with the snow
blizzard and emergencies. I think it's a great
package that will help address the problems that
we found through our hearings. I'd like to vote
aye on all.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

CLERK: Wills?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye on all.

CLERK: Oddo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye
on all.

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CLERK: Speaker Quinn?

SPEAKER QUINN: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Today's Land Use Call-ups are adopted by a vote of 47 in the affirmative, with zero in the negative. Communications from the Speaker.

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much. I first want to thank Council Member Recchia and the Finance staff for working on Intro 537.

I also want to speak about the three pieces of legislation we're passing today regarding green roofs. I want to thank Jeff Haberman, Baaba Halm and Samara Swanston for their work on these pieces of legislation.

I want to thank Chair Dilan for moving these bills through his committee, as well as being the lead sponsor on the legislation, and also one bill Council Member Garodnick and Council Member Reyna for sponsoring the other two bills. I also want to thank Laura Popa for her work on this legislation.

These three bills continue the City Council's effort to green the Building Code. They

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2 take recommendations that come out of the Green
3 Codes Task Force and implement them into law. Now
4 solar roofing and solar paneling will not be
5 excluded as it relates to being counted against
6 your building height. Heating and power systems
7 will also now appropriately be dealt with in the
8 Building Code rules around building height.
9 Presently, the way the Building Code was set up,
10 almost regulations that would have urged you not
11 to include these appropriate energy savings
12 devices in your build.

13 Also now, allowances and
14 requirements around using the right materials in
15 your building when you're redoing or putting on a
16 new roof that we now know in the 21st century are
17 going to save heat costs and help improve the
18 environment.

19 So I want to thank everyone who is
20 keeping our ongoing effort moving forward to
21 reduce the carbon footprint of our city, which we
22 know the biggest producer of our carbon outprint
23 are the buildings in the City of New York. We
24 have to take on not just new buildings but our
25 existing building footprint as well. Intros 341-

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2 A, 347-A and 358-A all seek to do that.

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4 Let me first call on Chair Dilan
5 and then Council Member Garodnick and then Council
6 Member Reyna.

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8 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I want to
9 start by saying this is not a mandate. The last
10 time we did this, we got into a lively debate as
11 to whether this was another government mandate.
12 This is clearly not. It just lays out the ground
13 rules that if you want to use these types of
14 projects to save energy, here are the rules of the
15 game. So I want to start there.

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17 But largely, what the majority of
18 these bills will do is just allow for the use of
19 solar and other sorts of technologies to be placed
20 on roofs of buildings and not be counted as
21 additional story height or other type of allowable
22 space on the roofs. So this will promote and
23 encourage the use of this type of technology and
24 remove some hurdles that could have been within
25 the Building Code. This will clarify it.

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27 So, in a nutshell, that's all they
28 really do. I'd like to just congratulate and
29 thank Council Members Reyna and Garodnick for the

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2 other two pieces of legislation that we are voting
3 on here today. I'd like to ask my colleagues to
4 vote in favor of these items. If we could vote in
5 favor of these items, and thank you, Madame
6 Speaker.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: Council Member
8 Garodnick and then Council Member Reyna.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank
10 you, Madame Speaker. When we look for ways to
11 improve our energy efficiency in New York, we have
12 to keep coming back to our biggest polluters and
13 they are, of course, our buildings. We start at
14 the top, at the roof.

15 We can use our rooftops to generate
16 electricity as in the case of solar power, the
17 excellent bill from Chair Dilan. We can make
18 better use of the space, as the other two great
19 bills we are voting on today would do. We can
20 also make the roofs themselves more energy
21 efficient. The best way to do that is to align
22 our Building Code with the International Standards
23 for efficiency.

24 The same broad, flat rooftops that
25 make our buildings conducive to solar panels, also

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2 take in immense amounts of heat, which in the
3 summertime drives the need for more air
4 conditioning and more energy use. That is no
5 longer sustainable here in New York, where by
6 2025, we are on pace to require 150 percent of the
7 power that Con Ed is currently able to provide.

8 By updating our Building Code with
9 the best practices for solar reflectance and
10 paint's ability to release absorbed heat, we can
11 improve energy use in that particular building.
12 If we improve rooftop efficiency on a wider scale,
13 we can start to see exponential gains, because we
14 can reduce what is known as the heat island effect
15 that we see today where temperatures rise because
16 of all of those densely placed buildings with
17 blacktop heat generating roofs.

18 When there is all that ambient
19 heat, everyone is cranking their air conditioning
20 even more than they otherwise would need to do.
21 Lowering the temperature at the rooftop is going
22 to save us huge amounts of energy. This is an
23 important bill with great potential to set a path
24 for energy efficiency in New York City. I want to
25 thank the Chairman, thank the Speaker as well as

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2 the other sponsors of the bills we're hearing
3 today, and encourage my colleagues to vote yes.
4 Thank you.

5 SPEAKER QUINN: Council Member
6 Reyna?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Thank you,
8 Madame Speaker. I rise, congratulating my most
9 respect ways, our Speaker for having led the way
10 in what is transforming the City of New York in
11 reducing the carbon emissions for the City of New
12 York. I wanted to just appreciate the work of
13 Chair Dilan in the Housing and Buildings Committee
14 and congratulate my colleague Council Member
15 Garodnick for his efforts in this particular
16 package of bills.

17 I want to just express how this is
18 a phenomenal way of expressing to developers out
19 there in the City of New York that you will no
20 longer be penalized as part of your buildable
21 footprint to be able to have a combined heat and
22 power system, but rather encouraging you to go
23 green.

24 Green roofs are an important
25 contributor to the urban green movement. They are

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2 good common and fiscal sense to prepare New York
3 City as an innovative leader in green technology.
4 Green roofs range from small residential buildings
5 to large commercial and institutional warehouses
6 or factories. Throughout the five boroughs, the
7 potential for making roofs green is enormous.
8 Square miles the rooftops, the size of the city
9 itself are waiting to become part of the
10 landscape.

11 Today, environmental issues and
12 energy efficiency are at the center of
13 conversations when enhancing the quality of life
14 for all the residents of our city. Intro 358-A is
15 a part of what can be benefits to the City of New
16 York from lessening the stormwater impacts,
17 improving air quality, lessening urban heat island
18 effects, reducing energy costs, extending roof
19 life, reducing noise, improving aesthetics. I
20 urge my colleagues to join us in the passage of
21 this bill.

22 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
23 much, Council Member Reyna. I want to thank Chair
24 Comrie, as well as the chair of all of the Land
25 Use Subcommittees and the Land Use staff for the

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2 various Land Use items that we are moving on
3 today. Probably the largest and most significant
4 of which is in Council Member Jackson's district.
5 I call on Council Member Jackson.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you,
7 Madame Speaker. My colleagues, I rise this
8 afternoon in order for you to support Land Use
9 item 333 and Resolution 783, requesting the
10 Columbia University to build the Campbell Sports
11 Center in my district and also the boathouse.

12 Some of you may be aware that there
13 has been some news about this particular matter
14 with respect to some words that my colleague and I
15 had at the Zoning Committee, but I say to you that
16 we are colleagues in northern Manhattan and we
17 both are fighters for our community and we are
18 united as one in order to further the wellbeing of
19 northern Manhattan.

20 But I also say to you that I have
21 been meeting, along with my colleagues at the city
22 level, Ydanis Rodriguez, Adriano Espaillat the
23 State Senator and Guillermo Linares and/or his
24 staff, and community leaders along with the New
25 York Lawyers for Public Interest over the past two

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2 weeks or so in order to resolve some issues that
3 may be outstanding.

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5 But I say to you that some people
6 early on had said that I was trying to rush this
7 particular matter to a vote, but if you know the
8 Land Use process, this matter was automatically to
9 go through, but I decided to call it up. And as
10 you know, in a call up process, you need to get
11 signatures from your colleagues to call it up,
12 which I did, because it's in my district. That
13 gave us more time to consider this particular
14 matter.

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15 I say to you that we are still
16 working to try to deal with some issues, but
17 Columbia University is working collaboratively as
18 a partner with the community in order to bring
19 benefits to our community. I say to all of you
20 that this is a win/win situation, a win for
21 Columbia because they can build their Campbell
22 Sports Center and a win for the community because
23 the community will have access to the waterfront
24 now, a park, and they will have a dock where they
25 can take kayaks and canoes out, along with other
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So I say all of this to say that I urge you as my colleagues to vote yes on Land Use 333 and Reso 783. Thank you, Madame Speaker. May I ask permission to vote on all general order items, and vote yes?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

SPEAKER QUINN: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you.

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much, Council Member Jackson. We are also voting today on a packet of legislation, pieces of legislation that were introduced after hours and hours of hearings in this chamber and public hearings in response to the unacceptable reaction of the City of New York to the December 2010 blizzard.

Let me first start by thanking a long list of staff who worked very, very hard on this legislation: Jarret Hova, Dan Avery, Jeff Haberman, Oona Peterson, Shannon Manigault, Alex Rastelwich [phonetic], Saul Larona [phonetic]--I'm sure I'm butchering people's names and I apologize--Will Hongach, Rob Calandra, Jeff Baker,

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2 Lyle Frank, Nivardo Lopez, Laura Popa, Margaret
3 Nelson and Rob Newman, if we could get a round of
4 applause for all of the staff who worked on these
5 pieces of legislation.

6 [Applause]

7 SPEAKER QUINN: The bills that we
8 are passing into law today seek to do three simple
9 things. One, make sure that City of New York of
10 prepared to fight snowstorms in the future. Two:
11 to make sure that our snow response plans are
12 transparent and accessible by the public. Three:
13 to make sure that there is appropriate
14 communication between city agencies to make sure
15 we can do what New Yorkers pay us to do, remove
16 the snow during a blizzard.

17 We heard from New Yorkers that
18 literally in cases they were left waiting by the
19 phone for 311 with no answer ever. When New
20 Yorkers asked the question who was responsible for
21 x or y, when we asked the question who was
22 responsible for x or y, we got the runaround.
23 When we asked why this agency didn't deal with
24 that agency, there were no good answers, because
25 clearly we were not prepared.

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2 We don't have transparent plans to
3 do date, or we would not have gotten the runaround
4 and there was no clear communication between
5 agencies. That's why we are passing this package
6 of legislation. That's why we have made two other
7 policy announcements, designed to create a
8 tighter, stronger infrastructure within the City
9 of New York to make sure that never again are New
10 Yorkers literally left adrift in the snow to have
11 to fend for themselves and take up the
12 responsibilities that are those of a municipal
13 government to make sure that basic services like
14 snow removal happen.

15 I am very proud of all of the work
16 that went into this legislation and all of the
17 efforts to make sure that such an unacceptable and
18 substandard responsible never happens again in our
19 five boroughs.

20 Let me first start by calling on
21 the chair of our Sanitation Committee, Council
22 Member Tish James, who both led many of our
23 hearings and also is sponsor of one of the major
24 pieces of legislation today. Chair James?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Thank you,

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2 Madame Speaker. These bills are the result of a
3 long and thorough process undertaken by the
4 committee in conjunction with various other
5 committees. In all, we held eight different
6 oversight hearings, six of which were borough-
7 specific and dedicated to public comment. I want
8 to thank the public for their comments and for
9 their recommendations. These bills reflect those
10 comments and recommendations.

11 We heard firsthand accounts from a
12 range of witnesses, including deputy mayors and
13 agency commissioners, to unions representing the
14 workers involved in snow and emergency management
15 to residents whose lives were greatly impacted by
16 the storm, and from family members who
17 unfortunately lost loved ones during the storm.
18 In the end, we learned about what transpired
19 during the blizzard from a great variety of
20 vantage points and these bills reflect that.

21 So this process, which literally
22 started the day of the storm, December 26th,
23 culminates in today's vote. These bills will make
24 our city more prepared and responsive to future
25 snow and other related emergencies and ensure that

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2 an event like the December blizzard does not
3 happen again.

4 I thank my fellow committee chairs
5 involved in this process. I also thank the
6 Speaker for her outstanding leadership. Last, but
7 not least, clearly the staff who was responsible
8 for negotiating and for drafting these pieces of
9 legislation, they include but are not limited to
10 Kate Seely-Kirk, Dan Avery and to the greatest
11 counsel in this City Council, and I would perhaps
12 argue in the City of New York, my man, Jarret
13 Hova. Thank you for all that you do.

14 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Tish.
15 Thank you, Tish for remember Kate Seely-Kirk, my
16 former district office chief of staff, so I would
17 have been in a lot of trouble. So thank you very
18 much. Actually, this was Kate's first Sanitation
19 hearing. So I think they've all been a little bit
20 lower key since then.

21 Let me next call on the Chair of
22 our Public Safety Committee, Council Member
23 Speaker Peter Vallone. I just called him Council
24 Member Speaker Vallone--Council Member Peter
25 Vallone.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Thank you,
3 Madame Speaker. Our actions today set guidelines
4 not just for next winter but for ten years from
5 now. So that future City Councils don't have to
6 have hearings to find out where the snow plows
7 were.

8 I want to the Speaker and
9 especially all the staff for all the hard work in
10 all the hearings we had, and thank the public for
11 coming out late at night and giving us information
12 and guiding us on how to get this done. So thank
13 you, all.

14 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
15 much. Chair Crowley?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I'd like
17 to thank the Council Speaker and all my colleagues
18 and the Council staff for their continued work and
19 focus on these snow bills. The Christmas blizzard
20 of 2010 revealed the city's failure to plan and
21 prepare in the event of a severe snowstorm.

22 One of the most basic functions of
23 local government is that when snow falls, streets
24 are plowed. If the government cannot fulfill one
25 of its most basic functions, the Mayor's

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2 Administration has an obligation to immediately
3 information the public of the problem, and clearly
4 communicate what actions the city is taking to
5 alleviate the problem.

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7 To ensure that this doesn't happen
8 again, I, along with my colleagues here today,
9 will vote on these new bills to force the
10 Administration to provide direction about how the
11 city will prepare for and act during and in the
12 aftermath of a serious storm. Thank you.

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13 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
14 much. I also want to thank, though he had to
15 leave, Chair Williams, who was one of the Chairs
16 who also oversaw these hearings. Let me call on
17 the Chair of our Transportation Committee, Jimmy
18 Vacca.

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19 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Thank you,
20 Madame Speaker. I have to say that although it's
21 been 20 years since our city, by their own
22 admission, has updated its list of primary,
23 secondary and tertiary streets, we who live in the
24 outer boroughs have now found out that we mostly
25 live on tertiary streets.

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Indeed, tertiary streets are third

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2 priority streets, but these tertiary streets are
3 where most taxpayers live in the boroughs outside
4 Manhattan. But as you see, we hear today
5 certainly pay enough in city taxes to assume that
6 snow on our blocks will be removed like snow on
7 any other block anywhere else in the City of New
8 York. That did not happen on December 26th.

9 Today, when we speak about streets,
10 we are speaking about legislation we're enacting
11 where people living on those streets will finally
12 have a say. They'll finally know if their street
13 is indeed a tertiary street. They'll finally be
14 able to say well, wait a minute, my street has
15 people on it who are very elderly. My street has
16 people on it who are on life support systems.
17 People on life support systems on December 26th
18 found that they lived on tertiary streets and many
19 people were told a plow will come tomorrow; a plow
20 will come in two to three days. That should never
21 happen again.

22 By the legislation we're enacting
23 today, we're shedding light where there was none.
24 We're providing transparency where there will now
25 be accountability because in the sunlight we'll be

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2 able to see how we can get our streets plowed and
3 where are those plows.

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By enacting this legislation today,
5 the Council is taking meaningful action and the
6 Council is asserting itself as a legislative body
7 and as a body where oversight resulted in action.
8 No more outer boroughs. No more waiting for plows
9 because taxpayer tertiary streets may be done
10 tomorrow or the day after. The time has come for
11 us to assert ourselves as we have today. I urge
12 my members to vote yes on all the bills before us.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
14 much, Chair Vacca. Let me also thank Council
15 Member Palma, who is the sponsor of Intro 517-A
16 which we're voting on today, and call on our final
17 speaker on this matter, Council Member Peter Koo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I want to
19 thank Speaker Quinn, my colleagues and all the
20 Council staff for their hard work in putting
21 together legislation that will greatly improve the
22 city's responsible to a snow emergency.

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We all know that many errors were
24 made during the blizzard last December. However,
25 under the leadership of Speaker Quinn, this

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2 legislature has taken action to ensure that
3 mistakes during a snow emergency are less likely
4 to occur in the future.

5 I'm proud to have an Introduction
6 before the Council that will establish a snow
7 removal volunteer registry. This legislation will
8 require the Department of Sanitation to establish
9 a registry of individuals who volunteer to remove
10 snow for persons who are unable to do so for
11 themselves.

12 During a crisis, New Yorkers are
13 always ready to help their neighbors in need.
14 This volunteer registry will allow the city to
15 effectively and efficiently mobilize volunteers to
16 where they are needed most. I encourage my
17 colleagues to vote aye on Intro 511-A. Thank you
18 very much.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
20 much, Council Member. That concludes
21 Communications from the Speaker.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
23 very much, Madame Speaker. First, let's call on
24 Council Member Levin for a vote.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I vote aye

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on all coupled General Orders.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you very much. Perfect. Next Council Member Greenfield for a vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: I vote aye on all General Order items.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered. Next we have Council Member Tish James.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: I vote aye on all.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered. Now we'll move on to discussion of General Orders. We have Council Member Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. I would like to speak on reference to the Land Use 333, Reso 783 which we are voting today, which is the Bakersfield of Columbia University. I just want to like to share with my colleagues that in the last two weeks, as Council Member Jackson say, two town hall meetings have taken place about that particular project.

One of the things that I know that the residents of Inwood and Marble Hill and Washington Heights would like to get from Columbia

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2 University and Columbia already made a commitment
3 that will put in writing, which is that the
4 modification that we are granting to Columbia
5 University will not be used to build any major
6 stadium or any major project in that area.

7 So this is something very important
8 for the residents. Columbia made the commitment,
9 but I just wanted to say that I hope that in the
10 document that Columbia is working, that language
11 been show that this modification that we are
12 granting to Columbia will not be used to build any
13 major project in that area. It's so important for
14 the residents of northern Manhattan. Thank you.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
16 very much. Seeing no others for discussion of
17 General Orders, we'll move on to Reports of
18 Special Committees.

19 CLERK: None.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Reports of
21 Standing Committees.

22 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
23 Finance, Preconsidered Intro 537.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
25 Orders with a message of necessity.

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CLERK: Reso 714-A, Atlantic Avenue

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CLERK: Preconsidered Reso 764.

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CLERK: Report of the Committee on

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Housing and Buildings, Intro 341-A, solar rooftop

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CLERK: Intro 347-A, roof coating

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CLERK: Intro 358-A, heat and power

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CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use, LU 296 and Reso 771 through 312 and Reso 780 on page six, various ULURPs.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders.

CLERK: LU 313 and Reso 781, UDAAP Bronx.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders.

CLERK: LU 319 and Reso 782.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders.

CLERK: LU 333 and Reso 783, Columbia University.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders.

CLERK: LU 335 and Reso 784, landmark designation.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders.

CLERK: LU 349 and Reso 785, zoning amendment.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General

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CLERK: LU 350 and Reso 786 and 351
and Reso 787.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
Orders.

CLERK: LU 353 and Reso 788 through
362 and Reso 795 on page eight.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
Orders.

CLERK: LU 363 and Reso 796 and 364
and Reso 797.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
Orders.

CLERK: Report of the Committee on
Public Safety, Intro 498-A, protocols regarding
weather emergencies.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
on General Orders.

CLERK: Intro 505-A.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
on General Orders with a message of necessity.

CLERK: Intro 528-A, improving 311
service.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled

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CLERK: Report of the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management, Intro 508-A, snow preparedness report.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on General Orders.

CLERK: Intro 511-A, snow removal registry.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on General Orders.

CLERK: Intro 517-A, snow plowing and removal plans.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on General Orders.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: The General Order calendar.

CLERK: Resolution appointing various persons Commissioner.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders. At this time, I'll ask for a roll call on all the items that have been coupled on the General Order calendar.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

CLERK: Arroyo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

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CLERK: Barron?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: May I be
excused to explain my vote?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: You know,
my colleagues, I find it inconsistent that we are
indicting AC workers for criminal negligent
homicide when the loss of life occurred because of
some alleged neglect, but yet when the Mayor and
the Commissioner neglected, consciously,
deliberately neglected to bring plows to the outer
boroughs because they wanted to make sure
Manhattan profit, the profits in Manhattan were
not lost, and senior citizens lost their lives. I
commend you on the legislation. I'm voting for
it. It's the right thing to do. It's
preventative. But the Mayor and the Commissioner
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If we're going to indict black
workers in ASACS then the Commissioner and the
Mayor should be held responsible for the lives
that were lost because of their deliberate
decision to not bring plows to the outer boroughs.

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2 They got away. Let's be consistent. If it's
3 wrong for ACS, then it's wrong for the Mayor and
4 it's wrong for the Commissioner of Sanitation.

5 Secondly, Columbia University is a
6 notorious realtor in Harlem. Some of the members
7 of the Inwood community are not satisfied with
8 this the way it's going. They're not clear
9 whether they're going to have access to the public
10 space because of the vague information and the
11 refusal of Columbia to write clear now. You don't
12 wait until you pass it and give up your power and
13 then say we're working on some meetings. Well
14 once they get it passed, they don't have to listen
15 to you.

16 I want to commend the Chair of the
17 Buildings, Chair Dilan for the green bills. I
18 think they're excellent. East New York we have
19 one of the largest solar panels. So I want to
20 commend the City Council for that. I want to
21 continue to encourage us to be consistent.

22 I vote no on LU 333, no on LU 350
23 and 351, the AMI is too high. And I vote aye on
24 all the rest.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you.

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CLERK: Brewer?

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CLERK: Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Yes to all.

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CLERK: Crowley?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye on

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CLERK: Dickens?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye on all.

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CLERK: Eugene?

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

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CLERK: Fidler?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: With

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17 congratulations to Councilman Koo on what I

18 believe is his first bill. I hope the Mayor will

19 sign it so you can get a pen. And I vote aye on

20 all.

CLERK: Garodnick?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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CLERK: Gentile?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye on

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CLERK: Gonzalez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on

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CLERK: Ignizio?

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: No on Land

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Use 335, aye on all others.

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CLERK: Koo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all. I

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want to thank all my colleagues in supporting my

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legislation. Thank you.

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CLERK: Koslowitz?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on

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CLERK: Lander?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye on all,

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with thanks to the Chairs and the Speaker and

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Council Members for the great work on snow

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CLERK: Mark-Viverito?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye

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CLERK: Mealy?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye on all.

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CLERK: Palma?

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye on

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Permission

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I just

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wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Chair

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of Planning and Disposition, Chair Levin, who had

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a committee vote concerning my district of a city-

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different block and lots that coupled have now

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been proposed for affordable housing, 100 percent

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and 60. Families will be able to afford one-

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bedroom, two and three-bedroom apartments. This

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comes at a very crucial moment in Williamsburg

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Greenpoint where we have seen a drastic

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displacement of families.

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opportunity to thank HPD, which we've had a long

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road where we had many disagreements concerning

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2 making sure that we sped up the process of dealing
3 with some of these city-owned sites. So I'm happy
4 to see that we're finally seeing this come to
5 fruition. I look forward to working with Yuco
6 Real Estate Development.

7 I want to just make mention to the
8 fact that we also have to thank HPD for the Ten
9 Eyck, the Article 11 application as Council Member
10 Gale Brewer had mention, concerning affordable
11 housing that will be preserved. I know that 40
12 years comes very quickly, but right now we're in
13 need of making sure that we preserve as many units
14 as possible in Greenpoint Williamsburg and that is
15 being done so today. So I thank my colleagues and
16 I urge you to vote aye. I, as well, vote aye.

17 CLERK: Rodriguez? Rodriguez?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: May I
19 explain my vote.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I would
22 like to again go back to the LU 333, the
23 Bakersfield. This project is very important, as
24 we know, for Columbia University, but also it's
25 brought a lot of concern for the residents of

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2 Marble Hill, Inwood and Washington Heights.

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The last two weeks, as I say, has been many, two town hall meetings, hundreds of people has participated. Columbia has expressed to the Community Board 12 that they are committed. They gave to the Community Board 12 a document where they made a commitment on how to be a good neighbor would mean that the students of Columbia will benefit but also the community will have access to that facility.

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At this particular moment, when it come to the land use, as I say, Columbia also has expressed that they will put in the document that this project would not be used for more than building the five-story building. We want to be sure that Columbia really delivered to the community. Seeing this space of Bakersfield is a property of Columbia University but also some area of the Bakersfield is a public area that Columbia has been using since 1921. I believe it is important that Columbia also develop the trust in the community and really deliver it to our people. Thank you. And I vote aye.

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CLERK: Ulrich?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye on all.

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CLERK: Vacca?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye on all.

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CLERK: Vallone?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on

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CLERK: Van Bramer?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on

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CLERK: Vann?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: First, I'd

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like to commend Council Member Koo. If the Mayor

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doesn't give you a pen, I'll give you one. I vote

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CLERK: Weprin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye on all.

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CLERK: Wills?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: I'd like to

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commend Council Members Koo and Jumaane Williams.

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Aye on all.

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CLERK: Oddo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

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CLERK: Rivera?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye

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CLERK: Speaker Quinn?

SPEAKER QUINN: Aye on all.

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: All items on today's General Order calendar were adopted by a vote of 47 in the affirmative with zero in the negative with zero abstentions.

With the exception of Land Use item 33, with the accompanying Resolution 783, which was adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, one in the negative and zero abstentions.

And Land Use item 350 with Resolution 786, which was adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, one in the negative with zero abstentions.

And Land Use item 351 with Reso 787, which was adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, one in the negative and zero abstentions.

And Intro 505-A: which was adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and one abstention.

And Intro 498-A: which was adopted

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2 by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, zero in the
3 negative and one abstention.

4 And Land use item 335 and
5 Resolution 784, which was adopted by a vote of 46
6 in the affirmative, one in the negative and zero
7 abstentions.

8 Seeing no others, we move on to
9 Introduction and reading of the bills.

10 SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are
11 refereed to committees, as indicated on the
12 agenda.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Discussion
14 of Resolutions. We have no resolutions. We have
15 one resolution.

16 SPEAKER QUINN: Yes, we do,
17 Resolution 701.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: No speakers
19 on Resolution 701. At this point in time, we'll
20 just read the Resolution. It's a Resolution
21 calling on the Regional Emergency Medical Service
22 Council of New York City to review and revise the
23 New York City mutual aid mobilization system
24 protocol, adopted by the Committee on Public
25 Safety. All in favor say aye.

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GROUP: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: All opposed say any. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. At this point in time, we'll move on to General Discussion. We have first Council Member Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: My colleagues, I'd like to bring your attention to Resolution 762 presented by Council Member Lew Fidler. It's the first time I've ever seen Lew Fidler present a Resolution that he did no real research on.

The Durban Conference in South Africa against racism in 2001 was not anti-Semitic. There is nothing in the Durban document, the actual declaration that 189 out of the 210 countries signed on to. It had nothing to do with anti-Semitism. Lew has been disingenuous. He didn't read it himself and he's not presenting anything to you.

This was a conference that declared the north, the Trans Atlantic slave trade was a crime against humanity. France was angry because they don't want to pay Haiti. Britain was angry because they don't want to pay Africa for

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2 colonialism. Canada was angry because they don't
3 want to pay the Indians and indigenous people
4 their treaty of commitments. The United States
5 was angry because they didn't want to deal with
6 reparations and African Americans.

7 It has nothing to do with anti-
8 Semitism. As a matter of fact, in the declaration
9 itself, Nava Pillay, the U.N. High Commission on
10 Human Rights says that the Holocaust should have
11 never happened and they're against anti-Semitism
12 and against Islamaphobia and all forms of
13 discrimination and racism.

14 So Lew had you all signing onto
15 something he didn't even read and is based upon he
16 said someone told him that they went to the
17 conference and someone was outside the conference
18 handing out Zionism equals racism pamphlets. Well
19 people can do that. That's their right to do
20 that. People can speak and say it's a hatred
21 conference. Ask him to show you in the document
22 that anti-Semitism exists. He can't do it. He
23 didn't read it and it's not there. So I encourage
24 you to take your name off that bill. Thank you.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you

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2 very much. Next we move on to Council Member
3 Comrie.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Members,
5 today, I ask you humbly for your support to
6 address an Intro that I'm putting in today
7 relating to setting nutrition standards for
8 distributing incentive items aimed at children.

9 I was actually humbled at the
10 response that this Intro has had. In a press
11 conference yesterday I was joined by seven
12 members.

13 The bill that I'm introducing would
14 prohibit any restaurant from offering an incentive
15 item with the purchase of a meal, single food item
16 or beverage unless that beverage meets the
17 nutritional standards that are considered healthy
18 and nutritional standards for children.

19 In the United States, nearly one-
20 third of all children and adolescents are either
21 overweight or obese. In New York City alone, 40
22 percent of the nearly 650,000 children in
23 kindergarten through eighth grade were found to be
24 overweight or obese in 2009. It is clearly
25 documented that low income and minority

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2 neighborhoods have the highest rate of childhood
3 obesity because these communities have limited
4 options.

5 The numbers of supermarkets with
6 healthy fruits and vegetables are decreasing while
7 the numbers of fast food establishments are
8 increasing. The fast food industry is spending
9 hundreds of millions of dollars in advertising
10 directed at our children. These campaigns of
11 predatory marketing along with other factors have
12 created a generation of children who are
13 overweight because they are developing bad eating
14 habits at an early age.

15 While this epidemic is tied to
16 parental responsibility, make no mistake, the fast
17 food industry has been a major culprit and is part
18 of the problem. The toy is more important to the
19 children than the meal itself. The toy is more
20 important to the children than the meal itself.

21 By ensuring children meal standards
22 with nutritional guidelines set out in this bill,
23 we can help children to begin to develop healthier
24 eating habits and avoid this burden. I hope
25 members sign on to this bill. Thank you very

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you very much. Next we have Council Member Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much. In Governmental Operations on April 27th at 1 p.m., we will be discussing the bill which needs a lot of your input regarding the merger of DCAS, which is our general service agency, administrative agency and DORIS. DORIS basically stands for the Department of Records and also the municipal archives.

This is a discussion that has taken place in the past and has now cropped up again. We've met with the genealogists, with historians, with people who are archivists for different systems, universities, private sector and obviously the City of New York.

I'm looking for your input. It is not an easy topic. It is one that is a bit esoterical and is definitely one that needs to have attention. So I look forward to everyone's input. Thank you very much.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you. Next is Council Member Fidler.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: I'm sorry
3 to see Council Member Barron isn't here. We may
4 occupy the same planet but clearly not the same
5 world. I'm surprised that he would ever suggest
6 that I would do something without doing my
7 homework.

8 First, I want to thank the 40 of
9 you who signed on to that Resolution. Durban I
10 was intended to be a wonderful thing, a conference
11 to fight hatred and racism in this world. It
12 turned into what the Canadian government called a
13 hate fest. Countries walked out. The United
14 States walked out.

15 Copies of the protocols of the
16 elders of Zion were handed out. A Holocaust
17 denial program was canceled because they couldn't
18 secure it. People were carrying signs of picture
19 of Adolf Hitler and swastikas.

20 Durban II, which most of the free
21 world did not attend, had one featured speaker,
22 our good friend the anti-American, anti-Semitic,
23 homophobic president of Iran, who used the
24 occasion to deny the Holocaust. I frankly don't
25 think that that's something that we ought to be

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celebrating the tenth anniversary of.

Hatred, racism, bigotry and prejudice are to be abhorred and no less so when they're directed at Jews.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you very much. Next we move on to Council Member Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes, thank you very much. I just wanted to speak about something. I was raised that if you have an issue and you see something that you don't agree with, or if something gets you in your gut, you're supposed to speak out against it. My friend Leroy Comrie was attacked today in many places in the media. Shame on them.

My friend Leroy, for whatever you believe about the bill, and I have to say I don't agree with the bill, but he's introduced this bill from the heart. He introduced this bill because he meant it, because he believed it. For those that went out and put a majority of names before his actual name in the media, well shame on you. Because that's what we all strive to not have happen in this society, but seemingly, when it

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2 comes down to being able to speak about someone's
3 weight that's okay.

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5 I wanted to stand here and stand
6 before this body and look my friend Leroy in the
7 eye and say I'm sorry for what people did to you
8 today. I support you as my friend. I don't
9 support the bill, but I'm happy to debate with you
10 about it. I genuinely believe that there are many
11 people in this city that owe you an apology.
12 Thank you very much.

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[Applause]

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15 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
16 very much, Council Member. Next we'll move on to
17 Council Member Wills.

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19 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: I rise
20 today. I guess you beat me to the punch. But the
21 first portion of me rising today is to say that I
22 support Council Member Comrie. I do support the
23 bill, but I support you also. I think there were
24 some things that were said that were cowardice on
25 their behalf. It takes more courage who has a
weight problem to discuss these things than
someone else who does not have a weight problem.

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2 to his family and to his children. I think that
3 the media, who would rather pounce on that than
4 pounce on the conversation started towards our
5 children having a healthy future should be ashamed
6 of themselves.

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8 The second part of me rising today
9 is to ask you for support of my Intro 541, which
10 is the Local Law to prohibit the sale of expired
11 over the counter medications. In these
12 communities, there are people that sell over the
13 counter expired medication at flea markets and
14 different venues like that, which put a lot of our
15 people in harm's way. If you're buying Nyquil or
16 sinus or anything like that and it's expired, it
17 takes a larger amount of medication in order to do
18 the same thing, and people can actually be harmed
19 by that.

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21 So I ask for support on that.
22 Councilman Comrie, I not only support you but I
23 salute you on the work that you have and being
24 steadfast in this bill. I do support your bill.

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26 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
27 very much. Seeing no others, this meeting is
28 adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Donna Hintze certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

Signature Donna Hintze

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