

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

STATED MEETING

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June 28, 2012
Start: 8:46 pm
Recess: 10:28 pm

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

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 Chin
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Elizabeth Crowley
Inez E. Dickens
Erik Martin Dilan
Daniel Dromm
Mathieu Eugene
Julissa Ferreras
Lewis A. Fidler
Helen D. Foster
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
Daniel J. Halloran
Vincent M. Ignizio
Robert Jackson
Letitia James
Peter A. Koo
G. Oliver Koppell
Karen Koslowitz
Brad Lander
Jessica S. Lappin
Stephen Levin
Melissa Mark-Viverito
Darlene Mealy
Rosie Mendez
Michael C. Nelson
James S. Oddo
Annabel Palma
Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.
Diana Reyna
Ydanis Rodriguez
Deborah Rose
James Sanders, Jr.
Larry B. Seabrook
Eric Ulrich
James Vacca
Peter F. Vallone, Jr.
James G. Van Bramer
Albert Vann
Mark Weprin
Jumaane D. Williams
Ruben Wills

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STATED MEETING

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: I call the recessed meeting of June 13, 2012, held on June 28, 2012, to order. Roll call, please.

COUNCIL CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Comrie.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: [No response].

COUNCIL CLERK: Crowley.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please. Quiet, please.

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: [No response].

COUNCIL CLERK: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Dilan.
COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm.
COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene.
COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Yes.
COUNCIL CLERK: Ferreras.
COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Fidler.
COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Foster.
COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Garodnick.
COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: [No
response].
COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro.
[Pause]
COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [No
response].
COUNCIL CLERK: Gentile.
COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Gonzalez.
COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Greenfield.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Halloran.

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Jackson.

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: [No
response].

COUNCIL CLERK: James.

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: [No
response].

COUNCIL CLERK: Koo.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Koppell.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Cell phones off,
please.

COUNCIL CLERK: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Lappin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Levin.
COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Mark-Viverito.
COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:
COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy.
COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present.
COUNCIL CLERK: Mendez.
COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Nelson.
COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Palma.
COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Recchia.
COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Reyna.
COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez.
[Pause]
COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [No
COUNCIL CLERK: Rose.
COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

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STATED MEETING

COUNCIL CLERK: Sanders.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Seabrook.

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: [No
response].

COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: We have a quorum.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very much. I now adjourn the June 13th meeting of 2012 held on June 28, 2012.

At this point in time, I open up the Stated Meeting of June 28th, 2012. My colleagues, please rise for the pledge of allegiance.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

VOICES: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Roll call.

COUNCIL CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Barron.

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [No

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2 response].

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Chin.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Comrie.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Here,

11 present.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Crowley.

13 [Pause]

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: [No

15 response].

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Dickens.

17 [Pause]

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: [No

19 response].

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Dilan.

21 [Pause]

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: [No

23 response].

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

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

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COUNCIL CLERK: Halloran.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Still

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COUNCIL CLERK: Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: [No

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response].

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COUNCIL CLERK: James.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: [No

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COUNCIL CLERK: Koo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Koppell.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Lander.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Lappin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Here, yes.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Levin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Mark-Viverito.
COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:
COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy.
COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present.
COUNCIL CLERK: Mendez.
COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Nelson.
COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Yes.
COUNCIL CLERK: Palma.
COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Recchia.
COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Reyna.
COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez.
[Pause]
COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [No
COUNCIL CLERK: Rose.
COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Yes.
COUNCIL CLERK: Sanders.
COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Still

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COUNCIL CLERK: Seabrook.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: [No
response].

COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Crowley.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Vann.

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: [No
response].

COUNCIL CLERK: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Wills.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera.

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: We have a quorum.

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very

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much. My colleagues, please rise for the

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Invocation being delivered today by our colleague,

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Council Member Fernando Cabrera, Pastor of New

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Life International Outreach Church.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Let's bow

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our heads. Lord, we bow before you thanking

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you for the opportunity to say that, Lord, without

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you, this year, Lord, without your wisdom, we

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wouldn't have such a great budget that is going to

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help so many people. We thank you for the

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leadership provided by our Speaker Quinn, we ask

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you to keep leading her and providing her a

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special grace. And for the rest of the members,

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Lord God, to be able to now engage in our

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2 that is going to help our children and the elderly
3 and those--the most needed. And we thank you and
4 we praise you for all these things. In your name,
5 Amen.

6 VOICES: Amen.

7 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Council Member
8 Rose.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Yes. I move
10 to spread the Invocation.

11 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down,
12 please.

13 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: So ordered.
14 We now move on to the adoption of minutes.
15 Council Member Rose.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you.
17 Motion that the minutes of the Stated Meeting of
18 May 31st, 2012, be adopted as printed.

19 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: So ordered.
20 Messages and Papers from the Mayor.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: M 839, Withdrawing
22 Richard Stabile and Kirk Tzanides for
23 reappointment to the Tax Commission.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Received, Ordered,
25 Printed, and Filed.

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COUNCIL CLERK: M 840, City Debt
and Reserves.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Received, Ordered,
Printed, and Filed.

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Communication
from the City, County, and Borough Offices.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered M
841, Transfer of funds between agencies.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Finance.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered M
842, appropriation of new revenues.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Finance.

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Petitions and
Communications.

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COUNCIL CLERK: None.

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Land Use Call-
Ups.

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COUNCIL CLERK: M 843 through 848,
sidewalk cafes.

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SPEAKER QUINN: If we could couple
those and please have a roll call on the coupled
Land Use Call-Ups, please.

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: So ordered.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Arroyo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Comrie.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Crowley.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Dilan.

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Mr.

President Pro Temp, I'd like to request unanimous-

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[Crosstalk]

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I'd like to request unanimous consent to vote on all items on today's General Order Calendar as well?

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: So ordered.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I vote aye

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on all.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Ferreras.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: [No

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response].

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COUNCIL CLERK: Foster.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Did you say

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Foster?

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MALE VOICE: Yeah, he did.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: [No

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response].

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COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [No

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COUNCIL CLERK: Gentile.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Gonzalez.

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Greenfield.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Halloran.

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: [No
response].

COUNCIL CLERK: Fidler.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: [No
response].

COUNCIL CLERK: James.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Here--I
mean, yes.

COUNCIL CLERK: Koo.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Koppell.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Mr.

Majority Leader, I ask unanimous consent to vote
aye on all of the matters on the General Orders
Calendar, and I have--

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: --consent,
thank you. So with thanks to the Speaker on the
override on the Living Wage bill, I vote aye on
all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Lander.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down,
please, keep it down. Quiet, please.

COUNCIL CLERK: Excuse me, Council
Member Lander.

MALE VOICE: Say it again.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Lappin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Nelson.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Recchia.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Reyna.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [No
response].

COUNCIL CLERK: Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Sanders.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I wish to
vote aye on all items.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: [No

response].

COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: I vote aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Today's Land

Use Call-Ups were adopted by a vote of 46 in the

affirmative with zero in the negative.

Communication from the Speaker.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please.

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: We have a number of
3 different legislative items that we are voting on,
4 but obviously, one of the biggest things, in
5 addition to the three veto overrides on the West
6 Side rezoning that we are voting on tonight, is
7 the budget for the fiscal year that starts on July
8 1st. And I just first of all want to start by
9 thanking all of the Members of the Council, in
10 particular, the budget negotiating team and my
11 leadership team for all of your hard works
12 throughout this entire budget process.

13 You know, if you think about it,
14 there is no document whether it's for a company, a
15 government, your home, that speaks more about what
16 your priorities are than your budget. What a
17 government or a person spends money on speaks
18 volumes about that person or that entity and what
19 they hold dear and what is important to them. And
20 through the work we did in this budget, I think we
21 sent a clear message that our priority is the
22 children of New York City, and that our priority
23 is making sure that every child has the best
24 possible foundation so they can move forward and
25 excel in academics and live whatever their dream

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And we've done that in this budget by making sure our daycare that we're subsidizing are now academic daycares, if you will. Also by making sure that younger children have the opportunity to be part of that daycare. But we also did it by recognizing that community-based organizations that have been working, in some cases, with families and children for decades and decades need to be part of that early childhood education foundation.

And the work we put into this wasn't just putting money back into the budget, which isn't easy, but it was more than that, it was putting money back in and putting it back in a very specific way, that identified groups that had to be part of this new process and ways we could make sure that groups that wanted to be, but needed a little extra technical assistance got that technical assistance. We also made sure in this budget that after school programs, which are so incredibly important, to making sure children have a little extra academic tutoring, making sure children have access to arts and music and

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2 athletics, things that excite them and energize
3 them, making sure that children had a place to go
4 that kept them out of harm's way and off of the
5 streets, that those programs remained intact for
6 this summer and the entire upcoming year.

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8 This is a budget that sends a
9 message, I hope, to working families that they and
10 their children are our priority.

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12 Now I have a bunch of thank yous I
13 want to make, but first and foremost, I think I
14 speak for all of my colleagues when I say that our
15 Finance chair has done an unbelievably outstanding
16 job this year.

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[Applause]

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19 SPEAKER QUINN: And Domenic is
20 just--not just a pleasure to work with, there are
21 few people who are more fun to work with than
22 Domenic M. Recchia Jr., you know what I'm saying?
23 And but you know what, in all of that fun and all
24 of that ice coffee, Domenic never--with like 18
25 Splendas and scented milk and there's like very
little caffeine after Domenic [off mic] is mixing
his coffee--but within the midst of all that fun,
Domenic never once in this process took his eye

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off the prize.

And when he heard, for example, that there were pending layoffs of 650 Department of Education workers, most of them teacher aides, he could have said, well that really wasn't part of the executive, he could have said there were no teacher layoffs, he could have said there's no attrition of teachers, he could have said we're taking care of EarlyLearn and Out-of-School Time and that's enough, but he didn't. In literally the final hours of the budget, Domenic locked himself, Dennis Walcott, the Department of Education, and DC 37 in a room and stayed in that room until concessions were made that prevented those layoffs. That is the kind of can-do, hard working, focused on the children of the city of New York Finance chair that we have. And, Domenic, we are incredibly lucky and the 8.4 million people of the city of New York are incredibly lucky that you are our Finance chair. So thank you so much.

[Applause]

SPEAKER QUINN: I also want to take a moment to thank, as Domenic calls him, Preston

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2 Niblack, oh, that's your name, he calls you
3 Preston Niblock, right, as Domenic calls you
4 Preston Niblock. What is your name, Preston? I
5 got confused there, I'm tired. But that is what
6 Domenic calls you, right? Preston Niblock. Our
7 Finance Director--I blew that joke--Preston
8 whatever his last name is, but, you know, Preston
9 took over the Finance division a number of years
10 ago at a particularly challenging time, and has
11 never faltered in his commitment to--hey, Preston,
12 whoo-hoo, Preston, talking to the press
13 conference, talking while the Speaker's giving you
14 a compliment.

15 [Laughter]

16 SPEAKER QUINN: Has never faltered
17 in his commitment to this City Council, his
18 commitment to the highest principles of fiscal
19 responsibility, and his commitment to the
20 priorities of this Council, which are making sure
21 that New Yorkers in need get taken care of in a
22 way that is financially sustainable. And we
23 couldn't have a better professional running the
24 Finance division than Preston, so thank you so
25 much, Preston.

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SPEAKER QUINN: I also want to thank our First Deputy Director of the Finance division, Jeff Rodus, who somehow--

[Applause]

SPEAKER QUINN: --is still--thank you, Jeff, try to pay attention--is still standing after being up, I don't know, for some obscene amount of time straight. But Jeff and I actually started working around the city and the Council almost at exactly the same time, and Jeff has grown up in finance and is somebody who, not only knows this system better than anybody, but is somebody who really has just the biggest heart and cares about the work that we do, the institutions we support, and the neighborhoods of the city of New York. And every budget we do is better because it really has a bit of Jeff Rodus' heart in it 'cause he gives his heart and soul to everything. So thank you so much, Jeff.

[Applause]

SPEAKER QUINN: I want to thank our Deputy Directors, Regina Poreda-Ryan and Nathan Toth, and everybody in their teams.

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[Applause]

SPEAKER QUINN: The most difficult part of this year's budget, obviously, was EarlyLearn and Out-of-School Time, and if there are three people who deserve great thanks for working out the EarlyLearn problem, it is Latonia McKinney--

[Applause]

SPEAKER QUINN: --Pakhi Sengupta--

[Applause]

SPEAKER QUINN: --and Ramon Martinez.

[Applause]

SPEAKER QUINN: Latonia, I just want to take a moment to thank again because Latonia really came to me at a point in this process with an incredibly detailed and specific proposal of what she thought a Plan B could be that could work to take care of New York City's children. And she presented that proposal to me as a Finance professional, but also as a working mother, and it was one of the most thoughtful, well-developed proposals I have ever seen in all my years of government, and she is just one of the

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2 most competent people I have ever had the pleasure
3 of working with. So, Latonia, thank you.

4 [Applause]

5 SPEAKER QUINN: This was another
6 example of a budget where Pakhi just got run
7 ragged. Where's Pakhi, where's Pakhi, we have a
8 problem; where is Pakhi, where is Pakhi, where's--
9 close it, are we opening it or are we closing it?
10 Is it a senior center, is it a daycare. But thank
11 you, Pakhi, you are incredibly focused on the
12 details, relentlessly cheery when you're doing it,
13 very calm--Preston, be nice. So, Pakhi, thank you
14 very, very--and I'm glad you'll be staying with us
15 in New York.

16 [Applause]

17 SPEAKER QUINN: This is going to
18 ruin Ramon's tough guy image. But Ramon was more
19 concerned about what would happen to children in
20 low and moderate income neighborhoods in New York
21 City than just about anybody else in the City
22 Council.

23 [Applause]

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Much to his
25 chagrin, we started saying that Ramon saved the

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2 children, which he hated, but it really is true,
3 and Ramon was all about making sure that nothing
4 related to EarlyLearn fell through--or OST fell
5 through the cracks. So thank you very, very much,
6 Ramon.

7 [Applause]

8 SPEAKER QUINN: Speaking of OST,
9 there was a lot of focus that went into EarlyLearn
10 and Crystal Coston made sure that OST still got
11 fixed.

12 [Applause]

13 SPEAKER QUINN: And, Crystal, I
14 just have to say, everyone did, as I've said, an
15 impressive jobs, but in some ways, you did one of
16 the most impressive jobs at OST 'cause you got in
17 a way less support and attention 'cause we were
18 all running around, around EarlyLearn, so thank
19 you. And I've yet to see Crystal get asked a
20 question she doesn't know an answer to. So thank
21 you very, very, very much, Crystal.

22 [Applause]

23 SPEAKER QUINN: As always, I want
24 to thank Scott Crowley and Jimmy Reyes and Dominic
25 Giordani--

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[Applause]

SPEAKER QUINN: --who make sure that the thousand of community groups across the city who deliver quality services in a culturally competent way get funded, and when there's mistakes made, they fix them.

I also want to take a moment to thank Tanisha Edwards, the counsel to the Finance division.

[Applause]

SPEAKER QUINN: Tanisha has organized all of the hearings, all of the terms and conditions, all of the documents, the banking commission bill, all at the same time, doing it in such a cheery way, never missing a beat, even though she has been grieving the loss of her beloved mother. I just want to thank you, Tanisha, so much for, through your presence and grace, reminding us really in a way why we are all doing this work. So thank you so much, Tanisha.

[Applause]

SPEAKER QUINN: I want to thank the vetting team led by Chuck Davis and Fran DellaVecchia who has just a thankless job, quite

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2 frankly, so let's take a moment to thank Chuck and
3 everybody on the vetting team.

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[Applause]

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SPEAKER QUINN: I want to thank our
6 economic and revenue team where I think we are
7 unbelievably well served by their talent and their
8 skill.

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[Applause]

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SPEAKER QUINN: Ray Majewski, Paul
11 Sturm, and the new Nadine, Ann Randev [phonetic].
12 And I just want to say, I thought it was
13 particularly noteworthy that not once during the
14 budget did our end-of-day financial note and
15 market update not go out, nothing did Paul let
16 fall through the cracks in that regard. Markets
17 were down today.

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I also want to take a moment,
19 again, to thank Regina and Nathan, their entire
20 teams. I want to thank the capital team, Jessica
21 Hermenez [phonetic], Shadawn Smith, Chima
22 Obichere--did I get that close? Should we let
23 Domenic do it?

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MALE VOICE: Get Domenic.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Well anyway, let's

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hear it for the capital division.

[Applause]

SPEAKER QUINN: I also want to take a moment to thank the staff in the Speaker's office led by Chuck Meara who have been backing up Ramon and Preston and Jeff.

[Applause]

SPEAKER QUINN: Barbara and Margaret and Phyllis and Selena, all of the Sergeant-at-Arms, who have kept everything running and done a whole bunch of parades while--I said-- Preston just circled Nathan, but I said Nathan twice, but we'll say Nathan a third time. Apparently, he was talking on the phone or to somebody else when I said that.

And just lastly, I mentioned a number of the Finance staff members by name, but I want to thank all of the Finance staff members because some issues or the different focus issues of whatever year's budget, this year OST and EarlyLearn, but it is an enormous team effort and we are all aware of that. It is other staff whose names I haven't mentioned that are helping Latonia and Pakhi and Crystal. It is the non-capital folk

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2 who, at the end of the process, help make sure the
3 capital team doesn't, you know, go too crazy in
4 those last 36 hours. You are just a great example
5 of a team that works incredibly well together to
6 support all of the Council Members and all of our
7 work, so thank you all so very much. We couldn't
8 have a better group of professionals with a huger
9 heart than our Finance division, so let's give
10 them a big, big round of applause.

11 [Applause]

12 SPEAKER QUINN: Let me now turn the
13 mic over to our outstanding Finance chair, Council
14 Member Domenic M. Recchia Jr.

15 [Applause]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Thank you,
17 Madam Speaker, for those kind words, but tonight,
18 we must first applaud your leadership because
19 without you, we would not be the City Council that
20 we are, caring about the children of the city of
21 New York.

22 [Applause]

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: In this
24 year's budget, we set out to improve the
25 educational opportunities of our city's youngest

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2 and most vulnerable, but in the end, the city
3 officials got a lesson: Where there's a will,
4 there's a way.

5 This has not been an easy process
6 between the economic downturn and the loss of
7 funding from the federal government and the
8 difficulty of balancing the needs of the greatest
9 city in the world, we had our work cut out for us.
10 But it's time for us to move past that. Yes, it
11 was difficult, it was a difficult process, but it
12 also represents what's great about New York City,
13 what's great about the City Council. With a
14 little creativity and teamwork, we were able to
15 come together and find the resources necessary to
16 deliver a smart and workable budget for New
17 Yorkers across all five boroughs.

18 Remember, this budget also stands
19 as a testament to what we care about as a city.
20 This year, it was all about our children and our
21 future. By working together with Mayor Bloomberg,
22 the City Council was able to achieve our greatest
23 success, which was restoring daycare and after
24 school programs providing tens of thousands of
25 children with quality care.

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2 One daycare center that stood out
3 that we got so many calls and e-mails was the
4 Children's Growing Place--a child care center
5 housed in a domestic violence shelter. We support
6 this center and others throughout the city to
7 ensure that our children have a safe place to go,
8 a place that cultivates their talents, and is
9 conducive to economic achievement.

10 Another priority was keeping New
11 Yorkers employed. Working with DC 37, Department
12 of Education, I am proud to acknowledge that we
13 prevented the layoffs of hundreds of school aides,
14 supervising school aides, family workers,
15 paraprofessional, and health aides. I want to
16 thank Lillian Roberts, the executive director of
17 DC 37; Santos Crespo, president of Local 372;
18 Chancellor Dennis Walcott, and their
19 representatives and staff, David Weiner, Larry
20 Becker, Lenny Speiller, and Veronica Conforme for
21 coming to the table and working together to avoid
22 layoffs in our city public schools. And every
23 Council Member should go back home to their
24 districts and be proud because we prevented over
25 650 layoffs. People will be unemployed, but we

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prevented that from happening.

[Applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: The City Council is also providing full restorations to the Parks department Job Training Participant program, JTP.

[Applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: I know Melissa Mark-Viverito is very happy about this. Through comprehensive training, this program will ensure future employment for hundreds of full-time trainees. It's an example of the City Council's commitment to moving the city forward, bringing back people into the workforce, and helping those who really want a job but they don't know where to turn to.

Beyond that, the City Council also prevented the closure of fire companies and maintained citywide library services at an average of five days a week without any layoffs.

Most importantly, we are laying the foundation that will ensure our long-term financial health by making decisions that aren't just focused on this year, but the years beyond.

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2 Today, our wonderful Speaker, Christine Quinn, I
3 want to sincerely thank you for your leadership
4 and for putting your faith in me. You are an
5 amazing leader and I hope that I was able to make
6 you proud. Furthermore, I also like to thank our
7 Mayor, Michael Bloomberg, and his entire staff for
8 working with us to deliver this budget. We didn't
9 always agree, but we had the best interest of the
10 city at heart, and because of that, we were able
11 to work collectively and deliver a smart budget
12 that best serves the interests of the City of New
13 York.

14 [Applause]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: We will
16 not be here today without my great Finance
17 division. And first I want to thank the Director,
18 Preston Niblack, and the First Deputy Director
19 Jeff Rodus for outstanding job. Let's give them a
20 round of applause.

21 [Applause]

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: My Finance
23 division dedicated themselves day in and day out.
24 The amount of dedication demonstrated by the
25 Finance division is without equal and they deserve

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2 great recognition. I want to mention all of their
3 names. I want to start off with my wonderful
4 attorney who was there by my right side all the
5 time, Tanisha Edwards.

6 [Applause]

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: I want to
8 thank Scott Crowley for putting up with all of
9 our--with me and many Council Members in making
10 all the changes.

11 I want to thank Latonia McKinney
12 for doing a great job with the daycare. Where's
13 Latonia? Is she here? Where is she? Okay.
14 She's doing a great job.

15 I want to thank Shadawn Smith for
16 working with the culturals.

17 [Applause]

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Regina
19 Ryan for leading the team and dealing with all the
20 education issues. Chima Obichere, where is Chima?
21 Thank you so much. Eisha Wright, our wonderful
22 economist Ray Majewski and his entire team. Paul.
23 I also want to thank Nathan Toth, Pakhi Sengupta,
24 where's Pakhi? You did another. I want to thank
25 Crystal with OST, you were right there, Crystal.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: I want to thank Jimmy Reyes, Christina Perrotti, Pam Corbett, Kate Seely-Kirk, Ralph Hernandez, John Russell, Lionel Francois, John Lisyanskiy, Jonathan Albeck [phonetic], Alexander Devorcek [phonetic], Amera Adveev [phonetic], Dominic Giordani, Sheila Gillooly, Jessica Hermenez, Nicole Anderson, Maria Pagan. Let's hear it for Nicole and Maria because they put it all together, staying late.

[Applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Fitim Shabani, and Tonya Silver [phonetic]. I also want to thank, okay, the Speaker's staff, I want to start off by thanking Chuck Meara, Ramon Martinez, and everyone in the Speaker's office.

I also want to thank OMB's budget director Mark Page, First Deputy Mayor Patty Harris, her Chief of Staff, Danette Smith, Deputy Mayor Howard Wolfson, Deputy Mayor Cas Holloway, the Director of Intergovernmentals Haeda Mihaltses for doing a great job, Haeda was always there, Vicki Metzger, Paul Thames, and Christine Ryan

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2 from OMB, and all the commissioners who testified
3 before the wonderful Finance Committee.

4 And to all my colleagues here
5 tonight, to the budget negotiating team, to the
6 delegations, I'd like to thank you for supporting
7 me and working with me and all of each--with each
8 other to deliver a responsible spending plan and
9 for advocating so sincerely for your constituents.

10 And finally, I'd like to thank Liz
11 Macala [phonetic] from my staff and Kenny Grays
12 [phonetic] for all the wonderful work--

13 [Applause]

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Where's
15 Liz? Liz, I couldn't have done it without you.

16 [Applause]

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: And on
18 behalf of the entire City Council and everyone
19 here today, I want to thank my fellow New Yorkers,
20 to each and every member of this city, thank you
21 for coming forward, you were vocal, you were
22 passionate, and I'm proud to say this City Council
23 listened to New Yorkers and this is the budget,
24 it's the people's budget. We want to protect all
25 New Yorkers that they should have all the programs

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2 and the opportunities in life that they need to
3 achieve success. Thank you very much.

4 [Applause]

5 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very,
6 very much, Domenic. And I'm not sure when I was
7 doing thanks before whether I thanked--as Elias
8 just handed me the microphone--the Sergeant-at-
9 Arms, but let's just give--did I? We'll give
10 another round of applause for the Sergeant-at-
11 Arms. And I just want to take a moment to thank
12 Adam Guverman [phonetic] and Megan Linehan from my
13 staff for all of their help to everybody during
14 this process as well.

15 [Applause]

16 SPEAKER QUINN: Let me now move on
17 to the issue of the West Side rezoning, a very
18 important rezoning that was passed by our Land Use
19 Committee. I want to thank the chair of our
20 Zoning Subcommittee, Mark Weprin, the chair of our
21 Land Use Committee, Leroy Comrie, and the local
22 member who has advocated for this, Gale Brewer.
23 This is an important rezoning that will help
24 preserve the mom-and-pop store nature of the Upper
25 West Side and the unique character of the Upper

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2 West Side. Let me call on the chair of the
3 Committee, Leroy Comrie, and then the local
4 member, Gale Brewer.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Thank you,
6 Speaker Quinn. I just want to congratulate all of
7 the people that worked hard on this proposal, City
8 Planning, but especially Gale Brewer who has been
9 working with the communities and talking with
10 people back and forth. I want to thank all of the
11 Members of the Land Use Committee, and especially
12 the Zoning Subcommittee chair, Mark Weprin, for
13 running a great long, extensive hearing, airing
14 all the facts and airing all the issues and
15 listening to all sides of the people on a
16 contentious issue, but one that is unique to the
17 Upper West Side. As we try to shape our city and
18 work with our city, we must listen to all of the
19 people that have a stake in the city, and Mark
20 Weprin has been a great Subcommittee chair. So I
21 want to thank him and thank all of the Members of
22 the Land Use Committee for their attentiveness to
23 detail with this complex situation.

24 Thank you, Madam Speaker.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you,

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2 Madam Chair, and I certainly want to thank Council
3 Member Weprin and Council Member Comrie and the
4 Land Use staff. Special thanks to Community Board
5 number 7, Mark Diller, I think, is here tonight;
6 Mel Wymore, who is the former chair, Mark Diller
7 is the current chair. I want to thank my
8 colleagues in particular, Council Member Inez
9 Dickens and Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito
10 and their great staff coming to hundreds of
11 meetings and testimonies. I want to thank Bob
12 Botfeld and Cynthia Doty who are district leaders,
13 and when we had a proposal for below 96th Street,
14 they, thank goodness, chimed in, worked with the
15 Council Members, and managed to get some of
16 Council Member Mark-Viverito and Inez Dickens'
17 district and it made a huge difference in the
18 support that we garnered for this proposal.

19 I want to thank the Pratt
20 Institute, Paula Crespo. I want to thank Jesse
21 Bodine from my staff.

22 But I have to say the most amazing
23 support came from the staff and the chair of the
24 New York City Planning Commission. Chair Amanda
25 Burden and her staff Caroline Grossman, Barry

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2 Dinerstein, Laura Smith, who is an amazing public
3 servant, and David Karnovsky, managed to take a
4 very complicated issue, do an extensive amount of
5 research, and point out the unique, as Council
6 Member Comrie indicated, character of the Upper
7 West Side, including the land use and residents'
8 concerns, they met and talked to the owners, as
9 well as the BIDs, and the Chambers of Commerce,
10 and the residents. And I think what we have is a
11 proposal that is uniquely configured to address
12 the needs of our community on the Upper West Side
13 and it is not applicable to other city
14 neighborhoods.

15 And to reiterate, this proposal
16 will not affect existing stores, only the frontage
17 of new or expanding businesses. It does not
18 restrict stores or prevent chain stores from
19 coming into our neighborhood, it does not limit
20 the size of stores, only the ground floor
21 frontages, and it doesn't limit how many
22 businesses of a certain type may operate in the
23 neighborhood. What the regulations do is to
24 ensure that over time the general multi-store
25 character of our beloved Amsterdam and Columbus

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2 Avenues will be maintained while promoting a more
3 varied and active retail environment on Broadway.

4 So I want to thank everyone
5 concerned. Hundreds of meetings, testimonies, and
6 discussions, and I think we have come today to a
7 [off mic] proposal that is very exciting for our
8 neighborhood and for the beloved mom-and-pops.

9 Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

10 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. We are
11 also voting to override the veto today of 658-A, a
12 piece of legislation which will bring clarity and
13 transparency to the collective bargaining
14 grievance process. I want to thank the chair of
15 our Civil Service and Labor Committee, James
16 Sanders Jr., for his work on this bill. And would
17 the chair like to say a few words? Great.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: I want to
19 thank the Speaker and to my colleagues for this
20 important vote, and it is a highly technical bill,
21 but it's a very simple question. This bill says
22 that the collective bargaining law that we will
23 modify with regarding the waiver of contract
24 claims, it says that we are modifying the
25 collective bargaining law so that such waivers

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2 would only apply to the contractual claim
3 submitted to arbitration and, thus, would allow
4 non-contractual claims to be brought in court.

5 That's it. A simple bill for a complex solution.

6 Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
8 much. Anyway, we're voting to override Intro--
9 excuse me--485-A today, the banking commission
10 bill. Again, I want to thank Tanisha Edwards for
11 her work on that, as well as Rob Newman and
12 Preston, whatever his last name is, I was going to
13 call him Priston.

14 I want to thank Council Member Al
15 Vann for his work on the banking commission bill.
16 This bill comes out of the Finance Committee, and
17 I want to thank Domenic for his work on it, but
18 also out of Al's committee in a way is our
19 community development committee. And this piece
20 of legislation, I think, brings an incredibly
21 important amount of transparency to the banking
22 commission process and the process by which banks
23 are determined to be depository banks for the City
24 of New York--a very important assignment, if you
25 will, for banks.

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2 This bill is going to help us know
3 which of those banks are doing the right things
4 for small businesses, which of those banks are
5 doing the right thing as it relates for
6 homeowners. It's also through the advisory
7 committee that got added to the bill going to have
8 allow us to actually create a benchmark, if you
9 will, for what is the state of banking in our
10 neighborhoods and what do we need to improve it.
11 It is an incredibly important piece of legislation
12 to make sure that community voices are part of the
13 banking process.

14 And I want to thank Al for both his
15 fortitude and his patience in this process and
16 he's led us, along with Tanisha and Preston and
17 Domenic and Rob Newman, to a bill that we should
18 be very, very proud of. And I think overriding
19 this veto today is an important message for our
20 neighborhoods, and I'd like to ask the sponsor to
21 say a few words.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Yeah, thank
23 you, Madam Speaker, and thank Domenic Recchia, our
24 chair, and Tanisha and everyone who worked on
25 this.

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2 This is a very, very significant
3 piece of legislation. Ironically, at the same
4 time we were passing this legislation in New York,
5 the body in Los Angeles, California, City Council
6 was passing very similar legislation, so from
7 coast to coast.

8 This override which you are about
9 to do over responsible banking act, it really
10 enacts the strongest local community reinvestment
11 law in the nation. This act emphasizes
12 transparency and encourages community
13 reinvestment. Unlike the Mayor's protests, we do
14 not require banks to do anything. What we do is
15 focus on transparency. And unless you identify
16 transparency as being a requirement, definitely it
17 does not require, but it does shed the light, it
18 does have involvement, it does let everybody in
19 the city of New York know what's going on, and it
20 does create an advisory board and the banks are
21 represented on that board. What they will do is
22 to assess what's happening in your neighborhoods
23 around the city in terms of what their banking
24 needs are.

25 It will determine if the banks

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2 where we give the taxpayers' money are, in fact,
3 addressing those needs. This is very important,
4 very significant, I'm glad I have an opportunity
5 to work to get this done. And, again, Mr. Mayor,
6 despite your protests, banks are not going to run
7 away from New York City. I don't know of anyone
8 who runs away from money, least of all banks, so I
9 don't think we have to worry about that.

10 A significant bill, thank you. We
11 did the right thing, I know we're going to
12 reaffirm that legislation by voting again,
13 hopefully, unanimously with a couple exceptions,
14 for a very significant bill. Thank you.

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
16 much, Al. And lastly, we are going to vote to
17 override the veto of Intro 251-A, the living wage
18 bill. I want to thank Council Member Koppell and
19 Council Member Palma, who were the prime sponsors
20 of this legislation. This bill just quite simply
21 says that if you are a business or a company that
22 decides to take a significant amount of taxpayer
23 dollars, with that decision comes the obligation
24 to pay workers a living wage. It tracks
25 consistently with the living wage legislation this

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2 Council passed and Mayor Bloomberg signed in 2002,
3 a piece of legislation that, when it was enacted,
4 had no negative effect on the healthcare and
5 social service sectors that it addressed. We
6 believe this bill will help raise wages and
7 support working families and be the right thing
8 for taxpayer dollars.

9 And I'd urge everyone to vote to
10 override all of these vetoes, to vote for the
11 budget, and to approve the West Side rezoning.
12 And with great thanks, again, to Domenic, the
13 budget negotiating team, the leadership team, the
14 Finance division, and the Speaker's office staff.
15 And this concludes Communications from the
16 Speaker.

17 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very
18 much, Madam Speaker. We now move on to Discussion
19 of General Orders. Council Member Garodnick?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank
21 you very much. And, Speaker Quinn, first I want
22 to congratulate you and the rest of our colleagues
23 for your dedicated work and advocacy over the past
24 several months to ensure that we have a budget
25 that is passed on time with maximum collaboration

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2 and minimal acrimony. Of course, the Finance
3 staff--Preston, Domenic, we know how hard you have
4 worked to make that successful. And I'm relieved
5 that we're able to work through the budget dance
6 to restore critical funds to our childcare
7 programs, our firehouses, libraries, and other
8 critical needs.

9 And while I am pleased to vote in
10 support of the budget today, I just want to take
11 this occasion to raise a word of caution about
12 where we are headed. This year's budget relies
13 extensively on one-shots to the tune of over \$2
14 billion to bring it into balance without the need
15 for tax increases or layoffs. For example, we
16 rely on a total of \$605 million as a result of
17 settlements with SAIC for the CityTime scandal,
18 and ING Bank, due to record falsification.

19 We also assume \$635 million from
20 the sale of taxi medallions. However, given that
21 the courts are currently deciding the fate of this
22 plan, we may need to make significant mid-year
23 cuts to address the absence of this revenue.

24 We also lean on another billion
25 dollars from the Retiree Health Benefits Trust

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2 Fund. I should note that our unfunded post-
3 employment benefit liability for city retirees,
4 not including pension costs, is a massive \$84
5 billion. These obligations will come due and we
6 need to remember that for the sake of our
7 retirees.

8 One-shots can have an important
9 place in a budget process, particularly in times
10 of emergency, like right after September 11th,
11 however, we are running the risk of becoming too
12 reliant on this tool. We will face, not only
13 budget gaps in the coming fiscal years, but also
14 fewer one-shots to plug those holes.

15 So let's be honest with ourselves,
16 that is going to present new challenges for us.
17 So as we celebrate tonight a balanced budget, let
18 us steel ourselves for what lies ahead. Thank
19 you.

20 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very
21 much. We now move on to Council Member Barron.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: My
23 colleagues, I want to say to you that we live in
24 the richest city in the world and for years we've
25 been doing this budget process. Seventy-three

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2 percent of the families in need of childcare
3 services in this city will not receive them. When
4 we first started, we had 83,000 slots for summer
5 youth workers, it went down in '09 to 55,000
6 slots, now we're down to 31,000 slots--140,000
7 young people are going to apply for those jobs.
8 We are going to have a long, hot summer in the
9 richest city in the world, \$68 billion. Our
10 daycare vouchers, we restored the cut from last
11 year, they're down \$2,700 a voucher, we need
12 \$5,000 a voucher for those slots and that's not
13 sufficient.

14 The Peter Vallone scholarships for
15 the CUNY students are zeroed out for the second
16 year in a row. It's going to hurt CUNY students.
17 In the richest city in the world.

18 The EarlyLearn process should have
19 been halted. There's a lot of providers that will
20 lose out on that, and those providers who should
21 have had four-year contracts, particularly in the
22 Black, Latino, and Asian communities, will now
23 have one-year contracts because of our
24 discretionary restoration.

25 This budget does not reflect what

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2 we could do as a body for the entire--there are
3 families that are going to suffer, there's
4 students that will not make it through college,
5 there are youth that will not receive the kind of
6 things they need to get them through the summer.
7 This budget is not sufficient. We did not hit the
8 mark. I'm going to vote no on this.

9 The capital budget is \$8 billion,
10 how come we don't have 200 million for youth
11 centers in every area where there's high crime?

12 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: [Interposing]
13 Council Member.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: We need a
15 budget that really works for all New Yorkers--

16 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Council
17 Member.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: --not just
19 make the people happy that are having their
20 restorations, we need enhancements.

21 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Council Member
22 Barron.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: This budget
24 doesn't get it.

25 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very

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2 much. Seeing no others, we will now move on to
3 Reports of Special Committees.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

5 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Reports of
6 Standing Committees.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the
8 Committee on Civil Service and Labor Intro 658-A,
9 public employee grievances.

10 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
11 Orders.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: M 818, the Mayor's
13 veto of Intro 658-A.

14 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled to be
15 filed.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the
17 Committee on Contracts, Intro 251-A, living wage.

18 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
19 Orders.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: M 816, Mayor's veto
21 of Intro 251-A.

22 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled to be
23 filed.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the
25 Committee on Finance, Intro 485-A, depository

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General

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COUNCIL CLERK: M 817, the Mayor's

veto of Intro 485-A.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled to be

filed.

COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered Resos

1398 and 1399, base percentage.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General

Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered Reso

1400, organization funding.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General

Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: M 803 and Resos

1403 and 1404, expense revenue contract budget.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General

Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: M 804 and Resos

1405 and 1406, capital budget.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General

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COUNCIL CLERK: M 805 and Reso

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1407, community development budget.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: M 812 and Reso 1408, amendment to five-year educational capital plan.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered M 849 and Reso 1409, fixing the tax rate.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered M 841 and Reso 1410, transferring city funds.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered M 842 and Reso 1411, appropriation of new revenues.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered LU 638 and Reso 1412 through 641 and 1415, various applications.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General

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COUNCIL CLERK: M 752 and Reso 1416 through M 810 and Reso 1427, various budget documents.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled to be filed.

COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use, LU 611 and Reso 1428 and 612 and Reso 1429 and West Side rezoning.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: LU 621, zoning map amendment.

SPEAKER QUINN: Approved with modifications and referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70(b) of the Rules of the Council and Section 197(d) of the New York City Charter.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: General Order Calendar.

COUNCIL CLERK: Resolution appointing various persons Commissioner of Deeds.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders. And at this point, I would ask for a roll

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2 call on all items, including next year's budget,
3 that are coupled on the General Order calendar,
4 please.

5 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: So ordered.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Arroyo.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote no
10 on M 803 and the accompanying Reso 1403 and 1404;
11 I vote no on M 04, accompanying Reso 1404 and
12 1406; and I abstain on M 812; and aye on all the
13 rest.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I want to
16 particularly thank the staff regarding all finance
17 matters, there was no question left unanswered.
18 There was, as the Speaker indicated, a real
19 heartfelt feeling about these programs that mean
20 so much to all New Yorkers, and I think people in
21 budgets don't normally have that kind of demeanor,
22 and it was incredibly evident from Preston's
23 leadership and all the way, of course, down to
24 every single person and led by the Finance chair
25 in addition, who, don't forget, brought us CASA a

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2 long time ago, I never thought a guy from Coney
3 Island knew nothing about cultural, and he turned
4 out, he turned out to know a whole lot more than
5 anybody else. I learned my lesson.

6 And so I just want to vote aye on
7 everything. Thank very much people who have
8 worked so hard on this retail proposal for our
9 community on the West Side and we look forward to
10 implementing it and to supporting the children and
11 families who will be benefiting from this budget.

12 I just want to add that I was
13 leaving a school the other day and a security
14 person came running out, begging that her
15 childcare be continued. And she's a perfect
16 example of a working mom who needs the childcare
17 that everyone, particularly Domenic Recchia and
18 the Finance staff and the Speaker, worked so hard
19 to provide. Thank you very much. I had to say
20 that about Domenic.

21 [Applause]

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye on
24 all.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Chin.

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Go ahead.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you. I just wanted to say a couple word on behalf of the children, the parents, the service providers in my district to thank the Speaker, Council Member Recchia, our Finance chair, it was a pleasure sitting with you through the budget hearing and seeing how passionate you are when you listen to these service providers talking about their long history of taking care of our children.

And I wanted to thank all of the Finance staff, especially, you know, Chuck and Ramon for your guidance. And it really means a lot to the families in my district that we're able save most of the daycare and in after school slots for them. And we send our sincere thanks.

And I also wanted to congratulate my budget director Umay [phonetic] on her surviving her first budget. She thought it was going to be easy, but I think she learned her lesson.

So I vote aye on all. Thank you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Comrie.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Thank you.

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2 I want to foremost thank our Speaker, Christine
3 Quinn, for her leadership on this budget. There
4 was no easy task to try to turn the EarlyLearn
5 around. She recognized early from me nagging her
6 and then telling her that my community would be
7 devastated and that all of our communities would
8 be devastated by EarlyLearn. She tried her level
9 best, and you should all know this, to stop the
10 RFP. She did everything she could within the
11 power of her leadership and she understood and it
12 made it easy for Finance staff and the great
13 Latonia McKinney, who is from my district, to come
14 up with another wonderful idea and opportunity to
15 bring back those slots. And I want to thank the
16 Speaker for her leadership throughout this entire
17 process.

18 I want to thank my budget director,
19 Richard Lee, for surviving his first budget, and I
20 think he deserves a round of applause. I know
21 that all of the members of the Queens Delegation
22 appreciate everything that he did to try to help
23 the Queens Delegation in the budget. In the midst
24 of it, his baby is turning one-month old this
25 week, so he really had a trial by fire with no

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2 sleep, but he's worked out his first budget and
3 survived it well.

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5 Want to thank my chief of staff,
6 Derrick Davis, and it's his first budget, and Greg
7 Rose, my communications person, and Joe Goldblum,
8 the conscience of my office, and the dean of all
9 staff here at the City Council for everything that
they did working with the budget.

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11 I too want to thank the Finance
12 Committee, they're the best bunch of people that
13 are really dedicated and focused who trying to
14 make sure that we address the needs, preparing us
15 with our budget briefing books, and from the
16 preliminary budget hearings to the executive
17 budget hearings, really gave us the tools to fight
18 with the Mayor's office and the administrators in
19 chapter and verse and detail so that a lot of the
20 things that we advocated for could be dealt with
21 and a lot of the issues that the community was
22 concerned about and our constituents about were
23 concerned could be articulated succinctly. The
24 Finance staff here is second to none, and I really
25 want to thank them for all of their Herculean
effort in moving this around.

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2 Finally, you know, this is a budget
3 that reflects the needs of our communities, the
4 needs of all of the people that reached out to us.
5 I am pleased that we were able to do as much as we
6 can dealing with the restorations that we have
7 done. And I understand that we have more to do,
8 but we have to continue to find ways to work
9 together, and with this team that we have here in
10 the Finance staff and the members--and also, I
11 want to thank my Queens Delegation members as well
12 for everything that they did, for their insight,
13 their clarity, and their passion in trying to
14 restore all of the items that we needed for Queens
15 and we needed for this city. Thank you very much.

16 Oh, I vote aye on all.

17 [Laughter]

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member
19 Barron.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I would
21 just like to change my abstention vote on M 812 to
22 a no vote and the accompanying Reso.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Crowley.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote
25 aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: I just want to say thank you to the Speaker and to Chuck Meara, to Ramon, to Preston, and of course, to the phenomenal Finance chair, Domenic Recchia, and the Finance staff. It was difficult, but you held together, you fought hard, along with the budget negotiating team, you heard all of your members, your colleagues. And I just want to say thank you, thank you to all of you because it was difficult but you pulled together and you brought in a phenomenal, phenomenal budget that has restored many, many programs. So thank you.

And I vote aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm.

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I vote aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Ferreras.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Fidler.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: If I could, I'd like to certainly thank the Speaker and Chairman Recchia, the entire Finance staff, and,

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2 frankly, everyone who's been thanked before, I
3 want to say thank you as well. But I specifically
4 need to call out the Finance analyst of the Youth
5 Services Committee, Crystal Coston again. Not
6 only--

7 [Applause]

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Just bear
9 in mind, that not only did she have to deal with
10 all of you, but she has the extra burden of
11 dealing with me. So--

12 [Crosstalk]

13 [Applause]

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: And I also
15 want to thank Council Members Greenfield and
16 Mealy, who co-chaired the Brooklyn Delegation,
17 which is a special task, did such a great job of
18 doing it. And Council Member Brewer, that would
19 be Brooklyn, the home of the Brooklyn Academy of
20 Music, the Brooklyn Philharmonic, the Brooklyn
21 Museum, and the greatest cultural district in all
22 of North America. Just saying.

23 On a much more--on a really very
24 serious note, I want to thank all of you on behalf
25 of the 3,800 homeless children in the city of New

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2 York who have no place to sleep at night but for
3 the shelter beds that this Council provides, I
4 know they don't vote, but they clearly count in
5 this chamber, and from the bottom of my heart I
6 thank each and every one of you for your support
7 for that.

8 And last, I believe I am obligated
9 to disclose some things on the record. I am an
10 honorary director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel
11 Foundation in Brooklyn College, an honorary
12 director of the Wyckoff House Association, and as
13 I did in Finance, I just wanted to tell you all
14 that my son, Harry, was accepted at NYU Law School
15 today--

16 [Applause]

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: --NYU gets
18 money in the budget, I'm not exactly sure that I'm
19 obligated to disclose that, but I just felt the
20 need to brag here in public.

21 And with that, I vote aye on all.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Dickens.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: I just
24 want to say that we've been thanking everybody,
25 but we have not thanked my colleague, our

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2 colleague, Lew Fidler for the OST fight that you
3 did for all of us, so I wanted to--

4 [Applause]

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: --say
6 thank you to Lew. And thank you, Speaker, for
7 leading us all in the fight and giving us a great
8 budget.

9 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Foster.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: It's very
12 late, ditto on all the thank yous, aye on all.

13 [Applause]

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Garodnick.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: I vote
16 aye. And by way of disclosure, there's an
17 allocation in the city budget to Planned
18 Parenthood of New York City, my wife, Zoe Segal-
19 Reichlin, is the associate general counsel of the
20 national office Planned Parenthood Federation of
21 America. Thank you.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you,
24 Mr. Leader. I vote yes on all of the Land Use
25 Call-Ups and, with consent, I'd wish to thank

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2 Speaker Quinn and Chairman Recchia and Queens
3 Delegation Chair Comrie and, you know, Lew Fidler
4 for his great crusade on behalf of OST, and
5 Preston, Ramon, and Jeff, and the Finance staff,
6 and particularly in a very, very special way, my
7 chief of staff David Choy Jr. [phonetic] for
8 really doing everything he did during the budget
9 season and he's really a great guy and I thank him
10 very much, I wanted to do that publicly.

11 And with that, I vote aye on all,
12 proudly vote aye on all.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Gentile.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye on
15 all.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Gonzalez.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Well
18 prior to voting, I'd like, for purposes of
19 disclosure, to state that my husband works for
20 Maimonides Hospital, my son works for Maimonides
21 Hospital, and my daughter-in-law work for
22 Maimonides Hospital.

23 Other than that, I vote aye. Thank
24 you, Speaker.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Greenfield.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: As co-
3 chair of the Brooklyn Delegation, I'm especially
4 proud of the role that Brooklyn played in the
5 budget process. Our members were incredible
6 advocates for childcare, education, senior
7 services, and public health and safety. I'm very
8 grateful for the leadership of the Speaker and
9 Brooklyn's own great Finance chairman, Domenic M.
10 Recchia Jr.

11 Of course, as a delegation, we
12 couldn't have done this without my co-chair,
13 Darlene Mealy, and our tenacious budget
14 negotiator, Sara Gonzalez, want to give her a
15 shout out for her great work.

16 I also want to thank our two
17 members on the leadership team, Chairs Al Vann and
18 Lew Fidler. And, you know, finally, while we had
19 a budget deal earlier this week, we wouldn't
20 actually have an actual budget, as everybody
21 knows, without the outstanding staff, including
22 Chuck and Ramon and Preston, Brooklyn's own Jeff
23 and Scott and Nathan and Jimmy and Latonia and
24 Pakhi, and of course, Jumaane's favorite person,
25 Ray. And everyone else, and everyone else who was

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up today through the early morning hours wrapping up the budget.

I want to thank my staff, I want to thank Jake, my budget director, and I specifically want to thank the Speaker for what we did for our children. I think we sent a clear message that in New York City, our children are our top priority and I think we should all be proud of what we're doing here today.

And I finally want to thank someone who brought me endless hours of entertainment in budget negotiation, thank you to Minority Leader Jimmy Oddo.

COUNCIL CLERK: Seabrook.

COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Yes, Mr. Majority Leader, I'd like to vote aye on all Land Use Call-Ups and I vote aye.

[Crosstalk]

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL CLERK: Halloran.

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Leave to explain to my vote?

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: I'd like

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2 to thank Speaker Quinn and the Finance Chair,
3 Domenic Recchia, who protected our vital services,
4 like firehouses, after school programs, and the
5 essential civil service positions that were not
6 eliminated.

7 Particularly like to thank the
8 Speaker's staff and Ramon Martinez for all his
9 work with my staff and budget questions that we
10 had. Would also like to thank Preston what's-his-
11 name, who also tried to answer all of my hard
12 questions, occasionally, he actually did.

13 However, however, it is a
14 compromise that restores the baseline items with
15 one-time fixes from prior budget surpluses without
16 resolving our long-term shortfalls. There are
17 ever-increasing debt services, the overreaching
18 spending of this government, and a near-crisis
19 pension situation which goes unresolved in this
20 budget. We are short-term funding in a
21 unsustainable manner on a hope--a hope that the
22 Independent Budget Office of the City of New York
23 says is unrealistic which will lead to a \$2.5
24 billion shortfall next year. In as soon as six
25 months, even the New York Times acknowledges that

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2 we will not have enough to track the budget that
3 we've passed. This is not a solution. It only
4 delays the day of reckoning to make that later
5 solution even more onerous and severe.

6 In addition, our outer boroughs,
7 particularly Queens, are not equally compensated
8 in proportion to their size, population, or
9 contribution to the tax rolls. It is a long-term
10 deficit that has never been remedied by City Hall.
11 We continue to be in danger of driving out small
12 business owners, homeowners, and the middle class
13 with overregulation, city taxation, and the gotcha
14 mentality of our agency revenue programs from
15 parking tickets on our streets to water bills in
16 our homes. These approaches are not responsible,
17 they are unsustainable, and we will be back for
18 PEGs in the fall.

19 And the city budget of 2014 will
20 require us to face choices like massive layoffs,
21 cuts to vital services, and huge hits to
22 discretionary and capital spending in this city
23 and a very deep and transparent tax increase,
24 unlike the ones contained in this budget. We have
25 a moral and fiscal obligation to the citizens of

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2 this city, we have been shirking it for years and
3 failing to act. Today, there is a hope for a
4 brighter tomorrow even as the storm clouds are
5 gathering.

6 Regrettably, I must vote no on
7 Intro 251, Intro 485, Preconsidered Reso 398,
8 Preconsidered Reso 399, Preconsidered Reso M 849,
9 1409, Proposed Reso 687. And disclose that I am a
10 proud Eagle Scout and member of the Boy Scouts of
11 America and adult leader in that organization.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Ignizio.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Thanks, if
14 I could be excused to explain my vote, please?

15 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Yes.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Thank you.
17 Eric says no. I think this is a very good budget,
18 it's a good budget in bad times, and I think this
19 Council and this budget in particular has
20 reflected so much of our priorities in this
21 budget, more than we've seen in the 15 years that
22 I've worked in government. The fingerprint and
23 the overall print, if you will, of this Council's
24 priorities were seen in this budget more than any
25 I've ever seen, and I'm very proud to be a member

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of this body today.

No, I don't agree with everything and every allocation and, as my colleague pointed out, and I am concerned about the overall fiscal health of this city going forward, but there are storm clouds ahead, as I said, but we need to be prepared for them. But I am proud of being a member of the City Council today because I think this is a--this was a bad budget when it was first unveiled to all of us. And when we took to pen to paper and we took our canvas in front of us, led by our Speaker and our Finance chair and a budget negotiating team and delegations, what we did today is we built a better budget. And I'm proud to stand here and say that I was a part of that and I know all of us really are.

I have to disclose that my daughter attends P.S. 36 and they're funded in this budget, along with a host of other schools, and she goes to YMCA day camp.

I'm going to vote no on a couple of other items here today, so if you're ready, it's 485, 251-A, 1398, 1399, 849 and 1409, Land Use is 611, and companion Resolution 1428, 612, and

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companion 1429.

So I just wanted to thank you, Domenic, and I wanted to thank the budget negotiating team. We were up late, we did a lot of work, but I'm proud of the ultimately the work that we did today. And thank you, Madam Speaker, as well.

COUNCIL CLERK: Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Majority Leader, may I be excused to explain my vote?

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: So my colleagues, I rise.

[Laughter]

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I rise first to thank everyone that's been involved in this budgetary process and, as many of you have stated, it looked very, very bad in the preliminary budget and the executive budget. And in fact, the Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus in which I co-chair, communicated loud and clear that our number one priority was the restoration of youth services, which included all of the childcare cuts, the after school programs, the

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2 Beacon programs, the summer youth employment jobs,
3 all of the programs that impact the children of
4 our great city.

5 But also, I'm so proud of all of
6 the work that everyone involved and, you know, I
7 can probably name everyone that has touched a
8 piece of paper, that has stayed up more hours than
9 anyone can imagine in order to bring about the
10 budget to where we are today. And obviously, the
11 Speaker of our body, Christine Quinn, and
12 obviously, our chair of Finance, Domenic Recchia,
13 he's yawning now, and that's how tired he is. But
14 all of the people involved.

15 And I just say that I am proud to
16 be a member of this body. As I tell people every
17 single day: I wear this button that says Robert
18 Jackson, City Council, because I am proud of who I
19 am, I'm proud of the work that I do on behalf of
20 the people of New York City, and I'm just so happy
21 that the restorations were so plentiful that many
22 people are congratulating all of us for a job well
23 done.

24 And obviously, the package that was
25 put together by DC 37 and the Department of

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2 Education to save hundreds of jobs of people that
3 are the most in need of the type of employment
4 that our great city offers. So I'm happy.

5 And I vote aye on all. I also vote
6 yes on all of the Land Use matters that were in
7 front of us. And I thank everyone involved.

8 Oh, I'm sorry, disclosure, I am the
9 vice chair of the Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz
10 Cultural and Educational Center in which the
11 center receives funding in this year's expense
12 budget. Thank you very much.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: James.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Vote aye.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Koo.

16 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Yes.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Mr. Majority
18 Leader, to make a long story short, I vote yes on
19 all items tonight. And I want to thank Speaker
20 and all the work of the Finance staff and everyone
21 else that put in this long and tough budget, I
22 want to thank each one of you. I also want to
23 thank my staff too. Thank you.

24 I vote aye on all items.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I want
3 to thank the Speaker, Domenic, Chuck, and Ramon,
4 and of course, the Finance staff. You are really,
5 really terrific, it's a pleasure to work with all
6 of you.

7 And on behalf of all the parents
8 and children that live in ZIP codes 11374 and
9 11374, I know they will sleep very well tonight
10 because we restored many of the programs that are
11 important to my community.

12 Thank you. And I vote aye.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Lander.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: With thanks
15 to the Speaker and to Domenic for your tremendous
16 leadership, to Preston and Jeff, and especially
17 Latonia and Pakhi and the rest of the Finance
18 staff for your patience with us and your passion
19 for restoring the services that our kids so, so
20 desperately need. With congratulations to Council
21 Member Brewer on the very smart Upper West Side
22 rezoning. With enthusiasm for this Council's
23 action tonight on the living wage and responsible
24 banking bills which will take the City a step in a
25 fairer direction. And with the disclosure that my

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2 children are participants in the 78th Precinct
3 Youth Council and Brooklyn Arts Exchange
4 activities and students at P.S. 107 and M.S. 51,
5 which are amongst the many organizations and
6 schools we're funding tonight, and that my wife
7 also works at Planned Parenthood New York City,
8 which is funded in this budget, I proudly vote aye
9 on all.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Lappin.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: There's
12 been great talk tonight about what a wonderful
13 budget this is for children, which it is, but it's
14 also a great budget for seniors, and I really
15 wanted to thank the Speaker and Preston and the
16 whole team for the additional funding for case
17 management and all the other critical senior
18 programs we restored.

19 I have to disclose that my son was
20 a camper this June at Asphalt Green, and that he
21 also takes piano lessons at the Turtle Bay Music
22 School.

23 I want to congratulate Gale Brewer
24 and Bob Botfeld on the rezoning and vote aye on
25 all.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I would like to also thank Speaker Quinn, Chairman Domenic Recchia, Ramon Martinez, Chuck Meara, Brooklyn Delegation Chairs Greenfield and Mealy, Preston Niblack, Jeff Rodus, Scott Crowley, Nathan Toth, Sara Gonzalez, our budget negotiator from the Brooklyn Delegation, Latonia McKinney, Crystal Coston, especially Pakhi Sengupta for all of her help, and everyone for taking my calls, both day and night, over the last several weeks, I know I can be annoying, but I thank you very much.

And especially Ashley Thompson, my chief of staff, for her countless hours working on this budget.

And with that, I vote aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: [Off mic] I vote aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Say like Helen Foster, ditto to everyone for the Brooklyn Delegation, thank you.

And I vote aye on all.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Nelson.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: I want to thank all who were previously thanked, and I want to add Debbie Weiss, my chief of staff, and Charles Kahn and Mary Scarfoglio [phonetic] for working so many hours, but without complaining, doing it just smiling and really, it's so appreciated.

And I also want to disclose prior to voting, I am disclosing the following relationships with organizations listed in Schedule C or Reso A, my wife works at Murrow High School.

And I vote aye on all. Thank you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Recchia.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: I would like to thank the budget negotiating--all budget negotiating teams, BNT, but also I'd like to thank Brooklyn, David Greenfield, Darlene Mealy, and Sara Gonzalez.

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2 I also have to disclose that there
3 is money in this year's budget for P.S. 215 and
4 Mark Twain Intermediate School, schools that my
5 children attend.

6 And I vote aye.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Reyna.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I vote aye.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: First, I
11 would like to vote ayes on Land Use and, second, I
12 also would like to disclose that I'm a new trustee
13 of the Malcolm X and Betty Shabazz Cultural
14 Center.

15 And I vote aye. Thank you.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Rose.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you. I
18 rise this evening to thank and commend Speaker
19 Quinn for her dynamic leadership and Finance Chair
20 Recchia, Ramon, Chuck, Preston, Jeff, Latonia,
21 Pakhi, and Crystal, and the Council leadership for
22 answering all of my questions, and more than once.
23 And for helping to ensure that my constituents
24 were spared from the devastating cuts and for the
25 restoration of our childcare and OST slots.

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2 I'd like to thank my colleagues
3 from the Staten Island Delegation, Council Member
4 Oddo and Council Member Ignizio, who fought
5 gallantly for our childcare and our after school
6 programs on Staten Island.

7 I'd like to thank my legislative
8 and budget director, Edwina Martin, and my policy
9 analyst, Brandon Patterson. And I hope that all
10 of the aforementioned people can go home tonight
11 and get a good night's sleep.

12 And I vote aye.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Sanders.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye on
15 all.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I'm waiting
18 my turn, Jimmy, okay. Thank you. And I--

19 MALE VOICE: It's your turn.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: --I would
21 just like to say that this is the tenth bag of
22 York Peppermint Patties in the past two weeks, so
23 now is the time--you're going to have the last
24 one--now is the time to buy stock in Hershey
25 chocolate, if you haven't already, the stock's

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But we also--

MALE VOICE: Disclose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Yeah, I have to disclose that, absolutely.

It's kosher, what are you worried about? I'm just teasing him. That's a joke we have.

Anyway, I also want to thank--I know, I know, okay.

[Crosstalk]

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I have time on the clock. I still have a minute on the clock. Anyway, it's getting late. We have to thank Barbara Scafiddi, she's a big mover and shaker in the City Council, we forgot to--

[Applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: She is the enforcer, she's wonderful, thank you.

I want to thank--but we love her--I want to thank the Minority Leader Jimmy Oddo, doing a great job standing up for the Republican conference, we're down to four, we were five, Peter's gone. You know, I mean, it can't get any

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2 worse than this, Jimmy--I'm just kidding. Unless
3 I win in November, then I'm worried about--then
4 you may be down to three.

5 FEMALE VOICE: There was one--

6 [Crosstalk]

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Exactly,
8 exactly. No, Jimmy, he's a fine public servant,
9 he's a mentor to me, he has been there with me
10 since--why are you laughing? It's the truth. He
11 has been there with me since day one and every
12 year I try to get up and mention because his
13 advice and his counsel, I know is very important
14 to the Speaker and the leadership team, but to me
15 personally, it has meant a lot and I want to thank
16 him. And of course, the Speaker and the Finance
17 staff. So thank you very much. Thank you.

18 [Applause]

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: And, oh,
20 wait, I vote no on--hold on--

21 SPEAKER QUINN: But you were doing
22 so good.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I know,
24 I'm, you know, I'm running for higher office.

25 [Laughter]

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote, I
3 vote--back to the right, I'm just kidding.

4 Anyway--

5 MALE VOICE: There's no evidence of
6 that.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Anyway, I
8 vote no on Intro 251-A, Preconsidered Reso 1399,
9 1398, M 849, and accompanying Reso 1409. Yes,
10 Thank you. And aye on all others, thank you.

11 Thank you.

12 [Crosstalk]

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Thank you.
15 I vote no on Intro 251-A, 485, Preconsidered Resos
16 1398 and 1399, abstain on M 849 of 1409, and vote
17 aye on the rest.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on
20 all.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Vann.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Let me
23 disclose first of all, I have a family, actually
24 two daughters and a son-in-law who are employed at
25 Medgar Evers College.

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2 Beyond that, with sincerity, I'd
3 like to thank everyone who have been thanked. And
4 there are a couple who weren't, responsible
5 banking act, I'd like to thank Dottie Lebron from
6 my staff who worked very closely with Finance, and
7 I have two people who went through their budget
8 for the first time: Renee Murphy, through the
9 whole process, you're going to be ready to kick
10 butt next year, and Donna Shore [phonetic] Rose
11 who got a little piece at the end and did very
12 well. Thank you.

13 I vote on aye on all.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Weprin.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Williams.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I know--

18 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN:

19 [Interposing] Sorry, can I? Can we go back to me?
20 I was just calling Elias for the microphone.
21 Could you?

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member
23 Weprin.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Thank you.
25 First, let me just quickly thank Speaker Quinn,

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2 Domenic Recchia, the chair of my delegation, Leroy
3 Comrie, my colleagues, and all the staff.

4 Prior to voting, I want to disclose
5 the following organizations that may be funded in
6 Schedule C or Reso A funding. My sister-in-law,
7 Ronnie, works at Queensborough Community College,
8 my wife works--does marketing for the Kupferberg
9 Center for the Arts, my sons play Little League in
10 Little Leagues that I fund along with other Little
11 Leagues, and one attends a school that is funded
12 with Reso A money, as well as a lot of other
13 schools in the area.

14 [crosstalk]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: I know,
16 well they try.

17 [Off mic]

18 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: That's it,
19 they're terrific. And my daughter, actually, is
20 going to be attending pre-K this fall at one of
21 the schools taking funding as well. So thank you
22 very much.

23 MALE VOICE: Vote aye.

24 FEMALE VOICE: Vote.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: I vote aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you. I know everyone is hoping at least one more Council Member speaks, so I'm glad to oblige. I do want to say thank you to the Speaker Quinn for guiding us through this, and Recchia, who I've been pleasantly surprised by your tenaciousness and your tenacity of getting these things restored. Really, I really am.

And I'm happy to override the living wage bill, the banking bill, congrats to Gale on her bill.

Of the three budgets I've been with, I got to say this one, I am the happiest about. I was pretty I would be voting no when the Mayor put his budget out and my standard was kind of high, I said I'd be voting no unless we restore fully Beacons, OST, and daycare, not believing it would actually happen and, to my surprise, many of those were not only restored, they were given more slots than they originally had, as well as many, many other, other youth programs.

So I am happy to vote aye on all.

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2 Some issues I think still remain, of course, the
3 EarlyLearn, I believe, should have been repealed
4 and there are some issues that need to be
5 discussed with that. And we still haven't
6 restored the culmination of cuts that have
7 occurred and, hopefully, we'll still work on that
8 in the next budget. As well as, we do have to
9 work on some new progressive revenues or else
10 we'll be in much of a problem next budget, so I
11 hope we work on those in the year.

12 I particularly want to say thank
13 you to Speaker Quinn, co-chair Fernando Cabrera,
14 and all of the Council Members who supported the
15 gun violence task force and that initiative. I
16 know I'm going to forget some staff, so I
17 apologize, but Margaret Nelson, Sal Arrona,
18 Carmine Guiga, Brendan Cheney, Pascale Bernard,
19 Regina Poreda-Ryan, Lionel Francois, and all other
20 staff I may have forgotten who above all had to
21 put up with my pain in the butt for quite some
22 time.

23 We, I think, are on a great path
24 here, we have 4.8 million and I think it's much
25 better than to stop, question, and frisk program

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that is not reducing violence, and I'm happy that as a City Council and as the Speaker, we rose to the occasion, the only initiative we put in was to stop the gun violence, and I'm hoping that these things we're going to do will do that and we can learn from them and do better even further.

So I'm happy today to vote aye on all. And I want to thank my staff, particularly Kay Bay [phonetic], my budget director. Thank you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Thank you. I know it's late, but this is--I have one more budget in my Council tenure to go and, you know, I'm guilty also of using the phrase budget dance and I know that's used very cynically, but I think budget dance belies the hard work that our Council staff puts into getting from the preliminary budget to adoption. And I spent the first seven years of my time coming into building as a member of the staff of the City Council and I have a great deal of pride and appreciation for the job

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2 the staff of the New York City Council does year
3 in and year out.

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And I particularly want to commend
5 Latonia and Pakhi this year. Watching them on the
6 go coming in and out of budget negotiations, they
7 really, I think, represent the best in public
8 service. And we are sort of out staffed, and
9 every year we do really an incredible job of
10 putting this all together.

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Obviously, I want to thank Speaker
12 Quinn for her leadership, and Domenic. I might
13 not agree with everything in this budget, but I am
14 really proud of the empathy and the compassion
15 they show and I feel privileged to sort of be
16 inside the room and see that throughout. And,
17 again, I don't have to agree at the end of the day
18 with every allocation, but I think they're
19 grounded in the best of humanity, and I'm proud to
20 be part of this institution.

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I do think that there are some dark
22 clouds on the horizon and I've been throwing
23 around this quote from Ed Koch from 1979 when
24 Jimmy Carter signed the loan guarantees and he
25 said the struggle for a sound city is not over,

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2 and I believe that. I believe this Council and
3 the next when I'm gone, this Administration and
4 the next when I'm gone, will have some really
5 tough choices to make. But this Council
6 identified what it thought was pain to New
7 Yorkers, and they've done what we think is best to
8 stave off that pain.

9 I just want to disclose that I
10 teach an adjunct--I'm an adjunct professor, I
11 teach a class at the College of Staten Island, and
12 they are funded in this budget. And I also want
13 to disclose that in 1976, I went swimming after
14 eating without waiting an hour.

15 [Laughter]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: I've always
17 felt guilty about that.

18 MALE VOICE: Catholic.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: I will vote
20 no--yes, that Catholic guilt--I will vote no on
21 Intro 485-A, Intro 251-A, Preconsidered 1398,
22 1399, Preconsidered M 849--I hope no one's--and
23 Reso 1409 and LU 611 and 612. Thank you.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Quinn.
25 Excuse me, excuse me. Council Member Rivera.

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SPEAKER QUINN: I vote--

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: [Interposing]

I vote aye on all, thank you

COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: First I just want to add a thanks to--I don't know, if--to Nadir, who is still as much out of dress code as ever, although I think he's in charge and enforcing it in the General Counsel's office, but, Nadir, for all of the disclosure forms and documentation, so thank you very, very much, Nadir. I know no one is smiling when he comes up to us with the forms, but we appreciate you keeping us in compliance very, very much.

And just again want to thank Adam and Megan for all of their help and all of their Dunkin' Donut runs throughout this process.

Jimmy, thank you, just in closing for those very kind words about me and Domenic. And on behalf of myself and Domenic, I want to thank you and all of the leadership team. This was--Domenic and I commented a couple of times during this budget that this budget wasn't a lot

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2 of fun, that we didn't have as many laughs as we
3 have had sometimes in other budgets, and I think
4 that was because it was a very complicated process
5 around EarlyLearn and we wanted to make sure we
6 did everything we can to not leave any children or
7 families in the lurch. And you are somebody who
8 brings to our leadership team an understanding of
9 that human struggle that goes on in that room and
10 often exactly the right wisecracks, though not
11 always the right advice to David Greenfield, that
12 can help lighten the mood and keep us--poor David,
13 it's really an inside joke--but I just want to
14 thank you for that and your friendship and your
15 understanding of the struggle that goes into a
16 budget like this.

17 I just want to thank everyone on
18 the Council, all the Council Members, all of your
19 staffs who have been enormously helpful, all of
20 the Finance staff, and my staff. And on behalf of
21 all of the children of the city of New York, I
22 vote aye on all of the items, in particular the
23 budget the next fiscal year of the City of New
24 York, I vote aye.

25 [Applause]

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: And believe it or
3 not, we have a resolution. Right? Yes. It's to
4 President Obama, and I know he's just waiting in
5 the White House to see what the vote is, so nobody
6 leave. He's not celebrating the Supreme Court--

7 [Crosstalk]

8 SPEAKER QUINN: Right, it's not the
9 Supreme Court, it was this resolution, so please
10 hold.

11 [Long pause]

12 SPEAKER QUINN: Spread the word.

13 MALE VOICE: Ten thousand dollars a
14 minute.

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Sure, \$10,000 a
16 minute to speak on the--

17 [Off mic]

18 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: All items on
19 today's General Order Calendar were adopted by a
20 vote of 51 in the affirmative--

21 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please.

22 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: --with zero in
23 the negative and zero abstentions, with the
24 exception of Intro 485-A which was adopted by a
25 vote of 46 in the affirmative with 5 in the

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2 negative and zero abstentions, and M 803 with Reso
3 1403 and Reso 1404 which was adopted by a vote of
4 50 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, and zero
5 abstentions; [pause] and M 804 and Reso 1405 and
6 Reso 1406 which was adopted by a vote of 50 in the
7 affirmative, 1 in the negative, and zero
8 abstentions; and M 812 and Reso 1408, which was
9 adopted by a vote of 50 in the affirmative, 1 in
10 the negative, and zero abstentions; and Intro 251-
11 A, which was adopted by a vote of 46 in the
12 affirmative, 5 in the negative, and zero
13 abstentions, and LU 611 and Reso 1428, which was
14 adopted by a vote of 49 in the affirmative, 2 in
15 the negative, and zero abstentions; and LU 612 and
16 Reso 1429, which was adopted by a vote of 49 in
17 the affirmative, 2 in the negative, and zero
18 abstentions; and M 849 and Reso 1409, which was
19 adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 4 in
20 the negative, and one abstentions; and revised
21 Land Use Call-Ups for a vote--the Land Use Call-
22 Ups a vote is 51 in the affirmative, with zero in
23 the negative; and Reso 1398 was adopted by a vote
24 with 46 in the affirmative--huh, you want to do
25 that again?--46 in the affirmative, with five in

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2 the negative, and zero abstentions; and Reso 1399,
3 which was adopted by a vote of 46 in the
4 affirmative, with 5 in the negative, and zero
5 abstentions. And hold on one second, there's--

6 [Pause]

7 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: And Intro--
8 there's a correction on Intro 485-A, which is--

9 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please.
10 Quiet down, please.

11 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: --which was
12 adopted by a vote of 47 in the affirmative, 4 in
13 the negative, and zero abstentions. And, ladies
14 and gentlemen, we can make this go faster if we
15 just all say aye on all.

16 [Laughter]

17 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: All right,
18 now, the budget adoption declaration June 2012, I
19 now formally declare the Executive Expense Revenue
20 Contract Budget, the Executive Capital Budget for
21 Fiscal 2013 and the Capital Program for the three
22 succeeding fiscal years all as modified in
23 accordance with the relevant sections of the New
24 York City Charter is hereby adopted on this 28th
25 day of June, 2012, at 10:26 p.m., adopted.

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[Applause]

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: We now move on, we still have more Introduction and Reading of the Bills.

[Pause]

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please.

SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are referred to committees as indicated on the agenda.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Discussion of Resolutions. We have one resolution, it's Proposed Reso 687-A, an amended resolution calling on the New York City Congressional Delegation and President Barack Obama to prevent cuts to the Community Services Block Grant program. Seeing no one to speak in it, I call the vote. All in favor say aye.

VOICES: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: All opposed say nay. Any abstentions?

[Off mic]

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: The ayes have it. We now move on to General Discussions. Council Member Brewer.

[Pause]

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you
3 very much. I want to just thank the Manhattan
4 Delegation and I want to thank Will Colegrove from
5 my office, Theresa from Council Member Garodnick's
6 office, and thank all the members of the Manhattan
7 Delegation. Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very
9 much. Council Member Williams.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'm
11 sorry, I forgot to thank my staff, Stefan Ringel,
12 who was standing behind me, so I had to do that.
13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Seeing any
15 others? Going once, going twice, thank you very
16 much, ladies and gentlemen, this meeting is
17 adjourned.

18 [Gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Tammy Wittman, 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 *Tammy Wittman*

Date July 18, 2012