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HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E: CHRISTINE C. QUINN
Speaker

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

Jacob Berelowitz
Executive Director
Talk Therapy TV

Brad Hoylman
Democratic Nominee
State Senate

Reverend Que English
Bronx Christian Fellowship

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: Alright. We are
3 going to start today's ceremonials. We have three
4 of them, and the first one is going to be led by
5 Council Member Danny Dromm is observance of
6 Behavioral Health Recognition Month. We are
7 honoring Talk Therapy TV. Yay. Come on up
8 everybody who is here for this. Danny, get in the
9 middle.

10 [background conversation]

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you,
12 Madam Speaker. I am very proud today to be able
13 to honor Talk Therapy TV. It's an innovative
14 approach to letting the public know about mental
15 health issues and mental health care that is
16 available particularly to the people in Queens.
17 They have developed a wonderful show on Queens
18 Public Access TV, and have really begun to get the
19 word out about behavioral therapy. Additionally,
20 last year just about this time—maybe in October if
21 I'm not mistaken—I attended one of their first
22 conferences, which was held on the Intrepid and
23 the surrounding grounds and areas, and I have to
24 tell you, I wasn't quite sure what to expect when
25 I went, but it was fantastic, and all of the

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2 agencies came out. They were distributing
3 information, and I even had the opportunity to
4 give a speech because you know, my family was
5 affected by mental illness. My father was
6 mentally ill. I'm 22 years clean and sober. All
7 of these issues are issues that are of particular
8 importance to me, and I admire the work that
9 you're doing in particular of Jacob - - and Ralph
10 Gonzalez, and so we have a proclamation, Madam
11 Speaker, that we wanted to present to them, and
12 I'm going to ask the clerk if he would read it
13 aloud for us.

14 [background conversation]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here she is
16 alright.

17 CLERK: Council city of New York
18 Proclamation. Whereas in observance of Behavioral
19 Health Recognition Month, the Council of the city
20 of New York is proud to honor Talk Therapy TV for
21 its outstanding work towards educating New Yorkers
22 about mental health. And whereas, according to
23 Talk Therapy TV one in five American adult lives
24 with a diagnosable, treatable mental health
25 condition and nearly 60% never receive treatment.

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2 And whereas, Talk Therapy TV is a not for profit
3 organization that produces and broadcasts weekly
4 television programming dedicated to educating the
5 public on warning signs, symptoms, treatment
6 options and resources for mental illness and
7 addictions. Through education individuals and
8 families are more likely to recognize mental
9 illnesses and addictions and overcome the stigma
10 of seeking out help. And whereas, Talk Therapy TV
11 currently broadcasts on Manhattan News Network
12 Queens Public Television and Brooklyn Community
13 Access Television among other stations reaching
14 1.6 million households in New York State. And
15 whereas, executive director Jacob Berelowitz has
16 worked tirelessly to make Talk Therapy TV into a
17 successful program dedicating to addressing mental
18 health issues. And whereas, many renowned mental
19 health professionals have appeared on Talk Therapy
20 TV to share their knowledge and experience with
21 the show's many viewers. Now therefore be it
22 known that in observance of Behavioral Health
23 Recognition Month, the Council of the city of New
24 York gratefully honors Talk Therapy TV for its
25 outstanding programming and important

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2 contributions to mental health awareness.

3 Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the entire
4 Council, Daniel Dromm, Council Member 25th District
5 Queens.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Well, thank you,
7 and Danny, I just want to thank you for organizing
8 this proclamation and this event and giving us all
9 an opportunity to thank everyone who is doing this
10 important TV show, but also just - - us all to
11 stop and note this month and note what more we
12 could all be doing in our roles as council
13 members and public citizens to try to get the word
14 out there about mental health and how we all can
15 support each other, so thank you very much, and I
16 don't know...Ralph if you or anyone else--there we
17 go.

18 [background conversation]

19 JACOB BERELOWITZ: Thank you. I
20 just wanted to thank Council Speaker, Christine
21 Quinn, Council Member Daniel Dromm and the entire
22 New York City Council for taking this moment to
23 acknowledge and recognize the importance of
24 behavioral health awareness. Mental illnesses and
25 addictions affect all of us from our returning

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2 service members with PTSD coming back from Iraq
3 and Afghanistan to struggling families in our
4 tough economic times that have feelings of
5 depression and hopelessness to our children in our
6 schools who are dealing with increased stressors
7 and bullying and in fact, just to share with you,
8 according to a recent CDC survey, 1 in 14 New York
9 high school students has attempted suicide, so
10 that is a very serious problem, and Behavioral
11 Health Recognition Month celebrated each October
12 has the goal of raising awareness about mental
13 illnesses and addictions, recognizing all of the
14 dedicated mental health professionals that make a
15 difference every day and promoting the message
16 that with proper help and support recovery from
17 mental illnesses and addictions is achievable.
18 Thank you.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: I just want to make
20 note that in addition to today's ceremonial, we
21 will also be at the end of today's meeting passing
22 a resolution introduced by Council member Steve
23 Levin passed out of Chair Koppell's Committee just
24 noting that September is Suicide Prevention
25 Awareness Month, and we have some of those

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2 unfortunate statistics in there as well, so thank
3 you all. Thank you, Danny. Alright.

4 [applause]

5 [background conversation]

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
7 much. As this ceremonial makes their way out, we
8 are going to call up the second ceremonial, which
9 is one that is very exciting for me. It's a
10 ceremonial marking the 50th anniversary of Penn
11 South, one of our mutual redevelopment
12 cooperatives in the heart of my district, and we
13 have with us the democratic nominee for the state
14 senate district that Tom Duane has held, Brad
15 Hoylman, so I'm thrilled Penn South is 50. She
16 looks great, but I'm also really happy that Brad
17 is with us today. Penn South doesn't look a day
18 over 20 I'm telling you. So let's all kind of
19 make a semi circle here of sorts. Where's Brad?
20 When the clerk reads the proclamation we will hear
21 a lot of the statistics about Penn South, but John
22 F. Kennedy was at the groundbreaking. Correct?
23 This housing development was originally sponsored
24 by the then International Ladies Garment Workers'
25 Union, and Penn South, which is really in the

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2 heart of Chelsea between 8th and 9th Avenues from
3 23rd to 29th—or all the way to 30th? 23rd to 29th
4 Street is in a lot of ways the heart and soul of
5 Chelsea because it is permanently affordable
6 housing. It is, has been and will be forever
7 permanently affordable housing, and as we have
8 seen extreme gentrification pressures in Chelsea
9 and we have seen erosions in tenant laws 'cause we
10 have a lot of rental properties in Chelsea, one of
11 the key things that has enabled us to keep not as
12 economically diverse as we'd like, but Chelsea is
13 somewhat economically diverse is Penn South, and
14 they are just an amazing model of affordable
15 housing, but it doesn't exist just 'cause of the
16 model. It exists 'cause of all of these men and
17 women who like Brandon work there as staff, who
18 are on the Board, who support—when you go to a
19 Penn South shareholders meeting, we have to have
20 the auditorium at FIT or the biggest high school
21 auditorium you can find on the West Side; that is
22 how active this building is, and I'm just so
23 proud. I know I speak for Brad to have it in our
24 districts, and to have you all out there as a
25 model and the folks on the Penn South Board also

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2 spend a great deal of time on the city wide mutual
3 redevelopment cooperative board city-wide to make
4 sure all of these developments across the city
5 stay alive and are also part of the national
6 cooperatives [phonetic] 'cause we are still in the
7 year of the cooperator, right? We are still in
8 the year of the cooperative. So thank you guys
9 for that, and we will hear from Penn South Co-Op
10 representatives in a second, but first, we are
11 going to have Mike McSweeney read this
12 proclamation in celebration of 50 years of
13 affordable housing in Chelsea.

14 CLERK: Council city of New York
15 Proclamation. Whereas the Council of the city of
16 New York is proud to honor the mutual
17 redevelopment houses, Penn South, in celebration
18 of its 50th anniversary. And whereas, Penn South
19 is so much more than just bricks and mortar. It
20 is a model of affordable housing for the entire
21 country. The last 50 years stand as a reminder
22 that housing for the middle class is what makes a
23 neighborhood stronger, and it's because of Penn
24 South that Chelsea is the vibrant and strong
25 community that it is today. Penn South is a

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2 dynamic community with wonderful people and strong
3 history that truly is a village within a city and
4 the heart and soul of our Chelsea community. And
5 whereas, the urgent need for middle income housing
6 in the last 1950s was the impetus behind Penn
7 South. With the support of the International
8 Ladies Garment Workers' Union, the United Housing
9 Federation plans could move forward and the
10 construction of the 2,820 apartment units became a
11 reality. And whereas, Penn South emerged from its
12 humble beginnings on May 19th, 1962 when President
13 John F. Kennedy, Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller,
14 Mayor Robert F. Wagner and former first lady,
15 Eleanor Roosevelt all attended the dedication
16 ceremony. Since that day, Penn South continues to
17 draw politicians to its grounds with its activism
18 that remains one of the strongest in New York
19 City. It is and will always be a breeding ground
20 for grassroots organizing, political discourse and
21 debate and social activism. And whereas, the road
22 to today has not always been an easy one. The
23 history of Penn South has been marked by critical
24 moments in time when residents were asked to
25 decide the fate of the complex and whether to take

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2 the development private or continue in
3 affordability. At all of these moments the
4 residents have banded together and said in a
5 strong and definitive voice we stand for the
6 people and we will continue to allow those who
7 come after us an opportunity to live the American
8 dream just as we were given. Now therefore be it
9 known that the Council of the City of New York
10 proudly honors Penn South on its 50th anniversary
11 and looks forward to another 50 years. Christine
12 C. Quinn, Speaker for the entire Council.

13 SPEAKER QUINN: Yay, and Penn South
14 is also a - - and a great model of a naturally
15 occurring retirement community, so thank you all
16 for that. And I give you our president.

17 BRAD HOYLMAN: Thank you. I'd like
18 to thank Speaker Quinn and City Council for their
19 ongoing support, not just today, but over the
20 years in helping Penn South maintain its
21 affordability. I'm really proud to say that last
22 year when we came to City Council for help and
23 support to extend our contract our cooperators
24 voted to extend our contract to 2030 and maintain
25 affordability 'till at least 2030, so the third

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2 time in our history where we voted overwhelmingly
3 to not privatize and make millions of dollars for
4 apartments in Chelsea and to allow people on a
5 long, long waiting list the opportunity that we
6 have had over the years, so we are very proud of
7 that, but we couldn't have done it without
8 Christine's help and City Council's help. Not
9 only is she Speaker, but she is our
10 representative, which makes it great, so thank you
11 again.

12 [applause]

13 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you guys very
14 much. Thank you all.

15 [background conversation]

16 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you guys very
17 much. Thank you all. Thanks. Alright. We have
18 one more ceremonial. And if I could ask Council
19 Member Vacca to come up, but I'm fairly sure that
20 after Jimmy comes up we are going to want all of
21 the Council Members to come up, so I just heard
22 from Council Member Mendez that Nick did not run
23 his retirement by her, so there could be other
24 council members who may break out into a protect,
25 Nick, 'cause there is not unanimous support for

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2 this decision, but nonetheless, I'm going to turn
3 the microphone over to Jimmy Vacca and again,
4 Rosie may be organizing a protest as we speak.

5 [background conversation]

6 SPEAKER QUINN: And we are joined
7 by - - of the Mayor's Office, who wants to thank
8 Nick for all of his service as well. Jimmy?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Thank you.
10 Thank you, Speaker Quinn. It's a special honor
11 for me to honor a constituent, special honor for
12 me today to honor a friend. Nick Economo has been
13 an outstanding leader in my own community, working
14 very hard and very assiduously for the Greek
15 American community in Pelham Bay, and in Throgs
16 Neck, but he is known to us as Nick here at the
17 New York City Council-

18 [applause]

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: He is one of
20 our sergeant at arms, but he has his own distinct
21 personality and his own distinct way of doing
22 things. I have heard him tell many a council
23 member where are you, why are you late? And he
24 speaks his mind, and we here in the Council are
25 going to have to do without someone who is always

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2 saying, "Quiet, please" that echoes in many of our
3 hearts even though, Nick, you may not be here, we
4 want you to know you are here. Your service is
5 exemplary. Your dedication to this job, it's more
6 than a job to you. You are part of all of us.
7 You are part of an extended family here at the
8 Council. Our thanks and our gratitude for all you
9 have done. Never second, but always first as well
10 is that our wish for you and your family is good
11 health and many years for your children, for your
12 grandchildren, for your wife. I know how proud of
13 all of them you are. We're glad to have you here
14 today to honor you. You are a special person.
15 You have made a special impact on this body. God
16 bless you. Thank you, Nick Economo.

17 [applause]

18 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Jimmy.
19 And if I could ask to clerk to please read the
20 proclamation.

21 CLERK: Council city of New York
22 Proclamation. Whereas a City Hall at the
23 legislative offices within 250 Broadway and at
24 countless special events and parades throughout
25 the year, the New York City Council's sergeant at

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2 arms often make the first impression of city
3 government upon the public. Although the
4 Council's sergeant at arms are diverse in
5 backgrounds, ages and experience, they all share a
6 tremendous dedication to the protection of Council
7 Members, staff and visitors. Assistant sergeant
8 at arms Nick Economo has fulfilled this
9 responsibility with respect and dignity for more
10 than 16 years and upon his retirement, it is
11 fitting that we publically pay tribute to his many
12 contributions to both the Council and to our
13 community, and whereas, born in Epirus, Greece on
14 May 19th, 1947, Nick served his nation in the Greek
15 navy for more than two years before embarking on
16 another daring voyage all his own. In 1969, he
17 traveled solo by ship and arrived in the United
18 States at the age of 22. Settling in his new
19 country with the help of cousins, he soon fell in
20 love not once, but twice. Once with a young woman
21 named Helenie [phonetic] and secondly, with the
22 Bronx. And whereas, today Nick and Helenie live
23 in Pelham Bay. They have been married for 40
24 years and have two grown children, Paula and
25 Spyros as well as four grandchildren, Justine,

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2 Lucas, Leo and Nicholas. And whereas, in addition
3 to Nick's current role, he worked for several
4 years as a food vendor at Hunt's Point in Coney
5 Island. Prior to his arrival at the Council, he
6 also excelled for 21 years as an electrician for
7 local 3 working at American Switchboard. And
8 whereas, upon Nick's departure the Council can
9 take some comfort knowing that our loss will mean
10 more quality time with his loved ones in the year
11 ahead. He has provided excellent service to the
12 Council and we wish him continued happiness
13 throughout his retirement. Now therefore be it
14 known that the Council of the city of New York
15 gratefully honors Nick Economo for his outstanding
16 service to the Council and to the community at
17 large. Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the
18 entire Council, James Vacca, Council 13th District
19 Bronx.

20 [applause]

21 SPEAKER QUINN: Nick, I want to
22 echo everything Jimmy said, and on behalf of not
23 just the 51 Council Members, but all of the staff
24 people, the advocates, the lobbyists, the other
25 folks who are here on a regular basis and the

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2 members of the public, thank you so much for your
3 service to this city and the City Council, and
4 here you go. Nick said thank you. Alright.
5 Alright. Quiet please. If Nick doesn't want to
6 speak, he doesn't have to. Thank you, Nick. And
7 this concludes ceremonials.

8 [applause]

9 [long pause]

10 MALE VOICE: Ladies and gentlemen,
11 can I have your attention please? Can I please
12 have your attention? Quiet please. Quiet please.
13 At this time, please place all cell phones and
14 pagers to vibrate and will all non-Council
15 employees please leave the main floor of the
16 chambers. Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: My
18 colleagues, please rise for the pledge of
19 allegiance. I pledge Allegiance to the flag of
20 the United States of America and to the republic
21 for which it stands, one nation under God,
22 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
23 Thank you. Roll call.

24 CLERK: Arroyo?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: [no audible

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CLERK: Barron?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [no audible

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CLERK: Brewer?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes.

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CLERK: Cabrera?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

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CLERK: Chin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

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CLERK: Comrie?

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Here.

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CLERK: Crowley?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: [no

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CLERK: Dickens?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: [no

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CLERK: Dilan?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: [no audible

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CLERK: Dromm?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

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CLERK: Eugene?

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.

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CLERK: Ferreras?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.

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CLERK: Fidler?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.

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CLERK: Foster?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: [no audible

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CLERK: Garodnick?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: [no

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CLERK: Gennaro?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [no

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CLERK: Gentile?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: [no

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CLERK: Gonzalez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: [no

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CLERK: Greenfield?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Here.

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CLERK: Halloran?

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Here.

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CLERK: Ignizio?

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: [no

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CLERK: Jackson?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.

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CLERK: James?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Here.

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CLERK: Koo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: [no audible

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CLERK: Koppell?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: [no

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CLERK: Koslowitz?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

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CLERK: Lander?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

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CLERK: Lappin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Here.

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CLERK: Levin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

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CLERK: Mark-Viverito?

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CLERK: Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present.

CLERK: Mendez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.

CLERK: Nelson?

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.

CLERK: Palma?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

CLERK: Recchia?

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Present.

CLERK: Reyna?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.

CLERK: Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

CLERK: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: [no audible

response]

CLERK: Sanders?

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Present.

CLERK: Ulrich?

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

CLERK: Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: [no audible

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CLERK: Vallone?

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

CLERK: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

CLERK: Vann?

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.

CLERK: Weprin?

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

CLERK: Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

CLERK: Wills?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Present.

CLERK: Oddo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.

CLERK: Rivera?

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Here.

CLERK: Speaker Quinn?

SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Quorum is present. My colleagues, please rise for the invocation being delivered today by Reverend Que English, co-pastor from Bronx Christian Fellowship.

REVEREND ENGLISH: Let us pray. If

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2 we can bow our heads... God, as I stand with the
3 Council responsible for representing the people of
4 our great city, New York, and as they come
5 together to strategize cause them to see that
6 although the issues are bigger than they, they are
7 not bigger than you. This is why we need you in
8 the mists of this Council, for we recognize you
9 have the solutions. I pray for the leaders as you
10 have instructed us to; Speaker Quinn and those who
11 work alongside of her. I pray for direction and
12 strategies as they remember the homeless, the
13 hungry, the incarcerated, the poor. Keep the big
14 picture in front of them. May your agenda be
15 their agenda. Guide their hands and their hearts.
16 Keep them pure. Be honored today in this meeting.
17 Amen and amen.

18 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
19 very much. Council Member Cabrera?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Reverend
21 Que English is the dynamic co-pastor of Bronx
22 Christian Fellowship Church and the convener of
23 the Bronx clergy legislative roundtable, and a
24 good friend of mine, so I move to spread the
25 invocation in full upon the record.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So

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ordered. We now move on to adoption of the

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minutes. Council Member Vann?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Motion that

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August 22nd, 2012 be adopted as printed.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So

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ordered. We now move on to messages and papers

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from the Mayor.

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MALE VOICE: M890 withdrawing the

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name Susan Bellingson [phonetic], Waterfront

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Management Advisory Board.

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SPEAKER QUINN: If we could get a

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MALE VOICE: M891 submitting the

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mayor's management report fiscal 2012.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Received, ordered,

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Communications from city, county and borough

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MALE VOICE: M892, communication

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SPEAKER QUINN: Housing and

Buildings.

MALE VOICE: M893 on page three

through M905 on page three, approval and renewal-

SPEAKER QUINN: [interposing]

Sorry. Transportation.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Petitions

and communications?

MALE VOICE: None.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Land Use

call ups?

MALE VOICE: M906 and M907.

SPEAKER QUINN: If we could please

have a coupled vote and now have a roll call on

the coupled Land Use call ups, and I just want to

make note, we had no moments of silence today,

which is a great thing.

[applause]

CLERK: Arroyo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: [no audible

response]

CLERK: Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

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CLERK: Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye on all
call ups and permission to vote on all general
items and resolutions on the calendar.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So
ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye on
all.

CLERK: Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

CLERK: Comrie?

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

CLERK: Crowley?

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

CLERK: Dickens?

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

CLERK: Dilan?

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: [no audible
response]

CLERK: Dromm?

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

CLERK: Eugene?

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

CLERK: Ferreras?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

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CLERK: Fidler?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

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CLERK: Foster?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: [no audible

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CLERK: Garodnick?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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CLERK: Gennaro?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [no

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CLERK: Gonzalez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: [no

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CLERK: Greenfield?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

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CLERK: Halloran?

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: - - .

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Request unanimous consent to vote on all items on

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye on

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

CLERK: Jackson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.

CLERK: James?

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Unanimous
consent to vote on all items on today's calendar?

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: I vote aye
on all. Thank you.

CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: [no audible
response]

CLERK: Koppell?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.

CLERK: Koslowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

CLERK: Lander?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

CLERK: Lappin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

CLERK: Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: [no audible
response]

CLERK: Mark-Viverito?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.
3 CLERK: Mealy?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: - - ?
5 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.
7 CLERK: Mendez?
8 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.
9 CLERK: Nelson?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.
11 CLERK: Palma?
12 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.
13 CLERK: Recchia?
14 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.
15 CLERK: Reyna?
16 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.
17 CLERK: Rodriguez?
18 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [no
19 audible response]
20 CLERK: Rose?
21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: [no audible
22 response]
23 CLERK: Sanders?
24 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye.
25 CLERK: Ulrich?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Yes.

CLERK: Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CLERK: Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: - - .

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Hold on
one second. Can we get some silence in the
chambers as well?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I vote aye
and I ask permission to vote aye on all general
order calendar items, and I vote aye on all.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So
ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Thank you.

CLERK: Vallone?

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

CLERK: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

CLERK: Vann?

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

CLERK: Weprin?

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Yes.

CLERK: Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: I vote

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CLERK: Speaker Quinn?

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SPEAKER QUINN: No, we are not at

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quite please. And I vote aye.

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CLERK: Levin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: [no audible

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you

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very much. Today's Land Use call ups were adopted

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by a vote of 42 in the affirmative with zero in

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the negative. We now move on to communications

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from the Speaker.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very

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much. I first want to take a second on behalf of

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myself and all of my colleagues to congratulate

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two of our colleagues, who each won their

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respective party's nominations for state senate.

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2 On the Republican side, Council Member Eric Ulrich
3 won his, and I just want to take one brief
4 additional commercial announcement. I think many
5 of us heard about some particularly offensive
6 literature in Eric's race and not only did Eric
7 win, he won with a particular level in my opinion
8 of grace and dignity and really support for
9 diversity, so thank you, Eric, and that's
10 important on both sides of the aisle. Perhaps,
11 with all due respect given that it was - - even
12 more important right now in the Republican side,
13 so I want to thank you. That was a very brave way
14 you conducted yourself. So thank you and
15 congratulations. And our own Council Member James
16 Sanders, Jr. won his primary, so he was wearing
17 very fancy eyeglasses. I said he has to go
18 incognito now from the paparazzi. - - state
19 senator elect. So congratulations, James. On a
20 kind of more bittersweet note, this is two members
21 of our Finance staff have been stolen. And if I
22 say that with anger and resentment that should be
23 held against the Administration for Children's
24 Services and the Metropolitan Museum of Art—that's
25 correct. I want to be clear. I want you all to

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2 have Irish Alzheimer's [phonetic] as it relates to
3 this, which means you forget everything but the
4 grudges, so Pakhi Sengupta, who has been amazing
5 from senior centers to daycare centers, is going
6 off to ACS, so Pakhi, the seniors and children and
7 everyone else in our district thank you. And
8 Shadawn Smith, who has just done outstanding work
9 for CUNY and the Department of Cultural Affairs
10 and apparently a little too good for DCS because -
11 - Tom Schuler, my district leader, who will pay,
12 has stolen Shadawn. Where is Shadawn?

13 [background conversation]

14 SPEAKER QUINN: Apparently so,
15 James, so anyway, thank you Shadawn for your
16 service. Before I talk about some of the
17 legislation, I want to give some of the Speaker's
18 time to our Deputy Majority Leader, Inez Dickens,
19 who we are so happy to see back, who wanted to say
20 a few words.

21 [applause]

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you
23 Madam Speaker, and I want to thank the Speaker and
24 her staff particularly Chuck and Ramon, central
25 staff administration, but most importantly, I want

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2 to thank you, my colleagues, and your staff for
3 the outpouring of support and showing of love that
4 you did when I lost my chief of staff and my best
5 friend for years prior to coming to the Council,
6 Lynnette Velasco. Lynn was strong willed and
7 tenacious, but she was committed to her beliefs.
8 She was a fighter, who always, always found good
9 in everyone. She always had a smile for you, even
10 when she was about to fight you, but I know that
11 she is guiding me differently now just a
12 lighthouse does in the open seas during turbulent
13 weather or smooth sailing, I know that is Lynn is
14 there to guide me in a different way, but I wanted
15 to say thank you to each and every one of you
16 because it is a hole in my life now, but I know
17 she is there for me. Thank you to each and every
18 one of you.

19 [applause]

20 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Inez.
21 Thank you. Thank you, Inez. Today we're voting
22 on a number of different important pieces of
23 legislation. The first is an override on Intro
24 730-A. I want to thank Rob Newman [phonetic], Bob
25 Eham [phonetic], Ed Atkin [phonetic], Laura

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2 Rogers, and also the members of the Finance staff
3 who worked on 730-A. Let's give them a round of
4 applause.

5 [applause]

6 SPEAKER QUINN: This bill was
7 shepherded this bill in the override shepherded
8 through the Housing and Buildings Committee, and I
9 want to thank Chair Dilan for that. It's
10 introduced by our Finance chair, Domenic M.
11 Recchia, Jr. and I want to thank him. This is a
12 bill that I don't really understand why it was
13 vetoed. It's a transparency bill. It's a bill
14 that says we are spending and good we are lots of
15 money building homes that hopefully low and
16 moderate income New Yorkers can buy have their
17 piece of the American dream, but we have heard too
18 many stories that that dream has become a
19 nightmare, and in fact, the very home fix it shows
20 we watch on television and we think, "That poor
21 person that their house is like that. That is so
22 horrible. Thank goodness George can go in and
23 rescue them on channel 4." Now the truth is we
24 have seen city paid for homes be on those shows—
25 taxpayer paid for homes have to have outside

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2 entities come to the rescue. Our job is to come
3 to the rescue and that's what Domenic has done
4 with this bill, which will bring transparency and
5 sunlight to HPD's housing programs and enable all
6 of us to make sure we are getting what we pay for
7 with taxpayer money, so Domenic, thank you very
8 much, and let me call on you to say a few words.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Thank you,
10 Madam Speaker. I rise today just to all the
11 people who bought houses from different developers
12 that did not get what they paid for. Literally
13 when we had the hearing the turnout of people who
14 were crying out for help, people that for years
15 they went to HPD and HPD said there was nothing we
16 could do for you, people that went to the
17 developers and the general contractors and they
18 said it wasn't us. It was the subcontractors.
19 When they asked who the subcontractors were, the
20 response was we don't know. It kept going on and
21 on. So this City Council said we have to do
22 something. This bill is about transparency. It's
23 about paying proper wages, and more importantly
24 it's about getting the right job done for the
25 people that are purchasing these houses. We want

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2 people to have homeownership. We want them to get
3 affordable housing, a house they can afford, but
4 we want them built in the right way. They
5 shouldn't be getting something half assed. It's
6 not right, and it's not right when they turn
7 around for help, no one is there. So to all my
8 friends in the housing who were here earlier I
9 want to thank you all. This City Council is
10 recuing you and everyone else in the future under
11 the leadership of Speaker Christine Quinn. I just
12 want to thank Erik Dilan and his entire staff and
13 his committee for passing this.

14 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
15 much, Domenic. I also want to thank the Land Use
16 staff and our Land Use chair Leroy Comrie and our
17 subcommittee chairs for the - - UDAPs and
18 landmarks we're passing today. I want to thank
19 Tanisha Edwards, Shadawn Smith and Regina Parida-
20 Ryan [phonetic] for their work on the anti-gun
21 violence taskforce funding. We will be voting on
22 a transparency resolution and Land Use tax related
23 items today. I want to thank Chuck Davis and
24 Chair Rivera for the three appointments we are
25 making today as well. I also want to talk for a

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2 second about Intro 797-A. This is a piece of
3 legislation that was passed out of our Mental
4 Health, Mental Retardation, Alcoholism, Drug Abuse
5 and Disabilities Committee. I want to thank - -
6 Nasr [phonetic] and Jen Wilcox. I want to thank
7 the chair of the Committee, Oliver Koppell and the
8 sponsor of the legislation, Council Member Debbie
9 Rose. And this bill—well, it's kind of crazy this
10 isn't the law already. It says that there should
11 be signage that indicates where a disabled
12 accessible entrance is if it's not the main
13 entrance in a building. It's almost cruel if you
14 think about a disabled person comes up to a
15 building, and they know there's an entrance, but
16 they don't know where it is, and they have to go
17 all around and around looking for it or they
18 finally get there and it's locked 'cause it's not
19 the main entrance, and there maybe isn't security
20 and there is no phone number to call to know how
21 to get in. This bill says you have to put up
22 signs. You have to tell people where the
23 accessible entrance is and if it's locked you have
24 to put up a phone number, so that person can call
25 and get into. I want to thank the staff and Chair

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2 Koppell and Debbie Rose for moving this bill that
3 will really help New Yorkers. Let me call on
4 Chair Koppell and then on Council Member Rose.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Thank you,
6 Madam Speaker. This bill was developed after a
7 hearing where we talked about accessibility of
8 commercial structures to those who have a
9 disability, and accessibility remains a major
10 problem even though we have the Americans with
11 Disabilities Act, which requires accessibility at
12 least on new and renovated buildings. This is a
13 simple measure. It shouldn't be necessary, but it
14 is. Imagine your frustration if you're in a
15 wheelchair, you come up to a building where you
16 have to go, you see you can't get in the main
17 entrance, you've heard there is an accessible
18 entrance, but you don't know where it is or if it
19 is. Now all of the buildings will have to be
20 marked that way. We heard many stories at our
21 hearing of people who were frustrated getting into
22 different commercial structures. As the Speaker
23 said, this is a common sense bill, and Chair Rose
24 of the Civil Rights Committee is the prime
25 sponsor, and I'll turn over the microphone to her.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you,
3 Chair Koppell and thank you, Speaker Quinn for
4 your leadership on this bill. As has been
5 previously stated Intro 797-A is a common sense
6 bill. It is common sense in that people with
7 disabilities should not have to search for an
8 accessible entrance into a building. Many people
9 are faced with coming to an event, to a building,
10 public toilets, to elevators only to find that it
11 is not accessible, and they have to try to find an
12 accessible entrance, and then upon finding it
13 could find that it's locked, and there is no phone
14 number or no way, nothing stated on how they can
15 gain access, so I am really proud today to say
16 that once again, we are champion the rights of
17 people with disabilities and I want to thank you
18 all for your support on this bill.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
20 much, Council Member Rose and Chair Koppell. We
21 are also voting today in our Parks Committee, and
22 I want to thank Christopher Sartori [phonetic] and
23 Patrick Mulvehill [phonetic], and chair of our
24 Committee, Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito.
25 We will co-naming 41 thoroughfares and public

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2 places today. I want to thank all of the council
3 members who are part of that. Last but certainly
4 not least out of the Technology Committee chaired
5 by Council Member Cabrera and I want to thank him
6 very much for his work on this. I particularly
7 want to thank Laura Popa [phonetic], Jeff Baker
8 [phonetic] and David Sietzer [phonetic] for their
9 work on this bill as well, and the main sponsor,
10 Dan Garodnick. Intro 771-A is a really smart
11 technology bill that is going to take open data
12 information that is now part of the city's
13 infrastructure thanks to Council Member Brewer and
14 make sure through QR [phonetic] codes on permits
15 that New Yorkers can get that info and make smart,
16 informed choices and also help us monitor what is
17 going on in our city to help us do a better job
18 working and protecting them, so thank you very
19 much, Council Member Garodnick, and let's call on
20 Council Member Garodnick for a few words.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank
22 you very much, Speaker Quinn and I also want to
23 join you in thanking Council Member Cabrera and
24 the staff for all of their work on 771-A. You all
25 just heard how this legislation is going to give

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2 New Yorkers real time access to information about
3 publically posted permits, licenses and
4 registrations through the use of a smart phone.
5 Intro 771-A is an exciting bill because it will
6 make use of QR codes and other development
7 technologies to provide New Yorkers with greater
8 government transparency and accessibility. Right
9 now the only agency that is taking advantage of
10 technology on its permits is DOB, so when you pass
11 a buildings department permit for construction,
12 for example, you can scan the QR code with your
13 smart phone and be brought to information
14 including a record of complaints received about
15 and violations issued to the property and links
16 you to 311 for information if you want to make a
17 complaint. The real time access to data needs to
18 be replicated around the city. We already have
19 some, but not nearly enough data available online.
20 In a few years though thanks to the open data bill
21 that was championed by Council Member Brewer, we
22 will have much more information available online
23 and when that happens New Yorkers should be able
24 to easily access it. And for now at the very
25 least the data that we have online which is

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2 specific to a publically posted permit or license
3 should be easily accessible from the street where
4 New Yorkers come face to face with them and might
5 have lingering questions. This data can help make
6 New Yorkers smarter consumers and it is technology
7 that currently exists and that we need to make
8 sure that our city is keeping pace. Thank you,
9 Madam Speaker.

10 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Council
11 Member Garodnick, and that concludes
12 communications from the Speaker.

13 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
14 very much, Madam Speaker. We now move on to
15 discussion of general orders. Seeing none, we
16 will now move on to reports of special committees.

17 MALE VOICE: None.

18 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Reports of
19 standing committees?

20 MALE VOICE: Report of the
21 Committee on Finance, preconsidered Resolution
22 1518, changes in certain organizations who receive
23 funding.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
25 orders.

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2 MALE VOICE: L.U. 684 and Reso 1521
3 and preconsidered L.U. 707 and Reso 1522, tax
4 abatements.

5 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
6 orders.

7 MALE VOICE: Report of the
8 Committee on Housing and Buildings, Intro 730
9 disclosure of information regarding certain
10 construction projects.

11 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
12 orders.

13 MALE VOICE: M885 Mayor's veto and
14 disapproval message of Introductory number 730-A.

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled to be
16 filed.

17 MALE VOICE: Report of the
18 Committee on Land Use, L.U. 669 and Reso 1523,
19 landmark preservation designation.

20 SPEAKER QUINN: Motion to file.

21 MALE VOICE: L.U. 685 and Reso
22 1524, unenclosed sidewalk café Manhattan.

23 SPEAKER QUINN: Motion to file
24 pursuant to a letter of withdrawal.

25 MALE VOICE: L.U. 686 and Reso 1525

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unenclosed sidewalk café Manhattan.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

MALE VOICE: L.U. 687 and Reso 1526, amendment to the zoning map Bronx.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

MALE VOICE: L.U. 700 and Reso 1527 through L.U. 704 and Reso 1531, landmark preservation designations.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

MALE VOICE: Report of the Committee on Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Disability Services, Intro 797-A, directions to the nearest available access entrance.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on general orders.

MALE VOICE: Report of the Committee on Parks and Recreation, preconsidered Intro 935, naming 41 thoroughfares and public places.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general

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MALE VOICE: Report of the
Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections, M882
and Reso 1532 approving the reappointment Paula G.
Berry, Waterfront Management Advisory Board.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders.

MALE VOICE: M883 and Reso 1533
approving the reappointment of Henry Wong,
Waterfront Management Advisory Board.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders.

MALE VOICE: M884 and Reso 1534
approving the reappointment of Susan Grossman, New
York City Taxi Commission.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders.

MALE VOICE: Report of the
Committee on Technology Intro 771-A, city issued
permits.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
on general orders.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: General
order calendar?

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2 MALE VOICE: Resolution appointing
3 various persons commissioner of deeds.

4 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
5 orders and at this point I'd like to ask for a
6 roll call on all items that have been coupled on
7 the general order calendar please.

8 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So
9 ordered.

10 CLERK: Brewer?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you
12 very much. I want to congratulate Susan Grossman,
13 who is a resident of the West Side. Also, maybe
14 we have already congratulated Council Member
15 Sanders. Congratulations. On Council Member
16 Recchia's fantastic efforts to try to deal with
17 transparency as well as the Speaker's, I want to
18 congratulate him 'cause as I have indicated in the
19 past, I have two friends at least who have
20 buildings that are caught between a rock and a
21 hard place. They have no ability to fix the
22 foundation, the mold, and the leaks and the list
23 goes on 'cause HPD says it's not their problem
24 'cause the building is built and transferred to
25 the homeowner and the developer said it's not

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2 their problem 'cause the building has been
3 transferred to the homeowner, so the leaks
4 continue. On the other hand, I know that the
5 folks who provide affordable housing have issues
6 that they would like to have addressed, so I look
7 forward to sitting down with both some of the
8 unions and some of the people who do supportive
9 housing and I know that these issues can be worked
10 out, so I vote aye on all.

11 CLERK: Chin?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

13 CLERK: Comrie?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: [no audible
15 response]

16 CLERK: Crowley?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye on
18 all.

19 CLERK: Dickens?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

21 CLERK: Dilan?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Mr. Majority
23 Leader, I'd like to - - and vote aye on all.

24 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So
25 ordered.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: With unanimous consent, I'd like to vote on all Land Use call ups.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Which I vote aye.

CLERK: Dromm?

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye on all.

CLERK: Eugene?

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

CLERK: Ferreras?

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye on all.

CLERK: Fidler?

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: - -

Majority Leader Rivera, may I be excused to make a disclosure?

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: I think I need to disclose that there is money in the transparency resolution that is being moved for the Fuhrman Center [phonetic], which is a subdivision of NYU Law School, which my son Harry

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2 attends. I make that disclosure out of an
3 abundance of caution and excessive paternal pride,
4 and I vote aye on all.

5 CLERK: Foster?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.

7 CLERK: Garodnick?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

9 CLERK: Gennaro?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Mr.

11 Leader, I vote yes and with permission, I wish to
12 vote on the Land Use call ups.

13 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So

14 ordered.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote

16 yes.

17 CLERK: Gonzalez?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on

19 all.

20 CLERK: Greenfield?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

22 CLERK: Ignizio?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: I'd like
24 to vote no on Land Use 701, aye on all others. I
25 disclose that my daughter attends camp at the

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2 YMCA, which may or may not receive money in this -
3 - . Thanks.

4 CLERK: Jackson?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on
6 all.

7 CLERK: Koppell?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye on
9 all.

10 CLERK: Koslowitz?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

12 CLERK: Lander?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

14 CLERK: Lappin?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: - - .

16 First of all, I just have to say how much I
17 personally am going to miss Pakhi Sengupta. It
18 has been such a pleasure working with you as chair
19 of the Aging Committee. You know the agency
20 inside and out, and have such a genuine passion
21 and compassion for the seniors that we serve in
22 the city, and so I just can't even imagine what we
23 are going to do without you, and so I'm very happy
24 for you, but very sad to see you go, - - . I
25 would like to vote aye on all except Intro 935 on

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which I abstain.

CLERK: Comrie?

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

CLERK: Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I vote aye on all, but I also want to send my sincerest good wishes to Pakhi Sengupta, who I have had the pleasure to work with my time in the Council and she has made my tenure in the Council all that much better because of her diligent and hard work and compassion towards others. Thank you, Pakhi.

CLERK: Mark-Viverito?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye on all.

CLERK: Mendez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

CLERK: Nelson?

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.

CLERK: Palma?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

CLERK: Recchia?

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: - - .

First of all, I want to thank Pakhi and Shadawn. I'm going to miss the both of you. - - just

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2 wonderful staffers. I hate to lose you. I also
3 have to make a disclosure. There is CASA my
4 children's school Mark Twain Middle School is
5 getting a CASA program, and I have to disclose
6 that for my two children that go there. I vote
7 aye on all.

8 CLERK: Reyna?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I vote aye.

10 CLERK: Rodriguez?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

12 CLERK: Rose?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

14 CLERK: Sanders?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye on
16 all.

17 CLERK: Ulrich?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Vallone?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

21 CLERK: Van Bramer?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I just
23 want to say to Pakhi and Shadawn, you are both
24 terrific. We are going to miss you and Shadawn,
25 you are going to have so much fun with Tom Schuler

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2 over there at the museum, so I look forward to
3 your party in a couple of hours, but
4 congratulations to both of you. With that, I vote
5 aye on all.

6 CLERK: Vann?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Weprin?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

10 CLERK: Williams?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye on
12 all.

13 CLERK: Wills?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye on all.

15 CLERK: Oddo?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

17 CLERK: Rivera?

18 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: I vote aye
19 on all.

20 CLERK: Speaker Quinn?

21 SPEAKER QUINN: Aye on all.

22 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: All items
23 on today's general order were adopted by a vote of
24 46 in the affirmative with zero in the negative
25 and zero abstentions with the exception of L.U.

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2 701 and Reso 1528, which was adopted by a vote of
3 45 in the affirmative, one in the negative and
4 zero abstentions and Intro 935, which was adopted
5 by a vote of 45 in the affirmative, zero in the
6 negative and 1 abstention, and revised Land Use
7 call ups were adopted by a vote of 46 in the
8 affirmative and zero in the negative.

9 Introduction and reading of the bills.

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

13 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Discussion
14 of resolutions. Do we have any?

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Can we get a little
16 quiet?

17 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Okay. We
18 will now move on to a vote on the resolution on
19 today's agenda. Reso 1229-A, an amended
20 resolution recognizing September as Suicide
21 Awareness Month in New York City and calling upon
22 government agencies and nongovernmental
23 organizations to focus on teen suicide prevention,
24 amended and adopted by the Committee on Mental
25 Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism, Drug

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2 Abuse and Disability Services. All in favor, say
3 aye.

4 MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

5 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: All
6 opposed, say nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have
7 it. We will now move on to general discussion.
8 We first have Council Member Williams followed by
9 Council Member Dromm.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank
11 you. I just want to say that I'm glad that the
12 next payments for the gun violence taskforce is
13 moved out, and I want to thank the Speaker again
14 for her leadership on this issue. I'm also glad I
15 heard that there will be hearings on my package of
16 legislation, the Community Safety Act, and I want
17 to thank her as well for her leadership as well as
18 my other council members supporting, and I want to
19 call my attention to my colleagues' resolution
20 1520, which is basically calling for public
21 elections like we have in New York on the state
22 level for all state level elected. I think we
23 have a choice we have to make now after Citizens
24 United the decision that says money is also equal
25 to people. We have to figure out what we want to

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2 counteract that and I think instead of moving
3 toward the Washington model, the state should move
4 toward the New York City model where someone like
5 me who probably may not have an opportunity to run
6 due to the money that is needed public financing
7 levels the playing field and it gives anyone an
8 opportunity to run based on their merit and their
9 experience and helps balance out the challenges of
10 raising as much funds as needed, and hopefully,
11 with the discussion minimize the amount that money
12 plays, so I hope people sign onto that resolution.
13 Thank you.

14 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
15 very much. We now move on to Council Member Dromm
16 followed by Council Member Rodriguez.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you
18 very much. I would like to call my colleagues'
19 attention to Intro 937, a local law to amend the
20 New York City Charter in relation to city agencies
21 collection of demographic data regarding Asian
22 Pacific Americans sub demographic groups. As the
23 Asian community continues to increase in New York
24 City we need to know more about the various groups
25 that make up the "Asian" communities and this

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2 piece of legislation would enable us to find out
3 who the particular nationalities and languages
4 that they speak are. In addition, I'd like to
5 call my colleagues' attention to Intro 938, a law
6 to amend the administrative code to restrict the
7 hours of operation of electronic sound devices on
8 like the Mr. Softee truck to restrict it from 9 am
9 to 9 pm because it's a huge problem when they ring
10 those bells after 9 pm at night until 12, 1
11 o'clock in the morning. Thank you very much.

12 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
13 very much. Council Member Rodriguez?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Thank
15 you. I would like to call my colleagues to
16 denounce the PR campaign that will be an
17 advertising campaign that is starting today at the
18 New York City training station against the
19 MusliMs. We believe that it is true that we have
20 to defend freedom of speech, but also when anyone
21 goes after any particular group, we should stand
22 together. I believe that we have to stand and
23 show that we support Jewish brothers and sisters,
24 but also we should stand together to support
25 MusliMs. So starting an advertising campaign

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2 calling Muslims savage, I think this is something
3 that is unacceptable and it doesn't reflect what
4 we are as New Yorkers. Thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
6 very much. Council Member Chin?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you.
8 First of all, I wanted to thank Speaker Quinn and
9 some of my colleagues, Council Member Recchia,
10 Julissa Ferreras and Melissa Mark-Viverito for
11 coming down to my district yesterday to really
12 highlight the need to make our parks safe and to
13 support the victim that was raped on Saturday at
14 the Hudson River Park, and we had a big walk this
15 morning that a lot of neighbors came out to
16 support, take back our parks, and so it was really
17 great that we could all come together to make our
18 parks safer for the community. I also wanted to
19 ask my colleagues to support Reso 1514, sponsored
20 by me and Council Member Arroyo, calling on the
21 state legislature to amend the education law in
22 relation to allowing licensed physicians or
23 certified nurse practitioners to prescribe and
24 order a non-patient specific regimen to a license
25 pharmacist to administer the Hepatitis B vaccine

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2 to adults to make it more accessible, so that the
3 community, especially Hepatitis B, which affects
4 the Asian American community in great numbers, we
5 want to make sure that this vaccine is accessible
6 to people in the community and the pharmacists
7 could administer the vaccine. It would be a
8 tremendous help, so I urge my colleagues to sign
9 on and support. Thank you.

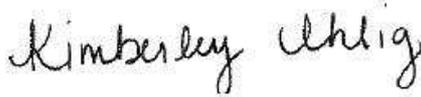
10 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Any
11 others? Seeing none, this meeting is now
12 adjourned.

13 [gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kimberley Uhlig 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 _____

Date 9/26/12