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CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

CHARTER MEETING  
OF THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL

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January 22, 2014  
Start: 1:20 p.m.  
Recess: 1:40 p.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

B E F O R E:  
MELISSA MARK-VIVERITO  
Speaker  
LETITIA JAMES  
Acting President Pro Tempore

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Maria del Carmen Arroyo  
Inez D. Barron  
Fernando Cabrera  
Margaret S. Chin  
Andrew Cohen  
Costa G. Constantinides  
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.  
Elizabeth S. Crowley  
Laurie A. Cumbo  
Chaim M. Deutsch  
Inez E. Dickens  
Daniel Dromm  
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.

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Mathieu Eugene  
Julissa Ferreras  
Daniel R. Garodnick  
Vincent J. Gentile  
Vanessa L. Gibson  
David G. Greenfield  
Vincent M. Ignizio  
Corey D. Johnson  
Ben Kallos  
Andy L. King  
Peter A. Koo  
Karen Koslowitz  
Rory I. Lancman  
Brad S. Lander  
Stephen T. Levin  
Mark Levine  
Alan N. Maisel  
Steven Matteo  
Darlene Mealy  
Carlos Menchaca  
Rosie Mendez  
I. Daneek Miller  
Annabel Palma  
Antonio Reynoso  
Donovan J. Richards  
Ydanis A. Rodriguez  
Deborah L. Rose  
Helen K. Rosenthal  
Ritchie J. Torres  
Mark Treyger  
Eric A. Ulrich  
James Vacca  
Peter F. Vallone, Jr.  
James G. Van Bramer  
Mark S. Weprin  
Jumaane D. Williams  
Ruben Wills

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

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MALE VOICE: Quiet.

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES: This is the continuation of the recessed Charter Meeting of January 8th, 2014. Roll call.

CITY CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

CITY CLERK: Barron. Cabrera. Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

CITY CLERK: Cohen.

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

CITY CLERK: Constantinides.

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Here.

CITY CLERK: Cornegy.

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Present.

CITY CLERK: Crowley.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.

CITY CLERK: Cumbo.

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Here.

CITY CLERK: Deutsch.

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.

CITY CLERK: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

CITY CLERK: Dromm.

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

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2 CITY CLERK: Espinal.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.

4 CITY CLERK: Eugene. Ferreras.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.

6 CITY CLERK: Garodnick.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.

8 CITY CLERK: Gentile. Gibson.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Present.

10 CITY CLERK: Greenfield.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Here.

12 CITY CLERK: Johnson.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Present.

14 CITY CLERK: Kallos.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

16 CITY CLERK: King.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.

18 CITY CLERK: Koo. Koslowitz.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

20 CITY CLERK: Lancman.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Here.

22 [background comment]

23 CITY CLERK: Lander.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

25 CITY CLERK: Levin. Levine.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

CITY CLERK: Maisel. Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.

CITY CLERK: Barron.

FEMALE VOICE: Barron.

[background comments]

CITY CLERK: Matteo.

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

[background comments]

CITY CLERK: Thank you.

[background comments]

CITY CLERK: Matteo.

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

CITY CLERK: Thank you. Mealy.

Menchaca.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

CITY CLERK: Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.

CITY CLERK: Miller.

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Here.

CITY CLERK: Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.

CITY CLERK: Reynoso.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Here.

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2 CITY CLERK: Richards.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

4 CITY CLERK: Rodriguez.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

6 CITY CLERK: Rose.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

8 CITY CLERK: Rosenthal.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

10 CITY CLERK: Torres.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Here.

12 CITY CLERK: Treyger.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

14 CITY CLERK: Ulrich.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

16 CITY CLERK: Vacca. Vallone.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

18 CITY CLERK: Weprin.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

20 CITY CLERK: Williams. Wills.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Here.

22 CITY CLERK: Ignizio.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.

24 CITY CLERK: Van Bramer.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

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CITY CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Here.

CITY CLERK: Maisel.

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES:

Supplemental Messages and Papers from the Mayor.

COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES:

Supplemental Communication from City, County and  
Borough Offices.

COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES:

Supplemental Petitions and Communications.

COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES:

Supplemental Land Use Call-Ups.

COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES:

Supplemental Communication from the Speaker.

MALE VOICE: Sit down please.

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES:

Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

[background comments]

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2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Good afternoon to  
3 all my colleagues; I first wanna say that I, as well  
4 as the Public Advocate were on the floor prior to  
5 1:00, so we are starting on time, for all intents and  
6 purposes. So just very quickly, I wanted to indicate  
7 that today we will be voting on a series of Committee  
8 Chairmanships and assignments out of the Rules  
9 Committee, which had met earlier. I wanna thank  
10 Chair, Brad Lander and the members of the Committee,  
11 as well as all the staff for their hard work on these  
12 assignments, as.. [background comments] as I had  
13 indicated in the Committee meeting earlier today,  
14 this actually comes after a lot of deliberation and  
15 individual conversations with Council Members about  
16 issues of concern, areas of work that they would like  
17 to address, and so these Committee Chair assignments  
18 that we will vote on today are a reflection of our  
19 City's diversity and values. These Committees will  
20 shape the Council's legislative agenda, help bring  
21 New Yorkers closer to their government and provide  
22 the oversight that we need to hold the administration  
23 accountable.

24 In the coming months we will tackle the  
25 broader issue of Rules and Reform which will empower

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2 committees and Council Members to make sure that all  
3 voices are heard within the Council.

4 So again I wanna thank all my colleagues  
5 and to welcome them all; I know we had a meeting two  
6 weeks ago and I thank you very much for the  
7 expressions of support and unity in the two weeks  
8 since I was elected Speaker. You have my commitment  
9 that this body will operate in a unified way to  
10 accomplish all the work ahead of us on behalf of New  
11 York City and on behalf of our constituents.

12 And with that I would like to ask the  
13 Chair of the Rules Committee, Brad Lander, to say a  
14 few words.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you Madame  
16 Speaker and thank you for your leadership in this  
17 process over the last couple of weeks, I'm very proud  
18 today as Chair of the Rules Committee and thanks to  
19 the other committee members we are bringing forward  
20 to this body a proposed slate of committee chairs and  
21 members and officers that I believe will enable this  
22 Council to move strongly forward into our new term  
23 under the Speaker's leadership and that all New  
24 Yorkers, when they look at the body, when they watch  
25 those exciting Committee hearings late at night, will

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2 feel confident that their voice is represented and  
3 that there's somebody there asking the questions;  
4 exploring the issues that they want explored. The  
5 chairs and leaders represent the diversity of the  
6 City, of our boroughs, of this body and bring a real  
7 wide range of relevant life experience and expertise.  
8 I'm excited that the chair of our Public Education  
9 Committee is a 25-year public school teacher who's  
10 been a leader on issues of public education, making  
11 our schools can be the best they can. I'm excited  
12 the chair of our Public Housing Committee, somebody  
13 who grew up in public housing and has been organizing  
14 and assisting tenants that's gonna make sure that  
15 they get what they need. I'm excited that the chair  
16 of the Sanitation Committee, Antonio Reynoso, lives  
17 in a district that has been burdened by unfairness of  
18 our current solid waste policies and will be able to  
19 bring that perspective to chairing the committee.  
20 The chair of our Health Committee is the first openly  
21 HIV-positive member of this body and I could go on an  
22 on. We are bringing to the people of New York City  
23 leadership and committee chairs and committee members  
24 who feel passionately about the issues that this  
25 Council's gonna face, who have the experience and

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2 expertise and bring themselves to that process in a  
3 way that's gonna move us strongly forward. That  
4 means that we've got leadership and committees that  
5 can work closely with the De Blasio administration on  
6 our shared agenda of reducing inequality, creating  
7 good jobs, preserving affordable housing, addressing  
8 issues of resiliency and rebuilding; we're creating a  
9 new committee, ending the old Committee on Lower  
10 Manhattan Rebuilding created after 9-11, and creating  
11 a Committee on Recovery and Resiliency, chaired by  
12 Council Member Mark Treyger, that will help us move  
13 forward to rebuild after Sandy and make sure that the  
14 City is resilient and ready for future actions that  
15 come with climate change and the leaders and chairs  
16 we're proposing today will also stand ready to hold  
17 the De Blasio administration accountable and will not  
18 flinch to exercise this body's responsibilities under  
19 the Charter to identify areas of concern, to ask  
20 tough questions, to do the investigations necessary,  
21 and improve the functioning of government; the people  
22 of the City have the right, under the Charter, to  
23 know that members of this body are doing everything  
24 they can, both to work with the administration and to

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2 hold them accountable and I'm proud of the slate  
3 we're bringing forward today.

4 I will just note for people, there are  
5 two documents that have come out of Rules Committee -  
6 - Resolution 0001 provides that titles and  
7 descriptions of the committees and subcommittees, a  
8 couple of minor amendments to the Rules, including so  
9 that we aren't in violation of our Rules if we don't  
10 have meetings of every committee this month, in  
11 January, when we're just getting set up, and the  
12 accompanying message, M 0013 provides committee  
13 assignments, allowances, officers of the Council and  
14 the creation of new committees and subcommittees,  
15 such as the one I mentioned.

16 I wanna say thank you again to the  
17 Speaker for her leadership and the team that worked  
18 with her and especially recognize the staff that put  
19 in a lot of time and especially a late night last  
20 night in the blizzard -- Amata LaBooth [phonetic],  
21 Nadeer [phonetic] Joshua, Gary Altman, Joe Toronto,  
22 Rachel Goodman, and Michael Premanschnap [phonetic],  
23 thank you all for your work in putting this forward  
24 and we're grateful for the opportunity to bring the  
25 Rules Committee proposal before the Whole Council.

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SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: That ends communication from the Speaker.

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES: Supplemental Discussion of General Orders.

[background comment]

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES: None. Supplemental Report of Special Committees.

COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES: Supplemental Reports of Standing Committees.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections, Resolution 0001 in relation to Committees.

[background comment]

COMMITTEE CLERK: M thir... [interpose]

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on General Orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: M 0013, Members of the Committees of the Council.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on General Orders.

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES: Supplemental General Order Calendar.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Resolution appointing various persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on General Order and at this time I ask for a Roll Call on all items that are on the Coupled General Order Calendar.

CITY CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all except M 0013; I vote no.

CITY CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Yes, may I be excused to explain my vote?

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Is this the vote we're talking about now for the committee assignments?

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES: Yes, ma'am. [background comments]

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Alright. I heard the remarks from our colleague and I appreciate the work that has been done to put this together and as we talk about making sure that we have people in leadership and our committees that are competent and have experience, that we make sure that there's the

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2 diversity of race in positions of power and in  
3 positions of leadership. As we talk about reform and  
4 we talk about bringing people in with different  
5 groups that we're talking about, I think we need to  
6 make sure that groups such as blacks who have not had  
7 the opportunity to be in significant positions are  
8 not discouraged and not given an opportunity to at  
9 least maintain what has been gained. So having said  
10 that, I look forward to my colleagues making sure  
11 that as we address the budget and items of concern to  
12 our communities, that we make sure to make sure that  
13 communities that have been oppressed over the years  
14 are not locked out and are not given their fair  
15 share... of not receiving a fair share of what it is  
16 that they're entitled to. Having said that, I vote  
17 aye on all.

18 ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES:

19 Thank you.

20 CITY CLERK: Cabrera. Chin.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

22 CITY CLERK: Cohen.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye on all.

24 CITY CLERK: Constantinides.  
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COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Cornegy.

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Crowley.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Cumbo.

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Deutsch.

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Permission to explain my vote.

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you. I rise; I want to thank the Speaker and the leadership of this body for the hard work they've done. I join with my colleague from Brooklyn, the esteemed Council Member Inez Barron, for her words asking for inclusion for all members of this body, asking that the roads that were made by not only blacks, but Latinos, the LGBT community, and that all members of this esteemed body be included and not feel left out, not feel that the words that were committed to were

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2 unfounded. I appreciate the fact that I've been  
3 included thus far and I believe in the Speaker's  
4 ability to work towards unifying this body. And as I  
5 read down, I hope that Madame Speaker and the  
6 leadership body will take into consideration the  
7 words that they spoke on January 8th, that all  
8 members of this body would be included, that no  
9 member would be left behind, so that this body, this  
10 institution will not get any unfounded attacks by the  
11 media or by outsiders outside of this body asking if  
12 indeed we speak the truth and if indeed we are the  
13 people's house. And with that I vote aye.

14 CITY CLERK: Dromm.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I vote aye.

16 CITY CLERK: Espinal.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye on all.

18 CITY CLERK: Eugene.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

20 CITY CLERK: Ferreras.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye on all.

22 CITY CLERK: Garodnick.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

24 CITY CLERK: Gentile.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye on all.

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CITY CLERK: Gibson.

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Greenfield.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Johnson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Kallos.

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: King.

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Congratulations

all, to god be the glory, and I vote aye.

CITY CLERK: Koo.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: May I be

excused to explain my vote?

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I just wanna

say I look forward to working with the body, I've  
been doing this for many, many years; I wanna thank  
the Speaker and I look forward to working with you  
and the body and for the betterment of the City of  
New York.

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ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES: How  
do you vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Oh... [laughter]  
aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES:  
Thank you.

CITY CLERK: Lancman.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Request  
permission to explain my vote.

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Council Member  
Mendez corrected me; before I did not mean in any way  
to respect our esteemed previous colleague, Council  
Member Tom Duane, I am thrilled that Corey Johnson is  
chairing the Health Committee. I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES:  
Thank you.

CITY CLERK: Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Levine. Maisel.

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Matteo.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES: Yes,  
sir.

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Just wanna thank  
the Speaker for bringing everyone to the table; I  
wanna congratulate my colleagues; I look forward to  
working with everyone, and I look forward to when we  
have disagreements to have respectful dialogue in the  
Council and I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES:  
Thank you.

CITY CLERK: Mealy. Menchaca.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Miller.

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Yes on Reso 0001,  
no on M 0013.

CITY CLERK: Reynoso.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Richards.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Permission to explain my vote.

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: First I would like to say thank you to Speaker Mark-Viverito and her leadership and I know that not only she did a great job providing all of us the opportunity to chair a different committee, but she started like from day one showing her leadership, especially this day, showing her commitment and support to Mayor De Blasio when it comes to being sure that we move forward in our nation so more percentage of taxes is allocated to people making more than \$400,000 so that we can guarantee university or pre-K. I also would like to say thank you to the Speaker for giving me the opportunity to chair the Transportation Committee and also looking forward to move forward the Mayor De Blasio Vision Zero initiative. I vote aye.

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES:

Thank you.

CITY CLERK: Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

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CITY CLERK: Rosenthal.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Torres.

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Treyger.

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Williams.

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

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you.

First, it's very nice to see you up there, Public  
Advocate... [interpose]

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES:

Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: and I didn't get to spread the invocation, but I wanna thank Bishop Philader [sp?] for being here, he is a... oh... [interpose]

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES:  
You'll have an opportunity at a later point.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Oh my bad. Okay. [laughter] So we're just voting on the committee assignments; I'll speak on that. First I wanna say, thank you for having me be considered for the position that I am; I wanna thank the Speaker; I do have some concern and I was actually trying to figure out how I would vote even up until as I came here; that there is not... I think it was a very tough thing to do and trying to balance everything; my hope was that diversity would've been considered a little bit more; I am concerned about blacks in powerful leadership positions actually across the City, particularly with the role that they played in getting a lot of the issues forward and getting people where they were. [background comment] So it concerned that we haven't achieved that yet. But I have decided that I have faith in Madame Speaker, I have faith in my friend who I supported and I'm

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2 looking forward to see what we're going to do to make  
3 sure that this is dealt with moving forward, and even  
4 though it was not accomplished here, and the issues  
5 in other assignments and other things, the issues  
6 that are concerned of all folks, including the black  
7 population is a little better... realizing a little  
8 better put forth optically so people can see it. So  
9 I vote aye with that expectation moving forward and  
10 going forward and with faith that my friend and  
11 Speaker who I voted for has heard of all these things  
12 and will make sure it moves forward the way the it  
13 should. Thank you.

14 ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES:

15 Thank you.

16 CITY CLERK: Wills.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: May I have a  
18 moment to explain my vote?

19 ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES: Yes.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: I wanna echo the  
21 comments and sentiments of my colleague, [background  
22 comments] Council Member Jumaane Williams; I see that  
23 the Speaker and her staff has gone through great  
24 strides and Council Member Brad Lander to try to be  
25 equitable in the leadership positions and committee

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2 chairs, but I do not see as much black representation  
3 as I would've wanted to see and leadership positions  
4 in the major chairs and I vote aye.

5 CITY CLERK: Ignizio.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

7 CITY CLERK: Van Bramer.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

9 CITY CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito.

10 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I vote aye.

11 ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES: All  
12 items on today's General Order Calendar were adopted  
13 49 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0  
14 abstentions. At this time we will adjourn the  
15 recessed meeting and... with the exception of M 0013,  
16 we're 47 [background comment] in the affirmative, 2  
17 in the negative and 0 abstentions. Thank you. At  
18 this time we will adjourn the recessed meeting and  
19 call into session the Stated Meeting of January 22nd,  
20 2014.

21 [gavel]

22 ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES: All  
23 rise for... no, no... [interpose]

24 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I think we need a  
25 couple of minutes to... [interpose]

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ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES: Oh  
you gotta fix the tape?

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: get the  
technology and the equipment up to speed, so...  
[crosstalk]

ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES: So  
talk amongst yourselves.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: a couple of  
minutes, but please stay on the floor. Thank you.

[laughter]

C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date            January 23, 2014