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HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Maria Del Carmen Arroyo
Charles Barron
Gale Brewer
Fernando Cabrera
Margaret Chin
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Elizabeth Crowley
Inez E. Dickens
Daniel Dromm
Mathieu Eugene
Julissa Ferreras
Lewis A. Fidler
Helen D. Foster
Daniel R. Garodnick
James F. Gennaro
Vincent J. Gentile

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Sara M. Gonzalez
David G. Greenfield
Daniel J. Halloran III
Vincent Ignizio
Robert Jackson
Letitia James
Peter 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.
Joel Rivera
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Deborah L. Rose
James Sanders, Jr.
Larry B. Seabrook
Eric A. Ulrich
James Vacca
Peter F. Vallone, Jr.
James G. Van Bramer
Albert Vann
Mark S. Weprin
Jumaane D. Williams
Rubin Wills

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

Rodney Plummer
NYC Bus Driver
Metropolitan Transit Authority

Daneek Miller
President
Local 1056

Reverend Vanessa Brown
Pastor
Rivers at Rehoboth Church

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: The first one is so
3 important it may be one of our only ceremonials to
4 come with video and audio, so I just want you guys
5 to know how excited we are about this. So before
6 I say anything else, or Council Member Dromm or
7 anybody else has anything, let's first go to the
8 video.

9 [Start of Video]

10 NEWS ANNOUNCER: Finally, some City
11 Council summer interns are helping to bridge the
12 gap between young and old people in the community.
13 New York One's Agnes Chung introduces us to our
14 Queens People of the Week.

15 MS. CHUNG: Council Member Daniel
16 Dromm's summer interns got some firsthand
17 experience serving constituents in the 25th
18 District this summer.

19 FEMALE INTERN: So what we're doing
20 is, we're going around to all the local senior
21 centers in the district, and we're talking to
22 seniors, just asking them questions about the
23 neighborhood, specifically transportation, how
24 they live, how they stay healthy. And they're
25 letting us know, you know, what's important to

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them, what changes do they want.

MS. CHUNG: Dromm's office is taking part in the age-friendly NYC initiative. The program's goal is to make New York City a better place to grow old.

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: What I really love about this program is the interaction between the kids and the adults, and oftentimes our youth don't have an opportunity to interact like that with seniors, and the same thing for seniors, they don't have an opportunity to interact with the youth.

MS. CHUNG: The intern staff visited every senior center in Dromm's district this summer. While the staff spent time talking to seniors and helping them fill out surveys, the real work begins when they get back to the office. The interns analyze their information and try to help solve specific problems. Queens College graduate Abigail Kantos was able to prevent a mother and daughter she met at the senior center from being evicted.

MS. KANTOS: We were so happy to be a part of that, because she was so grateful, you

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2 know, she's 85 and her mother is 101.

3 MS. CHUNG: Oh my God.

4 MS. KANTOS: So, you know, to know
5 that they're going to have a home and they don't
6 have to worry about finding somewhere to go, is
7 very relieving to us.

8 MS. CHUNG: The interns say it
9 should be a priority to help seniors in the
10 community.

11 MALE INTERN: We're the next
12 generation, and every generation needs to learn
13 about what's going on, you know, not just within
14 their own age group, but also people out of their
15 age group, especially seniors.

16 MS. KANTOS: They did so much for
17 the country, they served in the military, they
18 helped bring this generation up, it's the least we
19 can do, we have to take care of them.

20 MS. CHUNG: And so, for dedicating
21 their summer to make life better for the golden-
22 agers, these interns are Queens People of the
23 Week. Agnes Chung, New York One.

24 [End of Video]

25 SPEAKER QUINN: All right, so as ...

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2 yeah, there you go, Danny ... well, I just want to
3 first thank Danny and his staff for -- Danny is
4 going to give these out -- organizing this great
5 internship program. But more importantly, I want
6 to thank all of you who were part of this
7 internship program. You know, our age-friendly
8 work, which I hope you know is part of the World
9 Health Organization's call to create age-friendly
10 cities, so what you're doing is part of an
11 international effort, not just a New York City
12 effort, but you really make us enormously proud,
13 we're incredibly grateful to all of you for taking
14 the policy work we've developed and putting it in
15 action. We're also incredibly grateful for you
16 helping people stay in their homes, an 85-year-old
17 daughter and a 101-year-old mother, you don't hear
18 about cases like that every day, and what a sin
19 that would have been if those women had to end up
20 at a shelter at that point in their lives. So
21 Danny, I'm not surprised you have a great program
22 like this, knowing how much you support and love
23 young people, and through your career as a teacher
24 know the real potential that they have to make our
25 city a better place. So thank you, and you guys,

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2 thank you so much. My only requirement for you
3 getting this proclamation is that you come back
4 for more internships with the City Council,
5 because we really need you. So congratulations,
6 let me ask Council Member Dromm to say a few
7 words, and then maybe some of the interns or
8 others.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you
10 very much, Madam Speaker, it was great to have
11 these kids in my office. We had 13 interns this
12 summer. I took lessons from Council Member Gale
13 Brewer, and from Council Member Melissa Mark-
14 Viverito, who actually did the training on the
15 age-friendly program, and I would recommend that
16 to anyone. But what these kids did was that they
17 fanned out across all the senior centers, I joined
18 them over the summer, we met in every single
19 center, and then it was their responsibility to
20 get back on every constituent issue that was
21 brought up. They did an excellent job, and I just
22 hope that none of them run against me, Madam
23 Speaker, in the future.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Because you're
25 toast, Danny.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Exactly.

And I want to make special mention, although all of them are special to me, but Alvaro was my fourth-grade student. So it was really nice to be able to honor him as well. So I want to say thank you to all the interns, and thank you to my colleagues for allowing me to indulge in this moment.

SPEAKER QUINN: Do any of them want to say anything?

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Sure.

MALE INTERN: Okay. I thank you for, I mean, honoring us and taking note of our work, and I'm very happy that I could work with, you know, all of these great people, and, you know, the Councilman and his staff, and if anybody else wants to say anything.

FEMALE INTERN: I would also like to thank everyone for honoring us, and I would say that's an honor for us to work with Council Member Daniel Dromm, because we learned a lot from him and all of his staff. They were all great to us, they taught us everything and we know everything because they taught it to us.

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2 MALE INTERN: Yeah again, just
3 rehashing what people previous to me said, thanks
4 to everybody, to the Council Member, thanks to
5 Speaker Quinn for honoring us today, and everybody
6 else here in the Council, thanks for letting us
7 hog up your time today. But no, it's been great
8 working, you know, it's not just an individual
9 effort, it's been a team effort between all of us,
10 you know. Some of us are not here today, but they
11 also deserve recognition, but, you know, it's been
12 a team effort, we learned a lot. As a team we
13 worked as a team, and well, we really helped a lot
14 of people as a team, and we can honestly say that,
15 you know, it's been a changing experience for all
16 of us, just because we get to see what other
17 people suffer through, and what other people have
18 to go through as they age. So it's been ... it's a
19 welcome experience to learn.

20 FEMALE INTERN: I just want to
21 thank Council Member Dromm for this opportunity.
22 I actually came into the program through the
23 Summer Youth Employment Program, so I was very
24 happy to be placed with Council Member Dromm and
25 everybody, the whole staff, was very amazing with

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2 all of us, they took their time to train us, they
3 were very patient, and they really helped us along
4 the way, and we're very grateful for the Summer
5 Youth Employment Program for having us intern and
6 everything that we were able to learn. Thank you
7 so much.

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INTERN ALVARO: Thank you once
again, all of you, staff.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Was he a good
teacher?

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INTERN ALVARO: Of course,
definitely, an excellent teacher. It's been an
honor working with everyone, every single one of
you, especially working with senior citizens, it's
something ... there's no words to describe it, it's
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SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, guys.
Are you good? All right, thank you guys very
much. Thanks, guys. All right, our next
ceremonial is going to be led by Council Member
Leroy Comrie, we're going to honor, excuse me, two
extraordinary bus drivers who helped New Yorkers
in need. So if those folks could make their way
up, that would be great.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE, JR.: Good
3 afternoon everyone, I just want to take the
4 opportunity to let everyone know that during our
5 critical times when people have to make snap
6 decisions, we all don't respond the same way. But
7 we had two bus drivers in two different
8 situations, Mr. Rodney Plummer, and Shalonda
9 Gibson, who's a native of Queens, and Rodney
10 Plummer, who is a native of Queens also, they both
11 acted as heroes. On ... while driving his bus, the
12 M79 route in Manhattan, helping New Yorkers, he
13 noticed that a 79-year-old woman on the back of
14 bus had slumped over and dozed off. She was
15 having a stroke and was in dire need of help. Mr.
16 Plummer stepped up and he was right there by her
17 side, he noticed, stopped the bus, he alerted the
18 authorities and worked with EMS to make sure that
19 she was taken care of, and he was able to insure
20 that she got to the hospital in less than half an
21 hour, which was, as you know, critical to saving
22 her life. Mr. Plummer has continued to stay in
23 contact and, you know, we have to really thank him
24 for stepping up and, you know, bus drivers who are
25 always abused and picked on by people and ignored

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2 by us as they move during their daily lives,
3 always have to be vigilant of everything that's
4 happening on their bus, being vigilant of
5 everything that's going on around them, not only
6 for their own safety, but also for security. And
7 Mr. Plummer did not hesitate to come to a person
8 in need and make sure that everyone that was on
9 his bus was taken care of. And also we have
10 Shalonda Gibson, who was also ... who is actually
11 just a two-year veteran, Mr. Plummer has been
12 working for 36 years. November 1st it will be 36
13 years working for the MTA, for sister Gibson is a
14 two-year veteran, but she has 18 years of nursing
15 experience, where she was driving on the Q27 bus
16 in Queens and one afternoon she was making, during
17 her regular stop she saw a young man giving the
18 sign for choking, he was literally choking to
19 death. She took him and got him in the proper
20 position, gave him the Heimlich maneuver, and
21 saving his life. So he was apparently just
22 chewing candy and it slipped down his windpipe,
23 and she was able to save his life. So for this
24 courageous act, we are honoring Shalonda for not
25 hesitating to step up in need when there was

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2 someone on their bus, and again, you know, we owe
3 so much to our bus drivers who get us to our
4 places on time, put up with people that are not in
5 the best of health or in the right frame of mind,
6 they're attacked all the time when we need to make
7 sure that they get the partitions and the other
8 safety indicators for them. But both to Shalonda
9 and to Rodney, we have two people that are
10 consistently caring, consistently insuring that
11 they are doing everything they can to protect
12 their passengers and be great representatives of
13 New York. And we also have the president of Local
14 1056, the Bus Drivers' Union in Queens, Daneek
15 Miller is here, who is looking out for his
16 drivers. I don't know if you want to say
17 something, Daneek, I'm putting you on the spot, so
18 come on, come on.

19 MR. MILLER: You know, thank you,
20 Speaker Quinn, for having us, and all the Council
21 and to you, Council Member Comrie. I want to
22 thank you for acknowledging the hard work that the
23 men and women of the Transit Authority do, and the
24 men and women civil servants in the City of New
25 York, and the citizens here, the ordinary people

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2 that come here and get recognized for doing some
3 extraordinary things, and as Leroy said, it's
4 tough out there doing the job that we do, and
5 every once in a while we want to know that we're
6 doing the right thing, and so we appreciate the
7 support that we get, partitions and all the rest
8 of the stuff, and don't get me started on what we
9 need. But, you know, we ... and Debbie, thank you
10 so much for your piece in Staten Island with the
11 fair vision and all that. So thank you so much
12 for having us and see.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you.
14 Thank you, comrade.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE, JR.: Mr.
16 Plummer, do you want to say something?

17 MR. PLUMMER: I'm thankful for the
18 support of the community, the Daily News, and my
19 councilman, who goes to the same dry cleaner I go
20 to. God bless.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE, JR.: Thank
22 you, and actually that's, you know, it was my
23 local dry cleaner that reminded me that the story
24 was in the Daily News, so I have to give Nuclear
25 Dry Cleaners and Sister Williams at the dry

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2 cleaners, because she watches New York One, and
3 she watches us, so I have to let her know that it
4 was my constituent at my local dry cleaners that
5 reminded me ... no, I'm not going to do the address,
6 but it was ... that reminded me of the heroics of
7 Mr. Plummer, so she made sure that this happened
8 today, so I have to give her credit as well.
9 Thank you, Speaker Quinn.

10 SPEAKER QUINN: All right, well,
11 thank you, guys, and that concludes ceremonials
12 for the day. Thank you, everybody.

13 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Ladies and
14 gentlemen, can I have your attention please? Can
15 I please have your attention? At this time,
16 please place all cell phones and pagers to
17 vibrate. Will all non-Council employees, non-
18 Council employees please leave the main floor of
19 the chambers. Thank you.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: My
21 colleagues, please rise for the pledge of
22 allegiance.

23 ALL: I pledge allegiance to the
24 flag of the United States of America, and to the
25 Republic for which it stands, one nation, under

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2 God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for
3 all.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Roll call.

5 Mv3 Arroyo.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

7 Mv3 Barron.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

9 Mv3 Brewer.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

11 Mv3 Cabrera.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

13 Mv3 Chin.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

15 Mv3 Comrie.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE, JR.: Here.

17 Mv3 Crowley.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.

19 Mv3 Dickens. Dilan. Dromm.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

21 Mv3 Eugene.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.

23 Mv3 Ferreras. Fidler. Foster.

24 Garodnick. Gennaro. Gentile.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.

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Mv3 Gonzalez.
COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.
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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Here.
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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN III: Here.
Mv3 Ignizio.
COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.
Mv3 Jackson.
COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.
Mv3 James.
COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Here.
Mv3 Koo.
COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.
Mv3 Koppell.
COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.
Mv3 Koslowitz.
COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.
Mv3 Lander.
COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.
Mv3 Lappin.
COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Here.
Mv3 Levin. Mark-Viverito.
COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

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Mv3 Mealy. Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.

Mv3 Nelson. Palma. Recchia.

Reyna. Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

Mv3 Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

Mv3 Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

Mv3 Sanders.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS, JR.:

Present.

Mv3 Ulrich. Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

Mv3 Vallone. Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

Mv3 Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.

Mv3 Rivera.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

Mv3 Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

Mv3 We have a quorum.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: A quorum is present, my colleagues, please rise for the invocation being delivered today by Reverend Vanessa Brown.

REV. BROWN: Let us pray.

Universal loving God, thank you for this day, thank you for your creation, we marvel at your work. We thank you for our New York City Council members and those who are assembled here in this Council chamber. We thank you for those who are active in our city government, those that have been appointed by the people and by your hand to look after this city. We pray for them, and lift them up before you, as they govern over this city. We lift up all of our city officials, we pray for skillful godly wisdom through this City Council, as they exercise their ability to make decisions in the best interests of the people and this city.

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2 We pray for this session that will take place
3 right now, we pray that you will be with them as
4 they speak of this city, as this legislative body
5 prepares to vote on today, let their decisions be
6 right and good. We thank you for giving this
7 session new and refreshing ways to re-energize
8 this city and revitalize our boroughs. We thank
9 you for giving them innovative ideas to make our
10 communities better. We thank you, God, for
11 hearing our prayer this afternoon. We pray in the
12 name of all that is righteous, just, sacred,
13 loving, kind and merciful. Amen.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Council
15 Member Jackson?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you,
17 Majority Leader, and my colleagues, Reverend
18 Vanessa Brown is a pastor, she pastors in my
19 district at the St. Luke's AME Church, she pastors
20 a church that does not have a permanent home as of
21 yet, but you understand that she is a person of
22 God that spreads that all over wherever she goes,
23 and the church in which she pastors is Rivers at
24 Rehoboth Church, an open and affirming LGBT
25 church. So Reverend, we thank you for spreading ...

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2 for giving us the prayer this morning ... this
3 afternoon, and I spread the invocation upon the
4 record.

5 SPEAKER QUINN: And if I could ask
6 my colleagues to again rise. On October 7th,
7 William Karas, 92, the father of our deputy
8 general counsel and long-time City Council staff
9 member, Jim Karas, passed away suddenly at his
10 home in New Jersey. Born in Manhattan in 1920,
11 William was raised in Queens and was a sergeant in
12 the Army Air Corps during World War II. He
13 attended college under the GI Bill, became a CPA
14 and established his own accounting firm in
15 Hoboken, New Jersey. An active member of St. John
16 the Theologian Greek Orthodox Cathedral in
17 Tenafly, William Karas was married for 51 years to
18 his beloved wife Tina and was so very proud of his
19 sons Nicholas and Jim, and his grandson William.
20 William Karas's funeral was held this morning, his
21 wake was yesterday, and our thoughts and prayers
22 go out to Jim, his mother and brother, and the
23 entire Karas family. On September 30th, 2012,
24 Brooklyn Heights resident Barry Commoner, who was
25 95, a founder of modern ecology who was a leader

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2 among scientist-activists who recognized the toxic
3 consequences of America's post-World War II
4 technology boom, passed away. Dr. Commoner's work
5 on the global effects of radioactive fallout
6 contributed to the passage of the Nuclear Test Ban
7 Treaty signed by President Kennedy in 1963. In
8 1970, the year of the first Earth Day, Time
9 Magazine put Dr. Commoner on its cover and called
10 him the "Paul Revere of Ecology". Born in
11 Brooklyn in 1917 to Jewish immigrants from Russia,
12 he graduated James Madison High School before
13 putting himself through Columbia. He earned a
14 doctorate from Harvard, taught two years at Queens
15 College, and then rose to be a lieutenant in the
16 Naval Air Corps during World War II. As founding
17 director of the Center for Biology of Natural
18 Sciences in St. Louis, his investigations included
19 lead poisoning, river pollution and organic
20 farming. In 1981, Dr. Commoner moved the Center
21 to Queens College, and was often seen testifying
22 at City Council hearings on environmental issues.
23 Dr. Barry Commoner is survived by his wife Lisa,
24 his two children and a granddaughter. And I'd
25 just like to now ask our Environmental Protection

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2 Chair, Jim Gennaro, to say a few words, and I just
3 want to say, I know Jim was someone who really
4 followed Dr. Commoner's lead and Dr. Commoner's
5 career, and he's someone who I know Jim worked
6 with very closely at Queens College, worked
7 closely when Jim was staff to the Environmental
8 Protection Committee, and Jim, you are keeping his
9 legacy alive. I had never thought to call you
10 this before, but I think it's fair to say all
11 would agree that you're the City Council's Paul
12 Revere on the environment, so.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you,
14 Madam Speaker, you're very kind to say that and to
15 have my name, you know, mentioned in the same
16 sentence as Barry is really terrific. It was
17 wonderful to work with him, he was a fixture at
18 many of the hearings we had on the Council. He
19 never had an entourage, always showed up by
20 himself, and although we know much about his work,
21 one thing we'll never know is how many lives he
22 actually saved by pushing the President to do the
23 Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. He did the science that
24 led to that, it was thought at the time that in
25 all of the tests that were going on, testing all

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2 the bombs, and so forth, it didn't have a
3 worldwide impact. He proved that it did, he
4 surveyed hundreds of thousands of baby teeth that
5 would come out of babies once they come to a
6 certain age, and he was able to show that there
7 was the presence of radioactive fallout in the
8 teeth that was 50 times what it was just before
9 they did the radioactive testing, and five years
10 after the treaty went into effect, it had been
11 decreased by 50%. And also with regard to cancer,
12 he was one of the leading researchers that forged
13 the connection between free radicals in the body
14 and cancer. So we know much about his work, but
15 we'll never know how many lives this great man
16 saved. He was also an activist on many social
17 issues, such as racial equality and sexual
18 equality, and when he ran for president in 1980 on
19 a minor party, he had a woman running mate,
20 LaDonna Harris. On his 90th birthday party, five
21 years ago, he talked about all the great things he
22 had in the pipeline, all the things that he had
23 left to do. He was a great man, but even better,
24 he was a good man, he was a good friend to me, and
25 he really encouraged me, and thank you, Madam

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2 Speaker, for paying tribute to him on the floor
3 today, he's a great friend and he will be missed.
4 Thank you, Madam Speaker.

5 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Jim.
6 Thank you, Mr. Majority Leader.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you,
8 Madam Speaker. Council Member Wills, adoption of
9 the minutes?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: I make the
11 motion that the minutes of the Stated Meeting of
12 September 12th, 2012 be adopted as printed.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.
14 Messages and papers from the Mayor?

15 Mv3 M908, submitting the name of
16 Nicholas Scoppetta, appointment New York City
17 Conflict of Interest Board.

18 SPEAKER QUINN: Rules, Privileges
19 and Elections.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:
21 Communications from city, county and borough
22 offices.

23 SPEAKER QUINN: If we can get a
24 little quiet.

25 Mv3 Pre-considered M909,

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2 recommending the name of Jose M. Araujo,
3 appointment to the New York City Board of
4 Elections.

5 SPEAKER QUINN: Rules, Privileges
6 and Elections.

7 Mv3 M910 on page two through M936
8 on page five, new, renew and relocation of pay
9 station licenses.

10 SPEAKER QUINN: Transportation.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Petitions
12 and communications.

13 Mv3 None.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Land Use
15 call-ups.

16 Mv3 M937 through M939 on page six.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: If we could please
18 have a roll call on the coupled Land Use call-up
19 vote.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

21 Mv3 Arroyo.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

23 Mv3 Barron.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I request
25 unanimous consent, vote aye on all the general

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

Mv3 Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

Mv3 Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

Mv3 Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

Mv3 Comrie.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE, JR.: Aye.

Mv3 Crowley.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

Mv3 Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Oh, aye,
aye.

Mv3 Dilan. Dromm.

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye and I
vote aye on all general orders.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I vote aye.

Mv3 Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

Mv3 Ferreras.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

Mv3 Fidler.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

Mv3 Foster.

COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.

Mv3 Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

Mv3 Gennaro.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

Mv3 Gentile.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

Mv3 Gonzalez.

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

Mv3 Greenfield.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: I vote
aye and I request permission to vote on all
coupled and general orders.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: I vote
aye, thank you.

Mv3 Halloran.

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN III: I
request permission to vote aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN III: Aye

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Mv3 Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

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Mv3 Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.

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Mv3 James.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye.

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Mv3 Koo.

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SPEAKER QUINN: I'm sorry, can we

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get a little quiet?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Request

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permission to vote on all the related items today.

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I vote aye on all.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you.

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Mv3 Recchia.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA, JR.: I

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA, JR.:

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Before I cast my vote, I would just like to say

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that I'd like to thank Lish Muckler from my staff

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who will be leaving. I want to thank her, this is

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2 her last day at the meeting, and I want to thank
3 her for all that she has done, she has been a
4 great staffer to me. I also want to say thank you
5 to her, and also thank Christian Hylton from the
6 Land Use Division who will be leaving. I want to
7 thank him for all his hard work. And I vote aye.

8 Mv3 Koppell.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.

10 Mv3 Koslowitz.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

12 Mv3 Lander.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

14 Mv3 Lappin.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

16 Mv3 Levin.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

18 Mv3 Mark-Viverito.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.

20 Mv3 Mealy.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.

22 Mv3 Mendez.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

24 Mv3 Nelson. Palma.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

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Mv3 Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye, and
I ask permission to vote aye on all general
orders.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

Mv3 Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

Mv3 Sanders.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS, JR.: Aye
on all Land Use, and I request permission to vote
aye on all general orders.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS, JR.: I
vote aye.

Mv3 Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

Mv3 Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

Mv3 Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE, JR.: Aye.

Mv3 Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

Mv3 Vann.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

Mv3 Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

Mv3 Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

Mv3 Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye.

Mv3 Oddo. Rivera.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

Mv3 Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: All right,
today's Land Use call-ups are adopted by a vote of
47 in the affirmative, with zero in the negative.
We now move on to communications from the Speaker.

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, I want
to just take a moment, is Christian Hylton here?
Just on behalf of myself ... stand up, and Chair
Comrie and Chairs Weprin and Lander and Levin just
thank you for all of your great work in the City
Council. So thank you very, very much.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE, JR.:
Christian, Christian Hylton, I want to just say on
behalf of all of us that on Land Use, we never

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2 liked you first off, so. No, I'm just kidding.
3 You've been a great, you've been a great positive,
4 quiet, reflective asset to the Land Use Committee,
5 you've always given me great counsel, you've been
6 a true friend and an adviser. I know that you are
7 moving on to other opportunities, but you will be
8 missed here, your quiet presence and your ... oh,
9 you're not missing him? Well, that's because
10 we're mad at him, we're mad at him, that's why.
11 And even though you're Jumaane Williams'
12 constituent, you will still be excluded from any
13 BSA items before the Committee, but we wish you
14 the best of luck in your future endeavors, you
15 know that whatever you need from us, we would be
16 there for you, because you've always been a
17 positive rock for all of us, so thank you,
18 Christian, and thank you for your service.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, and I
20 want to very much echo those statements of Leroy,
21 so thank you very much, in particular thank you
22 for your work on St. Vincent's. Thank you. Just
23 keeping in a lighter moment for a second, the Koz
24 is going to see Babs tonight, let's everybody wish
25 Karen a good time going to see Barbra Streisand

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2 tonight, so. She only takes the subway, Tish,
3 that goes without saying. But I know it may not
4 seem like a moment worth marking for everybody,
5 but for Karen it's big, so. And she will be on
6 mass transit. No problem. At the next Council
7 meeting she's going to do as a ceremonial a brief
8 recap of everything that they have sung tonight.
9 All right. She'll be auditioning backup singers
10 later. All right, on to the legislation. We have
11 a package of bills today coming out of the
12 Transportation Committee, and I want to thank
13 Chair Vacca for his ongoing work on issues of
14 bicycle safety, which -- we're all kind of joking
15 around, having fun, which is great, but these are
16 very serious issues and we actually had a woman
17 with us today at the pre-Stated whose husband died
18 when he was struck by a bicyclist going the wrong
19 way down a street in New York City, so this is
20 very important, it's an issue we hear persistent
21 complaints about. I want to thank Laura Popa, I
22 want to thank Lyle Frank, for their work on this
23 issue, also as it relates to the HRA legislation
24 we're hearing today also, I just want to take a
25 moment to thank Molly Murphy and Gavin Zoloff and

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2 Terzah Nasser for their work also. So again Lyle,
3 Laura, Molly, Garfan and Terzah for their work.
4 But 683A, 6783A, 896A, and 910A are all a package
5 of legislation introduced by Council Members
6 Vacca, Van Bramer and Brewer, and Lappin as well,
7 that seek to give the Department of Transportation
8 authority to enforce commercial biking
9 regulations. Also, to give clearer rules about
10 what commercial bikes need to do, and to make sure
11 that the businesses who are to some large degree
12 rushing these delivery folks to come back more
13 quickly, are held responsible for the fines. So I
14 want to thank everyone who has worked on this
15 legislation, all of the staff, and again, let me
16 start by calling on Chair Vacca, and then we'll
17 hear from Council Member Van Bramer and then
18 Council Member Brewer.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Thank you.
20 Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I want to thank my
21 colleagues on the Transportation Committee and I
22 want to thank the Transportation Committee staff.
23 You know, for too long in this city we've spoken
24 about people who drive commercial bicycles and the
25 dangers they pose to not only themselves, of

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2 course, but the dangers they pose to pedestrians
3 and motorists, because they're going the wrong way
4 on one-way streets, they're speeding on sidewalks.
5 And also, when it comes to their daily work, we
6 have laws on the books they're not complying with.
7 They're supposed to wear reflective vests, they're
8 supposed to be wearing helmets, they're supposed
9 to be having bells on their bicycles and an
10 indication as to who they are, an ID. We have
11 criminal laws on the books that require all these
12 things from the 1980's, but the criminal laws
13 require Police Department enforcement, and as we
14 know, our Police Department has so many things to
15 do, this has not been a priority with them and
16 many people would say for an understandable
17 reason. So therefore, what can we do? And what
18 we can do is that we can look at civil penalties
19 and hold accountable those who employ these
20 commercial bicyclists, to make sure that the law
21 is obeyed and indeed enforced. And that's what
22 we've done today. The legislation places the onus
23 on the New York City Department of Transportation
24 through a civil enforcement process involving the
25 assessment of fines against those who think that

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2 the law is for other people but not for them. And
3 we specifically include in this an education
4 component which will now ... which has already
5 started and which will take even more impetus in
6 the months ahead, so that people know, before this
7 law takes effect, what the law is, and that the
8 City of New York is indeed serious about having
9 these laws enforced. For too long we've been on
10 streets that often look like the wild, wild west
11 because bicyclists are on sidewalks, going against
12 red lights, wrong way on one-way streets. Well,
13 hopefully those days will be coming to an end with
14 this legislation. I thank everyone, I thank the
15 sponsors of the other bills, Council Member
16 Brewer, Council Member Van Bramer, I also mention
17 that we have more work to do. We have to look at
18 electric bicycles, and that discussion with
19 Council Member Garodnick and Council Member Lappin
20 has also been very important to our Committee and
21 I thank them for their help, and I thank the
22 Speaker, and I urge my members to vote yes on the
23 package of four bills before you today.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Chair
25 Vacca. Council Member Van Bramer?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank
3 you very much, Madam Speaker, and I want to thank
4 our great Chair, Jimmy Vacca, for helping with all
5 the bills, and in particular our bill, which is
6 Intro 683A, which while on the face of it
7 incredibly simple, has the ability to save lives
8 and prevent injuries. I certainly had numerous
9 constituents and seniors say to me that while we
10 all support our local small businesses, small
11 commercial bikers delivering food at night in
12 particular was a danger, because they could not
13 see the bikers, and wouldn't it be great if they
14 were required to wear reflective jackets and
15 vests, which with our bill will also include the
16 name of the restaurant on the back of it, so that
17 if folks are flouting the laws, they'll be able to
18 be identified and will be able to make sure that
19 those businesses know that people are watching.
20 So I think for, though it's very simple, this very
21 important piece of legislation responds to a
22 request of my constituents to make our streets
23 safer for everyone, including the commercial
24 cyclists, by making sure that everyone can see
25 when folks are making deliveries at night, and I

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2 think this will go a long way towards addressing a
3 very serious quality-of-life issue in my district
4 and the city, and I just want to thank Lyle Frank
5 and Matt Wallace from my office for their help
6 with this legislation. Thank you very much.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. Council
8 Member Brewer? And I want to echo the thanks to
9 Lyle in particular.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you,
11 Madam Speaker, I certainly want to thank Chair
12 Vacca and the whole Committee, and certainly the
13 staff, Jesse Bodine from my office, and Will
14 Colegrove, and I'm talking specifically about
15 896A, which would give the power to the Department
16 of Transportation to work with their at this time
17 six employees who are inspectors and have the
18 ability to go to the businesses and talk to them
19 and educate them, and point out what they need in
20 terms of lights and bells and helmets and vests
21 and staying off the sidewalks. It's slightly
22 complicated in terms of what they can and cannot
23 do, but the point of the matter is, the NYPD
24 cannot go door-to-door and do this kind of
25 education. Come January the DOT will be giving

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2 out summonses for those who don't follow the law
3 directly. The summons will go to the restaurant.
4 So with this package, this legislation today, we
5 are making it very, very clear to the businesses
6 that they must equip their employees with proper
7 safety equipment, and they must educate their
8 delivery people with the rules of the road, and if
9 they fail to do this, they will be getting a visit
10 and a summons from the deputized DOT agents to
11 issue violations. And I want to join my
12 colleagues who have from the seniors and from
13 others, perhaps the number one concern is the
14 delivery cyclist who is not following the rules.
15 We are totally in support of the restaurants,
16 their delivery people, they work very hard to
17 satisfy those who are not cooking at home at
18 night, but they must do it in a safe fashion, and
19 I think this group of bills does exactly that, and
20 I think it's very exciting. Thank you, Madam
21 Speaker.

22 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
23 much. I want to thank the Land Use staff, and
24 also Ramon Martinez from my office, for their
25 very, very good work on the Seward Park extension.

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2 This is an effort, or an area, that has ... whose
3 redevelopment has been under consideration for 45
4 years, nine very significant parcels of largely-
5 unoccupied property on the lower East Side, and I
6 want to thank everyone on the staff who worked on
7 this, I want to thank Chair Comrie and Chair Levin
8 for their work on it. I want to thank the long
9 list of community activists and community
10 organizations who have been working many, many
11 decades, and not just getting this done, but
12 getting it done in a good, sound way that was
13 inclusive of the folks who were there 45 years
14 ago, and of making sure affordable housing,
15 permanent affordable housing, was a real priority
16 and a commitment in this plan. So thank you,
17 guys, very much, I know some of you are with us
18 today, a small sampling. So thank you. And I
19 want to thank Council Member Rosie Mendez, who
20 abuts the area, who was a loud voice, in a good
21 way, about the needs of the community's voices to
22 be heard, so thank you. And it seems like she's
23 on a bit of a roll, but Council Member Margaret
24 Chin, for negotiating another really amazing land
25 use deal for her community and for our borough and

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2 the city, so congratulations, Margaret, let me
3 first call on the local Council Member who
4 represents Seward Park, who again, I think, drove
5 a very hard bargain and came out with a very good
6 plan here after 45 years. Margaret, apparently
7 what they were waiting for was you. So if we
8 could hear from Council Member Chin, and then
9 Chair Comrie and Chair Levin.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you,
11 Speaker Quinn. I wanted to thank the Speaker's
12 staff for all their support and guidance
13 throughout this process, as well as my colleagues,
14 Council Member Comrie and Council Member Levin,
15 for your insight and your support, and for holding
16 the Committee hearings, and also Council Member
17 Mendez, for her sisterly support, you know, in the
18 community and at the City Council. This is my
19 second back-to-back land use application. Never a
20 dull moment in District 1, but I would not be able
21 to do all this without the support of the staff,
22 and first of all, Ramon Martinez, the deputy chief
23 of staff, who is always available to give his
24 insight, and then the Land Use staff, Gail
25 Benjamin, leading her team; Christian Hylton, I am

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2 sorry to see you go, I am sorry for working you
3 back-to-back, I hope that didn't help you make
4 that decision; Ann McCoy, even though you're new,
5 this is your second one with me; and Amy Mirson
6 (phonetic); but also my own Land Use director,
7 Matt Viggiano, on this back-to-back meeting with
8 all the community boards, activists, members,
9 everyone who wanted to meet with us, we met with
10 them, even people who weren't nice. And also my
11 communications director, Kelli McGee. But I want
12 to thank all of the community activists who are
13 here today, especially Community Board #3, the
14 leadership, the former Chair, I think you're here,
15 Dominic, Fashoda Burke, the former Chair David
16 McWater and the current Chair Gigi Li and the
17 District Manager, Susan Stetzer, for their
18 leadership, and all the community activists and
19 former site tenants, including people with the
20 SPARK Coalition, GOLES, who came to the hearing
21 and let you voices be heard. But also for the
22 hundreds and hundreds of hours that you spent
23 meeting, talking together, with the city, with
24 EDC, with HPD, with the Mayor's office, to put
25 together this comprehensive compromise plan. We

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2 know that it was a compromise, because all of the
3 activists, we want more affordable housing, but in
4 order for this plan to move forward, we know that
5 we have to compromise, and work together, and I do
6 want to thank the city agencies and their staff
7 for cooperating and meeting with us and working
8 with us to make it happen, because we all want
9 this to move forward after 45 years. So today,
10 the vote here today, it is historic, it is making
11 history, and we couldn't have done this without
12 the advocacy and the hard work of the Lower East
13 Side community. And this vote will build on the
14 foundation that was laid. It took 45 years to get
15 to this point, so I am glad, and I am so glad,
16 that I am the one that is representing this
17 district, but with everyone's support we are going
18 to see this plan go forward, and the city has
19 committed to involve the community, the community
20 board, and the City Council, myself and Council
21 Member Mendez, in the RFP process and in also
22 reviewing developers. So we will see affordable
23 housing built on this site, even though it's not
24 100%, but 50% is not bad, 50% is very good, and
25 it's permanent affordable housing, also with

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2 opportunities for retail diversity for our small
3 businesses, a site set aside for school and open
4 space, but bottom line is that this is a model
5 that I think we can all follow, that community
6 input made this happen. So I'm going to be proud
7 to cast my vote to support this application, and I
8 urge my colleagues to do the same. Vote yes.
9 Thank you.

10 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. And
11 we're now going to hear from Chair Comrie, Chair
12 Levin and then Council Member Mendez.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE, JR.: I
14 think the Speaker said it all, but Margaret Chin
15 has been a rock, and members, I want to let you
16 know, she just came off a major Land Use project
17 with NYU going into Seward Park, a 45-year-old
18 project that people were actively arguing about
19 and fighting about, she met with every activist,
20 every entity, as she said, even the ones that
21 weren't nice, but Margaret Chin is a rock, she may
22 be small but she's stronger than all of us. So,
23 you know, I just want to congratulate her for her
24 tenacity, for her patience, for her understanding,
25 and for eking out a great deal, because 50%

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2 permanent affordable is nothing to laugh at.
3 Making sure that the community had all of their
4 major goals in the project was nothing to laugh
5 at. Margaret Chin is a rock, I'm proud to work
6 with her, and I'm proud that she thinks that I
7 have some advice that's worthy of her, but she
8 truly understands how to get things done in a
9 positive manner, and I just want to congratulate
10 her for Seward Park.

11 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. If we
12 could get a little quiet. Chair Levin.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you,
14 Madam Speaker. Today marks the beginning of a new
15 and exciting chapter in the long history of Seward
16 Park Urban Renewal Area. Thanks to the diligent
17 work of Speaker Quinn, Council Member Chin,
18 Council Member Mendez, the community board and
19 everyone who has spent countless hours to craft
20 this proposal, residents of the Lower East Side
21 will finally have access to affordable housing,
22 needed commercial and retail space, usable open
23 space, instead of parking lots at the base of the
24 Williamsburg Bridge. While it took many years to
25 get to this point, the high level of community

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2 involvement and the willingness of all parties to
3 maintain a constructive dialogue is a model that
4 we can all look to as our city continues to
5 evolve. I'd like to congratulate Council Member
6 Chin for her role in fostering such an inclusive
7 process, that provides her constituents with
8 needed affordable, and I thank the Council's Land
9 Use staff for their hard work on this issue.
10 Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Thank you,
12 Madam Speaker, and my comments will be brief. A
13 lot of thanks to Margaret, when she got elected
14 she said, Rosie, we're going to get this done, and
15 she really worked with the community and did get
16 it done during this term, and that's pretty
17 incredible. I want to thank a few people who are
18 no longer here, no longer working in this Council,
19 but my predecessor Margarita Lopez and my former
20 chief of staff, Lisa Kaplan, who for decades
21 worked on this issue, and two people who were part
22 of the coalition in the community, who passed away
23 and didn't get to see this a reality, Harry Wieder
24 and Mary Spink, yes. We did it, we kept forward,
25 and this was part of a community who never forgot,

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2 the former site tenants, and just never wavering
3 and standing by a vision of creating permanent
4 affordable housing on those lots, and it will be a
5 reality. Thank you all, and thank you, Margaret.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Rosie.

7 I just want to make note that we are passing Intro
8 733A today, which is one that relates to the
9 boundaries of the Far Rockaway Empire Zone. I
10 want to thank Chair Koslowitz for moving this bill
11 and Council Member Sanders, whose district it's
12 in. I want to thank Tom Donaldson, Amanda
13 Santiago and Baaba Halm for their work on this
14 bill, and let me call on Council Member Sanders.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS, JR.: Thank
16 you, Madam Speaker--

17 SPEAKER QUINN: (Interposing) Just
18 hang on one second, Jim, because someday we'll
19 have audio back in the chambers. Yeah, don't put
20 any big money on it, but yes.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS, JR.: I
22 suspect that it will happen in January.

23 SPEAKER QUINN: Right.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS, JR.: Madam
25 Speaker, I really thank you for the opportunity to

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2 speak on this one. Often we wonder if what we're
3 doing works, and I'm here to say that this bill
4 that you're passing will actually work. This has
5 to do with economic development, this has to do
6 with insuring that the Rockaways community, which
7 has one of the highest levels of unemployment in
8 the city, has the opportunity to have more
9 business and more growth. We are insuring that a
10 thriving commercial strip receives subsidies, and
11 if those businesses were not good neighbors to the
12 city, Madam Chair, I would tell you that we should
13 not do this. I'm very proud to say that they have
14 been among the leaders in our community employing
15 local people at every level, and making sure that
16 they have businesses, not simply jobs, but
17 businesses. So I encourage all of my colleagues
18 to vote for this, you can vote with an open heart
19 and a good mind, and I thank Chair Koslowitz for
20 making sure that we got this far. I thank you
21 very much, and I urge everyone to vote yes.

22 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. And
23 lastly we're voting on a package of legislation
24 coming out of the General Welfare Committee, and I
25 want to thank Molly Murphy, Liz Hoffman, Alix

1 Pustilnik and Peggy Chan for their work on that.
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3 So I think I misspoke before with the staff on
4 Transportation, it was Lyle Frank, Laura Popa,
5 Molly Murphy, Gavin Zoloff and Terzah Nasser who
6 worked on the Transportation bill, but Molly also
7 worked on the General Welfare bills with Liz, Alix
8 and Peggy, so thank you everybody. And Intro
9 648A, 649A, 657A, which have been introduced and
10 sponsored by Chair Palma, the Chair of the General
11 Welfare Committee, Chair Fidler, the Chair of the
12 Youth Services Committee, and Council Member
13 Brewer, all speak to the need for the Human
14 Resources Administration to do a better job of
15 connecting young people between the ages of 16 to
16 24 with the services that they are owed from the
17 city, particularly the educational services that
18 are out there for them. This package of
19 legislation comes in response to a study done by
20 the Community Service Society, which unfortunately
21 documented that these young people, who are very
22 much in need, were not getting the right referrals
23 or services or connection from city agencies.
24 That oversight hearing led to cooperative work
25 with the administration, that led to a directive

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2 being issued by the Mayor on this matter. We,
3 working with advocates and the administration,
4 wanted to go a step further in codifying that
5 directive, but also in going further as it relates
6 to requiring HRA to be collecting more data on
7 people 16 to 24, so we can actually get a better
8 sense of what services they need and what they are
9 and are not getting. So I want to thank everyone
10 who's worked on this bill, let me first call on
11 Chair Palma, then Chair Fidler, and then Council
12 Member Brewer.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Thank you,
14 Madam Speaker. I also want to extend my gratitude
15 to the staff who worked so hard on these bills.
16 The legislation will create a system that is more
17 successful at insuring youth and young adults
18 understand their rights and would require the
19 answers to frequently-asked questions by youth and
20 young adults to be available on HRA's and DYCD's
21 websites. It will also require HRA to clarify the
22 process it has in place for connecting young
23 people to educational and employment opportunities
24 and making staff aware of these specific policies
25 and I know that there have been many challenges

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2 around these issues and so I'm proud to be a
3 sponsor and have Gale Brewer and Council Member
4 Fidler sponsor the other two pieces of
5 legislation, and I encourage my colleagues to vote
6 yes on these bills. Thank you.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Thank you.
8 I know that you've all heard me speak on numerous
9 occasions about homeless youth in our city, and
10 while shelter beds are absolutely critical, we've
11 held a number of hearings over time on turning off
12 the spigot that leads to the homelessness of so
13 many young people in our city. Certainly, what we
14 do here today will, by encouraging HRA to assist
15 young people who are eligible for public
16 assistance, to assist young people to complete
17 their education through GED's or otherwise, to
18 make sure that they have a policy and practice in
19 place to do that, will not only save taxpayers
20 money by keeping these young people from becoming
21 homeless, but it will save lives. So I appreciate
22 the efforts of Chairwoman Palma, I thank Speaker
23 Quinn for her steadfast support on all of these
24 issues, and to all of you as well, and I urge you
25 all to vote for this bill. Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you
3 very much, Madam Speaker, and certainly General
4 Welfare Chair Annabel Palma. I'm talking
5 specifically about 648A, which gives the
6 opportunity for young people to go to the web and
7 get a frequently-asked question so that they can
8 get information before they go to get any services
9 that HRA or DYCD might provide them. Now, this
10 might seem like it's not necessary, but we had the
11 most fantastic hearing with young people, with, as
12 the Speaker indicated, the authors of the report
13 and the report itself and what became clear was
14 that the best efforts of HRA's staff are not
15 meeting the needs of these young people. And I
16 want to thank the staff of the Speaker's office,
17 because they really crafted legislation that I
18 think does make a difference for a group of people
19 for whom government is not always there. And I
20 also think that they managed to change some of the
21 minds of people who, with all due respect to HRA,
22 who are definitely not in support of working along
23 the lines that the legislation is crafted. I do
24 believe, as others have said, that young people
25 who qualify for public assistance should not face

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2 additional barriers in attaining financial and
3 personal independence, and I think that this
4 package of legislation--

5 SPEAKER QUINN: (Interposing) Can
6 we get some quiet for Council Member Brewer?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I'm
8 confident that this legislation, along with the
9 bills by Council Member Palma and Fidler, will
10 help young people to obtain the help they need to
11 improve their lives, but it wouldn't have happened
12 without the people's congress, meaning the City
13 Council, having the oversight hearing, listening
14 to the results of the report, and having young
15 people who have experienced this come and state
16 the facts, because they were very different, I
17 must admit, than what the administration stated at
18 the time. Thank you very much.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Gale,
20 and that concludes communications from the
21 Speaker.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
23 very much, Madam Speaker, we will now move on to
24 discussion of general orders. Council Member
25 Brewer.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you
3 very much. One of the issues that we're voting on
4 today is LU705, Resolution 1542. I think that it
5 is an incredibly important historic district that
6 we are going to be hopefully voting on today.
7 It's in support of the Riverside West End Historic
8 District Extension #1, and that goes essentially
9 from the 79th Street to 87th Street. This is a
10 portion of the West Side that has the very
11 historic West End Avenue, Riverside Drive, some of
12 the cross streets and the west side of Broadway.
13 The reason it's important, I think, is that Mr.
14 Dolkart, who is as you may know well-known
15 architect and historian out of Columbia University
16 did a study. This is the first of three hearings
17 and votes that we'll be taking on West End Avenue
18 for the historic district. There are so many
19 people to thank, but I want to start with the West
20 End Preservation Society, known as WEPS, these are
21 people who have tirelessly documented, raised
22 funds, and paid for this historic district. They
23 realize that this was a concern, met in a living
24 room, and have galvanized the entire Landmarks
25 Conservancy Preservation community. I also want

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2 to thank the Landmarks Conservancy, Landmark West,
3 the Historic Districts Council, and most of all,
4 the staff and the Landmarks Preservation
5 Commission, because they not only took the study
6 and ran with it and looked at it, but they did
7 their own study of the side streets and some of
8 the other avenues. This is very important to our
9 neighborhood, and I think to the whole city, thank
10 you very much for giving me the opportunity to
11 discuss it with you here today. Thank you, Madam
12 Chair.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
14 very much, now we move on to Council Member
15 Garodnick.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank
17 you very much. I wanted to voice my strong
18 support for Reso 1540, which would amend the
19 Council's rules to formalize our transparency and
20 conflict of interest procedures in the
21 discretionary funding allocation process. Over
22 the past several years, the Council has taken some
23 important steps in creating transparent
24 discretionary funding practices, in order to give
25 the public access to how Council Members allocate

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2 taxpayer dollars. These were good changes, I'd
3 like to thank the Speaker for implementing them.
4 The public now has access to discretionary expense
5 and capital allocations going back to fiscal year
6 2009, thus the public knows which organizations
7 applied for funds, which groups received funding,
8 and how much was allocated by each member. All
9 funding request applications must pass a vetting
10 process by the Council and other city agencies
11 before funds are disbursed, and Council Members
12 are required to disclose conflicts of interest
13 which may exist with discretionary allocations.
14 This is an important practice, it should be a rule
15 of the Council, so I want to thank the Speaker for
16 her support of this, Council Member Williams for
17 his introduction of this rule, and I'd like to
18 encourage my colleagues to vote yes.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
20 very much, we now move on to Council Member
21 Williams.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank
23 you. Today I believe we will be passing pre-
24 considered Resolution 1540, which will formally
25 amend the rules of the City Council in relation to

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2 discretionary funding. The legislation codifies
3 for the first time reforms put in place by Speaker
4 Quinn over the past few years, by the Finance
5 Division and the Office of the General Counsel.
6 Pre-considered Resolution 1540 requires the
7 current and future Speakers to establish a policy
8 akin to the system in place today, which insures
9 the integrity and transparency of the
10 discretionary funding process, and any such policy
11 or organizations that wish to be considered for
12 allocations from the capital or expense budget
13 must file an application with the Council or the
14 relevant city offices and/or agencies, said
15 allocations must also be made available to the
16 public in a searchable online database, it also
17 authorizes the completion of disclosure and
18 certification forms pertaining to conflicts of
19 interest by both organizations seeking funding and
20 Council members regarding relationships that may
21 impact the city's conflict of interest laws. By
22 etching these spending reforms into stone, the
23 City Council is making a strong step forward. We
24 certainly have much more work to do, particularly
25 on achieving greater parity in discretionary

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2 allocations. Without this those efforts would not
3 have a solid foundation on which to stand, which
4 is why this legislation is written to leave ample
5 room for future leadership to improve on these
6 rules. I thank Speaker Quinn, Council Members
7 Recchia, Koppell and Brewer, on this issue as well
8 as the support of the Council staff, including
9 Emerson Sykes. Thank you, I had a little mix-up
10 there.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: All right,
12 thank you very much. You've got to have fun with
13 it. Seeing no others, we now move on to reports
14 of special committees.

15 Mv3 None.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Reports of
17 standing committees.

18 Mv3 Report of the Committee on
19 Economic Development, Intro 733A, Boundaries of
20 the Far Rockaway Empire Zone.

21 SPEAKER QUINN: I thought that was
22 ... whoopsee, amended and coupled on general orders.

23 Mv3 Report of the Committee on
24 Finance, Pre-considered Reso 1539, Funding in the
25 Expense Budget.

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
3 orders.

4 Mv3 Report of the Committee on
5 General Welfare, Intro 648A, Process for Youth and
6 Young Adults Applying for and Receiving Public
7 Assistance.

8 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
9 on general orders.

10 Mv3 Intro 649A, Youth and Young
11 Adults 16 through 24 Receiving Public Assistance
12 as the Head of a Household.

13 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
14 on general orders.

15 Mv3 Intro 657, Collecting and
16 Reporting for Public Assistance.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
18 on general orders.

19 Mv3 Report of the Committee on
20 Land Use, LU680 and Reso 15441, UDAP Queens.

21 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
22 orders.

23 Mv3 LU688 through LU699, Seward
24 Park Extension.

25 SPEAKER QUINN: Approved and

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2 modifications are referred to the City Planning
3 Commission pursuant to rule 11.70B of the rules of
4 the Council and Section 197D of the New York City
5 Charter.

6 Mv3 LU705 and Reso 1542, Landmark
7 Designation Manhattan.

8 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
9 orders.

10 Mv3 LU706 and Reso 1543,
11 Unenclosed Sidewalk Café, Manhattan.

12 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
13 orders.

14 Mv3 LU709 and Reso 1544, through
15 LU714 and Reso 1546 on page 12, Zoning
16 Resolutions.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
18 orders.

19 Mv3 LU717 and Reso 1548, Amendment
20 to the City Map, Bronx.

21 SPEAKER QUINN: Hold on one sec,
22 coupled on general orders.

23 Mv3 LU718 and Reso 1549, Granting
24 of a New Tax Exemption, Bronx.

25 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general

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Mv3 Report of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections, Pre-considered M909, Re-appointment of Jose M. Araujo, Queens County Democratic Commissioner of Elections.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

Mv3 Pre-considered Reso 1540, Discretionary Funding.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

Mv3 Report of the Committee on Transportation, Intro 683A, Apparel used by Operators of Bicycles.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on general orders.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: General order calendar.

Mv3 Intro 783A, Requiring Commercial Bicyclists to Complete a Bicycle Safety Course.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on general orders.

Mv3 Intro 896A, Enforcement of

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Commercial Bicycle Provisions.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
on general orders.

Mv3 Intro 9100, Use of Bicycles
for Commercial Purposes.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
on general orders.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: General
order calendar.

Mv3 LU688 and Reso 1551 through
LU699 and Reso 1562, Seward Park Extension.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders.

Mv3 Resolution appointing various
persons Commissioner of Deeds.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders, and at this time I'd like to ask for a
roll call on all items that have been coupled on
the general order calendar.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

Mv3 Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

Mv3 Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

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Mv3 Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

Mv3 Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

Mv3 Comrie.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE, JR.: Aye.

Mv3 Crowley.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

Mv3 Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

Mv3 Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

Mv3 Ferreras.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

Mv3 Fidler.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Majority

Leader Rivera, may I be briefly excused to explain
my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Thank you.

First, sometimes you get the microphone you
forget, so I do want to apologize and thank Molly
Murphy and Alix Pustilnik and the rest of the
staff of the General Welfare Committee, Brad Reid,

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2 my counsel for their work on Intro 649A. Second,
3 I need to disclose for the record that in the
4 Finance resolution there are funds that are going
5 to Millennium Development, I have staff members
6 who have ... I have a staff member who has relatives
7 who work for that development corporation, so I
8 need to disclose that. And I also want to take
9 this moment to thank Speaker Quinn and Finance
10 Chairman Recchia, because the funds that are being
11 moved in that ... to Millennium in that transparency
12 resolution will keep a senior center that was
13 going to close its doors very shortly open, and on
14 behalf of hundreds of seniors that were really
15 kind of put out by that, I want to say thank you
16 very much. And I vote aye on all.

17 Mv3 Foster.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.

19 Mv3 Garodnick.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

21 Mv3 Gennaro.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

23 Mv3 Gentile.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye on

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Mv3 Gonzalez.

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on
all.

Mv3 Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

Mv3 Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Yes.

Mv3 James.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye.

Mv3 Koppell.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.

Mv3 Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

Mv3 Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: May I be
excused?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I vote aye,
I want to add my big voice of thanks to Christian
for all his really great work with me on the
Subcommittee, thank you, we will miss you a lot.
And as someone who had a very small bit part with
some of the folks in Seward Park, I want to say a
big, big moment of congratulations to all the

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activists, to Rosie, and especially to Margaret.
I vote aye on all.

Mv3 Lappin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: I really wanted to congratulate Councilwoman Chin and Councilwoman Mendez on the Seward Park Land Use application before us today, and thank Council Member Vacca for taking the issue of pedestrian safety so seriously along with the Speaker and Council Members Brewer and Garodnick, it's really nice to be able to pass a package of bike safety bills today. And I vote aye.

Mv3 Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye, and I want to also thank and congratulate Christian Hylton on his service to this body and to the City of New York. Thank you, Christian.

Mv3 Mark-Viverito.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.

Mv3 Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.

Mv3 Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

Mv3 Nelson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye and may I ask permission to vote aye on the land use roll-ups?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Thank you. Did you catch all that? Okay.

Mv3 Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

Mv3 Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

Mv3 Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

Mv3 Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

Mv3 Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE, JR.: Me and my boys are here, sorry. I vote aye on all except I will abstain on 901A, 783 and no on 683A. Thank you.

Mv3 Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

Mv3 Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Can I explain my vote, Majority Leader?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Among the items that we're coupling on general orders there is the proposed rezoning of approximately 140-block area in northern Bedford-Stuyvesant. I guess some four years ago we previously rezoned the southern half. This is a contextual rezoning, of course it enhances the commercial district, and it puts a ring of protection around the preservation of this residential area, and I'm very pleased that during my tenure we've been able to again rezone the entire Bed-Stuy area, and I thank all of you for your support of this particular item. Thank you. I vote aye.

Mv3 Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

Mv3 Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

Mv3 Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye.

Mv3 Foster.

COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.

Mv3 Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

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Mv3 Rivera.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

Mv3 Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: All items on today's general order calendar were adopted by a vote of 48 in the affirmative with zero in the negative and zero abstentions, with the exception of Intro 683-A, which was adopted by a vote of 47 in the affirmative, one in the negative and zero abstentions, and 783-A, which was adopted by a vote of 47 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and one abstention, and Intro 910-A, which was adopted by a vote of 47 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and one abstention, and the revised land use call-ups were adopted by a vote of 48 in the affirmative, with zero in the negative. Introduction and reading of the bills?

SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are referred to Committee.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Seeing that there are no resolutions, we'll now move on to general discussion. We have Council Member

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Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Well, thank you, I didn't know I did anything, you're applauding for me. But my colleagues, I rise this afternoon, you've been given this particular flyer, which is about a film being shown tomorrow in the members' lounge from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., it's about schoolchildren from Brooklyn, and it's called Brooklyn Castle. And basically this film is about five-time national chess champions at IS318 in Brooklyn, in Steve Levin's district, and it's about the lives of these five students, including one learning-disabled, and the challenges they face in their personal lives as well as at school. It's about the transformation effect of after-school programs on the lives of these children, and it's about budget cuts, and we know about that, and how the school had to struggle to maintain this award-winning program. It even has a scene shot at City Council featuring someone you all would know and love. So I ask you to come at three o'clock tomorrow, and invite your staff also to attend. People that have seen say it's a great film. And finally let me just--

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: (Interposing) And
3 it's Rosie's middle school, Rosie Mendez, where
4 she went to middle school.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: You went
6 to school there? You did? Oh, okay. But also I
7 would like to thank Peter Vallone, Jr., the
8 Speaker, Jumaane and Brad, for the beginning of
9 these very serious issues regarding the issue of
10 stop, question and frisk. As you know, there are
11 four bills that are pending, and obviously
12 yesterday was an opening day, I think the hearing
13 lasted maybe five or six hours. I was there for
14 about two hours, and then I chaired the Education
15 Committee hearing on busing in our schools, \$1.3
16 billion is spent on busing our children, and
17 obviously it was a problem this beginning of the
18 school year, and that hearing lasted and closed at
19 6:15 p.m. So if you didn't have the opportunity
20 to listen, please go back and check it out. But I
21 want to thank you for opening the hearing process
22 regarding the issue of stop, question and frisk,
23 knowing that almost 700,000 people last year were
24 subjected to that, and many of them, almost all of
25 them, without arrests. So I ask you to pay

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attention to this very important matter. Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Council Member Dickens, if we can get silence in the chambers.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you. Today I am introducing Intro 943, legislation in relation to the place of assembly certificate of operation, and the place of assembly permit. In essence, this will streamline the process to remove arduous unnecessary components of the process, to make it easier for small businesses. Instead of directly obtaining permits and registering with both the Fire Department and DOB, this new revised process primarily lets a business owner deal with the Fire Department and removes the task of dealing with two agencies. Also, place of assembly certificates have no expiration dates any more, but would need to be accompanied by a New York Fire Department permit after one year. It is important to remove any extraneous variance afflicting our small businesses, and this legislation takes us in the right direction. I thank the Speaker and her phenomenal staff, Rob

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2 Newman and his staff, in helping ... in crafting
3 this necessary and timely legislation. Thank you,
4 Majority Leader.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
6 very much. Council Member Brewer.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you
8 very much, I want to also ask people to sign on
9 Intro 941, which does, as it suggests, standardize
10 customer service training for agency inspectors,
11 and it's part of the Speaker's wonderful positive
12 support for the businesses, and particularly the
13 small ones, in our City of New York. I also want
14 to mention that I have three fabulous interns here
15 today, Nicole Scalise, who is a Hunter public
16 service scholar, Ama Kopetka, who is a LaGuardia
17 Community College student, and Shirilana Karki,
18 who is at Baruch. And just like all of the
19 interns in the City Council, they are phenomenal.
20 Thank you very much.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Council
22 Member James.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: So earlier
24 Lia Neal was here, Lia Neal is a U.S. Olympic
25 swimmer, unfortunately she had to leave, she had

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2 to attend school. She was mentored by Michael
3 Phillips and Allison Schmidt, and on July 28th,
4 2012 during the 2012 London Olympic Games, Lia
5 helped the United States claim bronze in the 4X100
6 freestyle relay. At the ripe old age of 17, Lia
7 has made United States history as the second woman
8 of African descent to represent the United States
9 swimming in the Olympics. And I just wanted to
10 congratulate Lia, as I did earlier on behalf of
11 the City Council. I also want to bring to the
12 attention of the body a letter that has been
13 circulated regarding a newly-formed technology
14 development corporation by the administration.
15 The administration -- thank you -- the
16 administration removes \$20 million from the
17 general fund to establish this corporation, a
18 corporation that is not subject to the approval of
19 the City Council and/or the legislature, a
20 corporation that is not subject to civil service
21 and/or procurement rules. I urge everyone to
22 write on, to sign on to a letter that I have
23 circulated asking that the Comptroller of the City
24 of New York not register this contract until such
25 time as this body holds hearings. And last but

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not least, all of you who went to see Jay-Z, I forgive you. All of you--

MALE VOICE: (Interposing) Thank you very much.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: All of you ... may we have ... all of you who are going to see Barbra Streisand, I understand. And all of you who are going to see Lady Gaga, just like me, you were born this way, I've got it. All I ask is that you take the subway and enjoy yourself. Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you very much. Council Member Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you. Thank you, Tish, for Jay-Z, and my mom thanks you for Streisand. I just wanted to also say a thank you to the Speaker and all who were at the hearings yesterday and moving this forward. I do wish, and want to say again, the administration should have sent someone, should have sent someone who could answer some questions that were based on merit, and definitely should have sent someone from the Police Department. Hopefully we can move forward expeditiously ahead in fixing this, and I

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2 had a special song for a couple of colleagues.
3 Why can't we be friends, why can't we be friends?
4 Thank you very much.

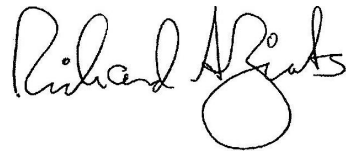
5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
6 very much, Council Member, don't quit your day
7 job. Council Member Lander. But we're friends,
8 so it's good. Council Member Lander.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I just want
10 to let everyone know that thanks to Council Member
11 Levin's good work on opening night, you know
12 there's plenty of bicycle parking as well, so
13 there's a lot of. On opening night, there's 400
14 bike parking slots, and on opening night there
15 were three bikes in the 400 slots. So Karen,
16 anyone else, plenty of available bike parking,
17 that's all I'm saying.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
19 very much. Seeing no others, this Stated Meeting
20 is now adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Richard A. Ziats, 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 _____ October 23, 2012 _____