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Of the

CITY COUNCIL

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City Hall

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Charles Barron
Gale A. Brewer
Fernando Cabrera
Margaret S. Chin
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
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Inez E. Dickens
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Lewis A. Fidler
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James F. Gennaro

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Diana Reyna
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Deborah L. Rose
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James Vacca
Peter F. Vallone, Jr.
James G. Van Bramer
Albert Vann
Mark S. Weprin
Jumaane D. Williams
Ruben Wills

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

Consulate General
Mexico

Russell Granet
Executive Director
Lincoln Center Education

Father George Anastasiou
Transfiguration of Christ Greek
Orthodox Church

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Today we have two ceremonials, and the first one that we have is for Mexican Independence Day which we are celebrating on the upcoming Monday. It's going to be the 203rd anniversary, and today we have with us the Mexican Consulate, and we want to give a proclamation, you know, recognizing all the efforts and the rich history that we have within the Mexican community here in New York, in the United States, and of course in our great relationship with the great country of Mexico. I have with us my Council colleagues. We have Council Member Liz Crowley and Council Member Rosie Mendez bright-eyed and bushy tail, just a couple days after the elections.

So, with that I want to ask the clerk to please call the roll... I mean to read the proclamation.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council of the City of New York. Council of the City of New York is proud to join all New Yorkers in celebrating the 203rd anniversary of Mexican Independence day and to foster a greater appreciation for the extraordinary rolls Mexicans and Mexican-Americans have played in shaping our city and our nation, and whereas the story of the

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2 Mexican people is similar to the story of the United
3 States. The Mexican community's values, love of
4 family, a strong work ethic, a respect for our
5 heritage and a deep faith, our American values or
6 release citizens to great risks to begin new
7 independent and free lives for themselves and their
8 families, and that tradition continues today.

9 And whereas, Mexico, the fourth largest
10 country in the Western Hemisphere, is a cradle of
11 great pre-Spaniard civilizations like the Olmecs,
12 Mayas, Toltecs and the Aztecs of Mexicas [phonetic].
13 The story of its independence tells not only how it
14 came to be but also reveals its present realities and
15 future possibilities.

16 And whereas, Mexican Independence Day
17 celebrates the events and people that eventually
18 resulted in independence from Spain, the country that
19 controlled the territory known at that time as New
20 Spain. Near the end of the 18th century, the people
21 began to question how the traditional society was
22 based. They longed for freedom of speech, a
23 representative government, and restrictions on the
24 power of the Church.

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2 Whereas, on September 15th, 1810, Father
3 Miguel Hidalgo officially proclaimed independence
4 from Spain. Within three months in the city of
5 Guadalajara, he also issued a decree abolishing
6 slavery, making Mexico the first nation to do so in
7 the Americas.

8 And whereas, today New York City is a
9 proud home to more than 319,000 Mexican immigrants
10 and Mexican-Americans who daily contribute the
11 cultural, artistic, economic, and entrepreneurial
12 vitality of the city. As they all continue to
13 strengthen the fabric of our city and our nation as a
14 place of unity and progress, we stand together to
15 recognize this important milestone and reflect not
16 only upon Mexico's rich heritage but its great future
17 as well.

18 Now therefore be it known that the
19 Council of the City of New York is proud to observe
20 Mexican Independence Day in celebration of its 203rd
21 anniversary.

22 Signed this 12th day of September in the
23 year 2013. Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the
24 entire Council; Robert Jackson, Co-Chair Black,
25 Latino, and Asian Caucus; Fernando Cabrera, Co-Chair

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2 Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus; Joel Rivera,
3 Majority Leader.

4 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very
5 much. And we'll be honored if you can share a few
6 words today.

7 CONSULATE GENERAL: Thank you very much.
8 It is a pleasure for us in the Consulate to receive
9 this proclamation today. I would ask you please to
10 convey the gratitude of the Mexican authorities in
11 this city to Speaker Quinn and to the rest of the
12 Council. Thank you very much.

13 I was prepared to say many words but the
14 proclamation said it all. I think that you all know
15 that I represent a thriving community that has
16 contributed enormously to the welfare of this city,
17 and it is my wish as new Consulate General of Mexico
18 that the relationship that happily exists between the
19 Consulate and the Mayor and the City continues to be
20 as good as it has been. Thank you very much.

21 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: We'll make sure
22 it gets stronger.

23 We've been joined by Council Member
24 Fernando Cabrera who's the Co-Chair of the Black,
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2 Latino, and Asian Caucuses. You want to say a few
3 words, Fernando?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: And I feel
5 compelled to say something because my wife is Mexican
6 so Viva Mexico. So it's an honor to have, and
7 especially in the Bronx, we're starting to see a
8 surge of Mexicans that are... the population of
9 Mexicans is growing 60,000. Now when I came in 1988
10 there were a few and so we're seeing a significant
11 part of the Mexican population growing, but we
12 rejoice and this Mexican Independence Day and we're
13 here to serve the community. Thank you so much.

14 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: And thank you so
15 much.

16 Okay, ladies and gentlemen, my
17 colleagues, we're going to start the second
18 ceremonial. Today we have with us the Lincoln Center
19 Education that we're going to be giving a
20 proclamation to on behalf of the Speaker, Gale
21 Brewer, Borough President Elect, I believe. Not yet
22 until November. And Jimmy Van Bramer, who is fresh
23 off of the primary elections. With that being said,
24 I want to give an opportunity to our colleague,
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2 Council Member Gale Brewer, to say a few words on
3 behalf.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very
5 much, Council Member Rivera, and I'm honored to honor
6 the Lincoln Center Institute. This is an
7 organization that for many years has contributed to
8 the arts education of our city, and they've done it
9 in a way that is really comprehensive. I learned one
10 thing from this organization that sticks in my mind
11 at all times. If an organization is going to work in
12 a school, and if they're an outside organization,
13 they absolutely must be sustainable. Do not come in
14 from one session and disappear, and the great thing
15 about Lincoln Center Institute is not only do they
16 remain sustainable, but they also train teachers and
17 they train the teachers of the teachers, and they
18 understand that arts education is not only important,
19 but it's a very long term opportunity for young
20 people to grow, and they really are the premiere
21 worldwide organization. Other arts organizations
22 learn from them.

23 And so to have them in my district, to
24 have learned from them, has been a great honor, and I
25 must admit I say to all other arts organizations, are

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2 you sustainable? Because if you're not, get out.
3 And then I say I learned that from Lincoln Center.
4 So I want to thank you for being here today, and I
5 assume that we ask that the Clerk read the
6 proclamation and then we will hear from the Director.
7 Thank you very much. First the Clerk will read.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council, City of New
9 York proclamation: The Council of the City of New
10 York is proud to honor Lincoln Center Education for
11 its outstanding service to the arts and education
12 communities.

13 And whereas, established in 1975, Lincoln
14 Center Education has been the education cornerstone
15 of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts to help
16 meet the pressing need for students of all ages to
17 learn about and experience the arts. Lincoln Center
18 Education is guided by Russell Granet, its visionary
19 executive director and his tireless staff, who serve
20 on the frontlines. Using the organization's
21 innovated approach to arts education for K-12 school
22 reform, teacher education, community engagement and
23 advancing the fields of arts and education with an
24 unparalleled commitment to thought leadership and the
25 development and dissemination of research. Together,

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2 their skills, dedication and leadership inspire
3 communities around the globe not only to see
4 potential but to seize it, improving the lives of
5 more than 350,000 students, teachers, and lifelong
6 learners every year.

7 And whereas, Lincoln Center Education
8 makes a lasting positive impact by providing services
9 that reevaluate and reimagine the role of arts and
10 education in schools and communities in New York
11 City, across the nation, and around the world sending
12 professional teaching artists in K-12 schools and to
13 colleges and universities in New York producing and
14 touring its own repertoire of multi-disciplinary
15 works of art that feature a combination of critically
16 acclaimed and emerging artists producing a variety of
17 presenting series at Lincoln Center for the
18 Performing Arts to engage the local community.

19 And whereas, today Lincoln Center
20 Education also collaborates with over 65 New York
21 City schools and ten higher education institutions
22 and many other organizations, including the Academy
23 of Integrated Arts, Alianza Academy, New Jersey Music
24 Administrators Association, Soul Foundation for Arts
25 and Culture, Singapore Arts Council, Thomas S. Kenan

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2 Institute for the Arts, North Carolina Arts Council,
3 Julliard School, and the Joyce Theater to expand its
4 reach even farther.

5 Now therefore be it known that the
6 Council of the City of New York gratefully honors
7 Lincoln Center Education for championing arts
8 education in New York City and around the world.
9 Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the entire Council;
10 Gale A. Brewer, Council Member 6th District
11 Manhattan; Jimmy Van Bramer, Chair of Cultural
12 Committee.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very
14 much. We'll hear from the Chair of the Cultural
15 Affairs Committee and then from the wonderful Lincoln
16 Square... Lincoln Center.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Gale's a
18 little tired, understandably so. First of all, I
19 just want to say thank you to Council Member Brewer
20 who is an amazing champion of the arts all across her
21 district and the city. She is an amazing champion.
22 She understands the value of culture in the City of
23 New York, and the work that you do in educating and
24 bringing the arts into the lives of young people is
25 transformative obviously and is really

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2 groundbreaking, so on behalf of all of us who care
3 about culture and the arts and care about arts and
4 ed, thank you so much.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you. And
6 who... Mr. Grant?

7 RUSSELL GRANET: Thank you very much. On
8 behalf of Lincoln Center Education, we would like to
9 thank Council Member Brewer for your support as well
10 as all of the support from the City of New York. We
11 believe that the arts are, in fact, a right and not a
12 privilege [applause]. I will hold for applause,
13 thank you. And we would not be able to make that a
14 reality without the great support of the city. This
15 support enables us to work with families, students,
16 community members, who otherwise would not have the
17 opportunity to visit a place like Lincoln Center. So
18 this extraordinary support and this proclamation
19 means the world to us. Thank you very much
20 [applause].

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very
22 much.

23 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: And that
24 concludes the ceremonials for today.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.
COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.
COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.
COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan. Dromm. Eugene.
Ferrereras. Fidler
COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.
COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick. Gennaro.
COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.
COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez. Greenfield.
COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran. Ignizio.
Jackson.
COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: James.
COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: King.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.
3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.
5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.
7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.
9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.
11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin. Levin. Mark-
12 Viverito.
13 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Here.
14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy. Mendez.
15 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.
16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.
17 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.
18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.
19 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.
20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.
21 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.
22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.
23 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.
24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.
COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.
COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich. Vacca.
COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.
COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.
COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.
COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Weprin.
COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.
COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills.
COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Present.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo. Rivera.
MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.
SPEAKER QUINN: Here.
COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Please rise for

the invocation delivered by Father George Anastasiou.

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2 FATHER GEORGE ANASTASIOU: Brothers and
3 sisters, let us bow our heads in prayer mindful that
4 we are ever in the presence of the Lord. Heavenly
5 King, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth who are ever
6 present and fill all things, the treasury of all
7 blessings, we humbly bow our heads in awe of your
8 magnificent glory. We offer jubilant thanks to you
9 for bringing us together in this sacred chamber of
10 the City Council which serves the metropolis of the
11 world, New York City. Teach us that it is our
12 responsibility to seek that which was lost, to
13 restore that which was driven away, to bind up all
14 that has stood broken to strengthen that which is
15 ailing, bestow upon us gifts and resources to help,
16 to heal, and to build a better world starting with
17 our city. We finally beseech and implore you to
18 illumine the steps of our beloved speaker, Christine
19 Quinn, and all those council members as they move
20 forward in their life and career. We pray for
21 heavenly blessings for Julissa Ferreras in this
22 blessed time during which she has brought forth a new
23 life into the world, and we ask, Heavenly Father,
24 that you keep all council members, their family and
25 staff under the protection of your mighty right hand

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2 as they most diligently labor for the welfare of our
3 city. We ask these things in your holy majestic and
4 eternal name, amen.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Council Member
6 Dromm, can you spread the motion on the record,
7 please?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Yes, I'd like to
9 spread the motion on the record please for the
10 invocation. Thank you.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Thank you.

12 SPEAKER QUINN: And, if I could ask my
13 colleagues to stand again please? We thankfully have
14 not had to read one of these in quite some time but
15 unfortunately do today.

16 On August 28th, 2013, Staff Sgt. Michael
17 H. Ollis, 24, of New Dorp in the Minority Leader
18 Jimmy Oddo's district, was killed in Afghanistan
19 after insurgents attacked his unit. Sgt. Ollis was
20 assigned to the 10th Mountain's First Brigade combat
21 team based at Fort Drum, New York.

22 While growing up in Staten Island,
23 Michael dreamed of following his father and
24 grandfather's footsteps in joining the Army. Shortly
25 after graduating Michael J. Petrides High School in

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2 2006, he enlisted and served one tour in Iraq and was
3 on his second tour in Afghanistan when he was killed.

4 His neighbors described him as a quiet,
5 respectful young man, who loved sports, was truly a
6 great kid who would do anything to help people. His
7 mother Linda said, "we are so proud of Michael. He
8 always wanted to be a soldier, and we were very
9 supportive of him. He had just received the Bronze
10 Star a few weeks ago."

11 Staff Sgt. Michael Ollis is survived by
12 his parents, Robert and Linda, many relatives and
13 friends, and a grateful nation. He was the 92nd New
14 Yorker to die in service to our country since 9/11.

15 And to end on more uplifting news, which
16 Father George, it's so great you're here today to
17 give the invocations as we get to announce as you did
18 that Julissa gave birth to her first son Julian
19 yesterday and [applause]... and thank God she and
20 Julian and everyone are doing terrific, but also to
21 keep the Council's family growing, Dan Garodnick and
22 his wife Zoe welcome their second child yesterday
23 [applause]. They had another boy, Devin Randolph
24 Garodnick. He weighed in at eight pounds even, and
25 mom and dad and big brother Asher are doing terrific.

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2 And we're not done. Lastly, yesterday, there was a
3 lot going on, on Tuesday and Wednesday. Jeff Baker,
4 our assistant director in the Infrastructure
5 Division, welcomed his first child Eleanor Frances
6 Baker, weighing in at seven pounds, four ounces, and
7 Eleanor and mom Elizabeth are doing great. Jimmy do
8 you have an announcement? So that is all great news,
9 and Father we'd ask if you would keep the other
10 newborns and their moms and dads in your prayers as
11 well. Thank you all very much. Thank you.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Adoption of the
13 Minutes by Council Member Jessica Lappin. Council
14 Member, you're adopting the Minutes, yes.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: I move that the
16 Minutes of the Stated Meeting of July 24th, 2013
17 should be adopted and printed.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Message and papers
19 from the Mayor?

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Communication from
22 city, county and borough offices?

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Petitions and
25 communications?

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.
3 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Land Use call ups?
4 COMMITTEE CLERK: M 1248 and M 1249.
5 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Roll call.
6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.
7 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.
8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.
9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.
10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.
11 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.
12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.
13 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.
14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.
15 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.
16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.
17 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Yes.
18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.
19 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.
20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.
21 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.
22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan. Dromm.
23 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.
24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene. Ferreras.
25 Excuse me. Fidler.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.
3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.
5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick. Gennaro.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.
7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Yes.
9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez. Greenfield.
10 Halloran.
11 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye.
12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.
13 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.
14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.
15 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Yeah, yes.
16 COMMITTEE CLERK: James.
17 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Yes.
18 COMMITTEE CLERK: King.
19 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye.
20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.
21 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.
22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell.
23 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.
24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.
COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.
COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.
COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.
COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy. Mendez.
COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.
COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.
COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.
COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.
COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards. Rodriguez.
COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye, and I
would like to ask permission to vote Aye on General
Order.
COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered, sorry.
COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich. Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone. Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote Aye on
all call ups, and with permission I'd like to vote
Aye on all coupled General Orders.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Today's Land Use
3 call ups were adopted by a vote of 43 in the
4 affirmative and zero in the negative.

5 Just want to acknowledge that we have
6 with us today, sitting with us, Assembly Member Inez
7 Dickens.

8 SPEAKER QUINN: Inez Barron.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I object.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: I'm sorry, I'm
11 sorry, Assembly Member Inez Barron is here with us
12 this afternoon. Sorry, Charles. Excuse me, excuse
13 me. I was starting a scandal of large proportions
14 there. Communications from the Speaker. Thank you.

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much. We
16 have a couple pieces of legislation we're voting on
17 today, and the first two come out of the Health and
18 Women's Issues Committee which were sponsored by
19 Chair Arroyo and Chair Ferreras. I want to thank Dan
20 Hafitz [phonetic] and Crystal Goldpond [phonetic] and
21 Molly Murphy and Laura Popa [phonetic] and Tara
22 Zanaza [phonetic] and Rob Newman [phonetic] and
23 Margaret Nelson for their work on 1051-A and 1058-A.
24 Both of these pieces of legislation seek to bring
25 greater transparency and greater follow up to the

1 office of the Chief Medical Examiner. Folks will
2 remember a number of months ago, a very alarming
3 story in the press about errors in the office of the
4 Chief Medical Examiner that called into question DNA
5 findings and convictions around rape and sexual
6 assault. And we need to know with complete certainty
7 that the work of our Chief Medical Examiner as it
8 relates to all efforts, but particularly to law
9 enforcement are above reproach, and that when errors
10 occur thorough review is done and that they are
11 reported to the Council, the Mayor, and the
12 appropriate district attorneys. That is now all
13 going to be required by law. I want to thank Chair
14 Arroyo and Chair Ferreras and all of the council
15 members who participated in two very, very thorough
16 oversight hearings to get to the bottom of the issue
17 with this problem, and I know that these pieces of
18 legislation will assure that if there are ever future
19 mistakes it doesn't cause the kind of tremendous
20 uncertainty and unknown for victims and their
21 families as we saw in this case. So let me thank
22 Council Member Ferreras and call on Chair Arroyo.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Thank you, Madame
25 Speaker, and thank you for your support in moving the

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2 two pieces of legislation forward. I want to thank
3 my cosponsor Julissa Ferreras for her tenacity and
4 her work to make sure that our committees
5 collaborated to make sure that what legislation we
6 present for adoption are two that make sense and make
7 our system better.

8 You've already acknowledged the staff but
9 I want to say a special thank you to my committee
10 staff Dan Hafitz, Crystal Goldpond and Henry
11 Francisco [phonetic] for their long hours of work. I
12 got a call at 11 o'clock one night and it was a 788
13 number and he was actually in the office working to
14 make sure that we had the legislation in order so
15 that we can all agree and move it forward.

16 I want to say a special thank you to the
17 acting Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Samson for her
18 leadership and her cooperation in helping us craft
19 bills that make sense and that do not put a burden on
20 the office of the medical examiner, and I urge all of
21 my colleagues to vote Yes on both pieces of
22 legislation. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

23 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Chair Arroyo.
24 We are also voting on a piece of legislation coming
25 out of the Sanitation and Solid Waste Management

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2 Committee. I want to thank Dan Avery, Baba Ham
3 [phonetic], and Jarrett Hover [phonetic] for their
4 work. This is a piece of legislation introduced by
5 Council Member Rose and Shepherd and through by Chair
6 James. 1107-A will require a two-year pilot program
7 of composting for apartments and residences of
8 variant size and schools throughout the City of New
9 York. It's going to be an important part of helping
10 us reduce our solid waste stream and the City of New
11 York become a greener city and a city that has to
12 spend less on solid waste. Let me call on Council
13 Member Rose and then Chair James.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you, Speaker.
15 My colleagues, I am proud and excited to sponsor Int
16 1107-A, which would require the Department of
17 Sanitation to conduct a two-year pilot for the
18 collection and composting of organic wastes from
19 residences and schools in the city. I want to thank
20 Speaker Quinn and Councilwoman James and
21 Environmental Chair Gennaro for their support of this
22 legislation and for a speedy progress through the
23 counsel. Int 1107 will expand the composting pilot
24 project launched this May to select areas in the city
25 as well as in our schools and establish a time table

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2 for data collection from the pilot project and for
3 full expansion of the composting program throughout
4 the city. Composting makes good fiscal sense for the
5 city which currently pays over \$100 million dollars
6 per year to landfill organic waste. Organics make up
7 35 percent of the overall New York City waste stream.

8 By creating a full body composting
9 program, the city will address three important issues
10 for the city's future: Reducing its carbon footprint,
11 creating jobs, and saving money. By diverting
12 organic waste to composting facilities, New York City
13 will reduce landfill generated greenhouse gases. It
14 will also generate valuable fuel and other resources
15 for the city so that we are less reliant on fuel from
16 outside sources. The development of new composting
17 plants and programs will also generate green jobs and
18 can promote innovative new packaging materials which
19 in turn could become an important job generator for
20 the city.

21 As a Staten Islander, I know only too
22 well what a huge waste output means. We were
23 burdened with a temporary dump that existed for 50
24 years. We need to reduce landfill. We need to
25 reduce our carbon footprint. We need to generate

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2 jobs, and we need to save money for the city. Adding
3 these factors up, the answer is clear, the time for
4 composting has come. It is a win-win solution for
5 many problems that the city faces. I hope you will
6 join me in voting for this important step towards
7 improving the city's sustainability in the long term.
8 Thank you.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Approximately 30
10 percent of New York City's residential waste stream
11 is comprised of organic waste such as food scraps,
12 yard waste, and soiled paper. All but a fraction of
13 that waste is sent to landfills or incinerators.
14 Currently, the vast majority of composting that
15 occurs in New York City is conducted at the community
16 level. A robust residential composting program would
17 have a significant impact on the city's solid waste
18 stream.

19 The bill that we are voting on today
20 which is sponsored by my very good friend, Council
21 Member Debbie Rose, would establish a pilot program
22 for the composting of organic waste from residences
23 and schools in New York. I'm also happy to note that
24 the bill also includes a study on improving community
25 composting, an issue that I have long sought to be

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2 important. I want to congratulate Council Member
3 Debbie Rose on this environmentally sound bill, and I
4 would urge all of my colleagues to vote in support of
5 the bill. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much,
7 Madame Chair, and that concludes communications from
8 the Speaker.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Discussion of
10 General Orders, seeing none. Report of special
11 committees.

12 CITY CLERK: None.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Report of standing
14 committees?

15 CITY CLERK: Report of the Committee on
16 Health, Int 1051-A, Chief Medical Examiner.

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

19 CITY CLERK: Int 1058-A, Transparency,
20 Chief Medical Examiner.

21 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on
22 General Orders.

23 CITY CLERK: Report of the Committee on
24 Land Use, LU 884 and Res 1929, Zoning Map Amendment.

25 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders.

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CITY CLERK: Report of the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management, Int 1107-A, Collection of Food Waste.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on General Orders.

CITY CLERK: Preconsidered Res 1924, Environmental Review.

SPEAKER QUINN: Couple on General Orders.

CITY CLERK: General Order calendar, 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 the items that are coupled on the General Order calendar please.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye on all.
Congratulations to Council Member Debbie Rose.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.
3 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.
4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.
5 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.
6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.
7 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.
8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.
9 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.
10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan. Dromm.
11 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.
12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.
13 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.
14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.
15 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.
16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.
17 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.
18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.
19 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.
20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.
21 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye on all.
22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez. Greenfield.
23 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.
24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: James.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Congratulations,
Council Member Arroyo and Council Member Rose. I
vote Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: King.

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell. Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito. Mealy.
Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.

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Richards.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.
COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia. Reyna.
COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye on all.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.
COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich. Vacca.
COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.
COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann
COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.
COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.
COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills.
COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye on all.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.
COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: I vote Aye on
3 all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

5 SPEAKER QUINN: Aye on all.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: All items on
7 today's General Order calendar were adopted by a vote
8 of 44 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and
9 zero abstentions with the exceptions of Int 1107-A
10 which was adopted by a vote of 43 in the affirmative,
11 one negative and zero abstentions. Revived Land Use
12 call ups were adopted by a vote of 44 in the
13 affirmative and zero in the negative.

14 Introduction and reading of bills?

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

17 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Discussion of
18 resolutions. None. General discussion, Council
19 Member Jackson? One second, Council Member. Council
20 Member Recchia?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Thank you.
23 Council Member Jackson?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you. My
25 colleagues, good afternoon to all of you, and first

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2 so let me congratulate everyone with respects to the
3 recent Democratic primaries that we were involved
4 with, some of us. Someone said to me I'm sorry that
5 you didn't win, and I said, really? We all won.
6 When you run and if you finish a marathon we all are
7 winners, and this particular case in the Manhattan
8 borough president's race, Gale came in first, but
9 we're all winners because if, in fact, you run a New
10 York City marathon you know that running 26.2 miles
11 is not easy and that your mind plays games on you and
12 your body plays games on you, but the bottom line
13 when you finish we're all winners. Gale,
14 congratulations to you, the next Manhattan Borough
15 President, and to all my colleagues. I don't think
16 any one of us need to hold our heads down. Hold your
17 head up high. Be proud of the race that you have
18 run, and I wanted to say that to all of you publicly.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Can we get a little... just
20 a little quiet.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Also, I put a
22 flyer on everyone's desk that says dad's take your
23 child to school, which is this Tuesday, September
24 17th. And if you look at the flyer, look at the
25 image there, it's of a father with a child, and so I

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2 ask all of you to communicate this to your
3 constituents about fathers taking their children to
4 school and some of you may already do that but on the
5 average that's not the case, and there was a
6 coalition that put this together is the NYC
7 Responsible Fatherhood Coalition. Today, many
8 commissioners spoke at the Harlem Children's Zone on
9 129th Street and the St. Nicolas housing development,
10 and let me briefly say to you that I got involved in
11 my children's education when my wife went to go
12 enroll our oldest daughter in 1980, and the parents'
13 association asked her to get involved, and she said
14 I'll send my husband, and the rest is history and
15 that's why I'm here at the City Council today. So,
16 fathers, take your children to school, not only on
17 Tuesday, September 17th but every day. Thank you, my
18 colleagues.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Council Member
20 King?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Good afternoon, and
22 congratulations to everyone and peace and blesses to
23 us all. This afternoon, I'm reaching out to my
24 members here and asking you all to sign onto Int 1156
25 which is designated to change the City Code in

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2 regards to tree removal in any crisis. We know
3 during Sandy we had a number of problems with power
4 lines and trees falling down, but the relationship
5 and the work ethic between the sanitation and our
6 electrical companies fell short. So this piece of
7 legislation's designed to change the relationship on
8 those particular activities when someone asks to do
9 tree removal. I know in my district, Con Ed would
10 come out, and if there was a tree on the power line
11 they wouldn't touch it because they had to get the
12 tree removed. Then when Parks came out and
13 Sanitation came out, they said well we can't move the
14 tree because we don't know if the line's alive, so
15 we're asking that this legislation be put in place
16 that they can work in sync to make sure that this
17 tree removal and the power lines are effectively
18 handled during a crisis.

19 So I ask again, all my colleagues here,
20 please sign on to Int 1156. Thank you.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Council Member
22 Barron?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you very
24 much to my colleagues since I know how much you love
25 the Barron name, we wanted to continue that so I made

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2 sure that my wife will be here to continue the Barron
3 legacy so please give her a big handclap because I
4 know you'll pleased with her.

5 And I also want to say to the new Speaker
6 that she's very allergic to Thomas Jefferson, so
7 please don't have her in this seat over here because
8 she won't be able to legislate properly, so I would
9 appreciate a front seat but a little further away
10 from... because that's what made me so annoying most...
11 that's what it was. That's what it was. So I just
12 wanted everybody to know that and to congratulate Mr.
13 Miller, congratulate you as well on your victory in
14 the primary. So thank you very much and I'll see you
15 all from Albany.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Council Member
17 Reyna.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Thank you so much.
19 I just wanted to take this opportunity to first thank
20 everyone who just supported the candidacy of Antonio
21 Reynoso who has successfully won with a large margin
22 to become my successor January 1st, and I'm very
23 proud of the work he as Chief of Staff in my office
24 working for seven years along my side in a very
25 important agenda for our community, and I want to

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2 thank him for all those years of service and it paid
3 off every second, every night, every sacrifice. So
4 congratulations Antonio. Job well done, and I look
5 forward to your swearing in ceremony. I am also... I
6 wanted to congratulate all of my colleagues for their
7 reelection and making sure that today I point you
8 into the direction of two bills that I've introduced.
9 These bills are focused on expanding...

10 SPEAKER QUINN: Council, can we just get a
11 little quiet and we can add some time back into the
12 clock for Council Member Reyna. Thank you.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: These bills are
14 focused on expanding upon the services New York City
15 provides to our returning veterans. Focused in
16 particular on veteran small business owners, the
17 bills will help facilitate our veterans' transition
18 into civilian life, that after service in the
19 military. Many veterans face hurdles when they
20 return home, including employment economic self-
21 sufficiency. These problems have been particularly
22 concerning and tenacious. During the recent
23 recession, New York City's veteran population
24 suffered double-digit unemployment rates, up to 13
25 percent, and disproportionate levels of homelessness.

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2 It is clear that the city needs to do more in order
3 to address the vulnerabilities that currently affect
4 veterans in the five boroughs.

5 The first bill I am introducing calls
6 upon the city to review and then expand the MWBE,
7 Minority Women-owned Enterprises program, to include
8 veteran-owned businesses. This will increase the
9 opportunities that veteran small businesses have in
10 competing and eventually winning city contracts. As
11 with the MWBE program, this is an excellent
12 opportunity for the city to leverage its resources to
13 support an underserved yet capable population in our
14 communities. In supporting our veteran run small
15 businesses, we are ensuring that the service given by
16 our men and women in the military is repaid back to
17 them. The second bill is calling upon New York state
18 legislator and Governor Cuomo to pass Bill A2554, a
19 bill that would ensure that at least three percent of
20 the total value of annual state procurements is
21 awarded to eligible veteran-owned businesses.

22 I'd like to my Small Business Committee
23 staff, Jeff Compagna [phonetic], and wish well our
24 policy analyst, Faith Corbett [phonetic], who has
25 moved on, who is now working in the CUNY System and

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2 thank you for all of her service and her future
3 endeavors. The best of luck. Thank you.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Thank you. Billy,
5 do I have to read that again? I didn't read it
6 again, sorry. Seeing no others, I just wanted to
7 announce the final vote for everything on today's
8 General Order calendar were adopted by a vote of 45
9 in the affirmative, zero negative, with the exception
10 of Int 1107-A, which was adopted by a vote of 44 in
11 the affirmative and one in the negative, and revised
12 Land Use call ups were adopted by a vote of 45 in the
13 affirmative and zero in the negative.

14 And with that, I just want to
15 acknowledge, I wasn't going to do it, but since
16 Council Member Reyna did Antonio, I would just like
17 to announce that Daneek Miller is here who is going
18 to replace me in the City Council in the 27th Council
19 District. And Richie Torres is here who is replacing
20 Joel Rivera in the district and in his Council
21 District, so please everybody say hello to Richie and
22 to Ms. Barron and Mr. Miller, and I believe Antonio
23 is here somewhere as well, so please say hello to
24 them. With that, today's meeting is hereby
25 adjourned. Thank you very much.

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.



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