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B E F O R E: Corey D. Johnson,
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Adrienne E. Adams
- Alicka Ampry-Samuel
- Diana Ayala
- Inez D. Barron
- Joseph C. Borelli
- Justin L. Brannan
- Fernando Cabrera
- Margaret S. Chin
- Andrew Cohen
- Costa G. Constantinides
- Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.
- Laurie A. Cumbo
- Chaim M. Deutsch
- Ruben Diaz, Sr.
- Daniel Dromm
- Mathieu Eugene

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COUNCIL MEMBERS: (CONT.)

- Vanessa L. Gibson
- Mark Gjonaj
- Barry S. Grodenchik
- Robert F. Holden
- Ben Kallos
- Andy L. King
- Peter A. Koo
- Karen Koslowitz
- Rory I. Lancman
- Brad S. Lander
- Stephen T. Levin
- Mark Levine
- Farah N. Louis
- Alan N. Maisel
- Steven Matteo
- Carlos Menchaca
- I. Daneek Miller
- Francisco P. Moya
- Bill Perkins
- Keith Powers
- Antonio Reynoso
- Donovan J. Richards
- Carlina Rivera
- Ydanis A. Rodriguez
- Deborah L. Rose
- Helen K. Rosenthal
- Rafael Salamanca, Jr.
- Ritchie J. Torres
- Mark Treyger
- Eric A. Ulrich
- Paul A. Vallone
- James G. Van Bramer
- Kalman Yeger

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Carl, can you hear me?

3 CARL: Yeah.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: You will call for the
5 pledge of allegiance.

6 CARL: Sure.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Okay.

8 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All recordings have begun.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Okay, ladies and gentleman at
10 this time, please place all electronic devices, all
11 electronic devices to vibrate. Thank you very much
12 Madam Majority Leader?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: [GAVEL] Good afternoon
14 and welcome to the Stated Meeting of July 28, 2020.
15 I am Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo and it is my
16 pleasure to welcome you to this virtual meeting of
17 the New York City Council.

18 If you would like to follow along, the agenda for
19 today's meeting is posted on our website.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Pledge of Allegiance.

21 ALL MEMBERS: I pledge allegiance to the to the
22 Flag of the United States of America and to the
23 Republic for which it stands, one nation under God,
24 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you. Roll call?

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams?
3 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.
4 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?
5 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.
6 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala? Barron?
7 COUNCIL BARRON: Past and present.
8 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli?
9 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Present, thank you.
10 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan?
11 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Present.
12 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera?
13 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Present.
14 COUNCIL CLERK: Chin?
15 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN? Present.
16 COUNCIL CLERK: Cohen?
17 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.
18 COUNCIL CLERK: Constantinides? Cornegy?
19 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Presente.
20 COUNCIL CLERK: Deutsch?
21 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.
22 COUNCIL CLERK: Diaz?
23 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Present.
24 COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm? Eugene?
25 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Present.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Gibson?

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Good afternoon, I'm present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj?

COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik?

COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Holden?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos?

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: King?

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Presente.

COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Lancman?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Lander?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Levine?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.
3 COUNCIL CLERK: Louis?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.
5 COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.
7 COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca?
8 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.
9 COUNCIL CLERK: Miller? Moya?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.
11 COUNCIL CLERK: Perkins?
12 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Present.
13 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?
14 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Present.
15 COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso? I got you Council
16 Member Perkins, thank you. Reynoso?
17 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Here.
18 COUNCIL CLERK: Richards?
19 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.
20 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera? Rodriguez? Rose?
21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Present.
22 COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal?
23 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.
24 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca?
25 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Torres?

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Treyger?

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich? Vallone? Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo?

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo?

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: I'm here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Madam Majority Leader, we have a quorum.

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you so much. We will now have today's Invocation which will be delivered by Monsignor James J. Kelly, spiritual leader at St. Brigid's Church which is located at 409 Linden Street in Brooklyn.

MONSIGNOR JAMES J. KELLY: Good afternoon. My name is Father Kelly at St. Brigid's in Bushwick but we also serve Ridgewood and we are supposed to do an

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2 Invocation for St. Patrick's Day but it has been
3 postponed. And so, it is my privilege and my honor
4 to lead you in prayer this afternoon because we are
5 in the midst of a pandemic as you know. We used to
6 call it a plague or we used the word pestilence.
7 This is not something new, from biblical times the
8 human race has been the victim of epidemics, viruses,
9 and pandemics.

10 Now, Ireland where I come from was not spared and
11 is currently suffering from COVID-19. In 1649,
12 trouble would have come to Ireland while Italy was
13 recovering from the plague of 1630 described
14 dramatically in INAUDIBLE 6:51-6:53

15 So, this afternoon, I want to lead you in prayer
16 for the grace of healing and protection. Lord Jesus
17 Christ who travels through towns and villages curing
18 every disease and illness, at your command, the sick
19 are made well. Come to our aid now in the midst of
20 the global spread of the coronavirus but we may
21 experience your healing love. He who goes through a
22 sick with the virus may they regain their health and
23 strength. Heal us from our fear which prevents
24 neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our
25 pride which can make us stay in vulnerability to a

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2 disease that knows no more borders. Good Lord, hero
3 of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty
4 and sorrow.

5 May those who have died from the virus rest in
6 peace and rise in glory. Lift the families of those
7 who are sick or have died as they worry and grieve,
8 defend them from illness and despair. Be with the
9 doctors, nurses, researchers, and many professionals
10 who seek to heal and help those affected and to put
11 themselves at risk in the process. May they know
12 your protection and peace. Be with the leaders of
13 all nations of all nations. Be with the leaders of
14 this Council and the members of this Council. Give
15 them all the foresight to act with prudence and
16 charity for the wellbeing of the people they are
17 meant to serve. Amen.

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amen.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Amen. Thank you so much
20 for that very timely prayer. I know it touched the
21 hearts and souls of all in this body.

22 We would now like to have the Invocation to be
23 spread on the record by Council Member Danny Dromm.

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Danny, I think you are on mute.
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Yeah, I'm coming off. Can
3 you hear me now?

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Yes.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Okay, great. Thank you
6 very much and I'd like to spread the Invocation upon
7 the record and in so doing, I'd like to thank
8 Monsignor James J. Kelly for the District 3
9 Immigration Center. Monsignor Kelly was born in
10 County Limerick in Ireland. Monsignor James J. Kelly
11 was ordained to the priesthood in Rome in 1960.

12 On May 8th, he will celebrate his 60th anniversary
13 as a priest. Arriving in Brooklyn Father Kelly was
14 assigned to St. Brigid Church in the Ridgewood are.
15 During his studies in Rome, he learned to speak
16 Italian to minister to new immigrants arriving in the
17 community, he learned the Sicilian dialect.
18 Eventually he learned Spanish in order to meet the
19 needs of the newest arrival.

20 In 1974, he established New Life Child
21 Development Center. Father Kelly studied law,
22 graduating from St. John's University in 1980. Since
23 his mandatory retirement in 2016, he opened the
24 District 3 Immigration Center located near the
25 church. The office is open six days each week. His

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2 very capable staff assists clients in filling out
3 necessary forms to petition for family members and
4 ultimately assist in attaining citizenship.

5 In addition, Father Kelly oversees ESL and
6 citizenship classes which help clients on the road to
7 permanent citizenship. Besides all of this, Father
8 Kelly usually celebrates daily mass. On Saturday's
9 and Sunday's, he celebrates multiple masses often in
10 neighboring churches. I am proud to have him here
11 with us today. I am sorry that we missed you on St.
12 Patrick's Day but we know your dedication the
13 immigrant community in New York City and we are very
14 glad to have you here again with us today.

15 And with that, I'd like to spread the Invocation
16 upon the record.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Go Redman slash Red
18 storm.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you Council Member
20 Dromm and Council Member Cornegy and thank you so
21 much Monsignor Kelly for your beautiful prayer.

22 At this time, we will now have the adoption of
23 minutes and we are asking for Council Member Cohen to
24 offer the adoption of minutes.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: And nobody told me I was
3 doing that but I'm happy to move to adopt the minutes
4 of -I'm not sure what the last dated day was.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Cohen, it would be
6 June 25, 2020.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: I move that we adopt the
8 minutes of the June - I'm sorry, 25th?

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Correct.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: June 25, 2020 meeting.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you so much for that
12 and we will now move on to messages and papers from
13 the Mayor.

14 SERGEANT AT ARMS: M 246 City debt and reserves?

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Received, ordered, printed, and
16 filed.

17 SERGEANT AT ARMS: M 247 HIV AIDS services
18 administration advisory board appointment?

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Received, ordered, printed, and
20 filed.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Communication from City,
22 County and Borough offices?

23 SERGEANT AT ARMS: M 248 Declaration of Capital
24 Financing Need?

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Received, ordered, printed, and
3 filed.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Petitions and
5 Communication?

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: None.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Land Use Call Ups?

8 SERGEANT AT ARMS: None.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: We will now have
10 communication from Speaker Corey Johnson.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you Madam Majority
12 Leader. Good afternoon everyone, it's nice to see so
13 many losing technical difficulties. I'm so happy to
14 see so many of my colleagues. I hope everyone is
15 safe and that your families are safe and that
16 everyone is doing well and a nice summer.

17 I want to thank everyone for joining us for this
18 weeks, this months, virtual stated meeting. Our city
19 has successfully moved through phases 1, 2, and 3 of
20 reopening. It is up to us to make sure we have a
21 successful phase 4. I am proud of the work that we
22 have done collectively to flatten the curve and to
23 get to this point.

24 This is something that a lot of people could not
25 have imagined us making it through but we did. But

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2 the curve will not remain flat if we don't continue
3 to do our part. I want to remind everyone that
4 wearing a mask saves lives. Everyone should wear a
5 mask. Social distancing saves lives. We have the
6 power to save lives and to protect each other, so
7 let's continue to do that, not just as a Council but
8 let's continue to do that as New Yorkers who are
9 looking out for one another.

10 As of yesterday, our city has lost 23,500 of our
11 fellow New Yorkers to COVID-19. I want to repeat
12 that. We have lost 23,500 New Yorkers to COVID-19
13 and that number includes probable deaths. And as
14 always, we must remember that these aren't just
15 numbers but actual New Yorkers who were loved, who
16 had families and friends and colleagues and they will
17 be forever missed.

18 To those who have lost a loved one to this
19 devastating disease, you are in this Council's
20 thoughts and prayers and to those who are battling
21 this virus, we are with you.

22 As we do during every stated, I want to take a
23 moment to acknowledge those that have died from 911
24 related illnesses since our last meeting. The FDNY
25 lost an EMS member, Dazeir Jimenez[SP?] and the NYPD

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2 lost Sergeant Emanuele Alongi who succumbed his
3 illness on June 27th and the NYPD also lost
4 Lieutenant John C. Zonneveld[SP?] who succumbed to
5 his illness on July 10th.

6 We also acknowledge New Yorkers who died while on
7 the job. I'm sad to say that Mario Salas, a
8 construction worker died on July 16th working under a
9 store building façade in Manhattan. He was 59 years
10 old. Our hearts are with his family and his loved
11 ones.

12 I also want to acknowledge a senseless tragedy
13 that took place in our city. Far, far too many
14 people die of gun violence in the five boroughs. So
15 many that we would be here for too long if we tried
16 to name all of them but I do want to acknowledge
17 today the death of a one-year-old Davell Gardner who
18 was shot and killed while in his stroller at a
19 cookout on July 12th.

20 Just yesterday was Davell's funeral and this has
21 already been a very difficult summer and the entire
22 city is deeply shaken by this horrible, horrible
23 murder. My heart goes out to his family during this
24 unimaginably painful time for them.

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2 Before we take a moment of silence, I also want
3 to acknowledge that we lost some legendary figures in
4 the civil rights movement. They were giants in
5 America and around the world. The late congressman
6 John Lewis of Georgia and Reverend Vivian. Both men
7 made the fight against hatred and injustice, their
8 life's work. That fight has not ended with them,
9 their legacy will live on and today the Council will
10 be voting on a resolution to honor this legacy. Our
11 hearts are in mourning and with the families of
12 congressman Lewis and Reverend Vivian, we know that
13 they are resting in power and just quickly on a
14 personal note, when I was 18-years-old and I was
15 traveling across the country speaking about my own
16 coming out experience, I was asked to come to Atlanta
17 to speak at an event down there. I had never been
18 there before and on my first night there, I was
19 invited to a fund raiser for congressman John Lewis.
20 I was 18-years-old and I was in awe and I remember it
21 like it was yesterday. I still have a photo of me
22 with him at that event and he has touched more lives
23 than he would ever know and he really did bend the
24 arc of justice in our country and across the world.

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2 So, I want to have a moment of silence for
3 everyone who we have lost. Thank you.

4 This Thursday, our fellow Jewish New Yorkers will
5 commemorate a holiday of Tisha B'Av. This is a
6 somber holiday that memorializes the destruction of
7 the temples and reflects on the atrocities committed
8 against Jewish people throughout history, during this
9 dark time of rising hate crimes and antisemitism. We
10 wish our fellow Jewish New Yorkers an easy and
11 meaningful holiday and we recommit to the important
12 work of fighting antisemitism and anti-Jewish hatred
13 everywhere.

14 Many of our fellow Muslim New Yorkers will be
15 celebrating Eid-al-Adha on Thursday. I want to say
16 Ebubekir, I want to wish all our Muslim families
17 across the world, but especially here in New York
18 City, a safe and blessed observance.

19 July marks disability pride month and this month
20 we marked the 30th anniversary of the Americans with
21 disabilities act and we celebrate the progress that
22 we've made in achieving equal opportunity for those
23 with disabilities. This month is a reminder that
24 there is still a tremendous amount of work to do for
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2 people with disabilities and we must be committed to
3 furthering that progress.

4 And last but certainly not least, I just want to
5 thank everyone for their hard work over these last
6 many weeks with so much going on in our city.

7 Now, let's dive into today's agenda. The Council
8 will be voting on three governmental operations
9 related bills aimed at ensuring that New Yorkers have
10 easy access to city laws and mayoral directives.

11 Introduction Number 1879-A sponsored by Council
12 Member Keith Powers would provide that whenever the
13 mayor designates a particular office or agency to
14 administer and force any provision of the Charter or
15 Administrative code, the mayor must publish such
16 designation on the city's website and notify the
17 Council within ten days.

18 Next is Introduction Number 1872-A sponsored by
19 Council Member Fernando Cabrera, the Chair of our
20 Government Operations Committee, which would require
21 the Corporation Council to make unconsolidated local
22 laws enacted after January 1, 1985, that remain in
23 affect available online in searchable machine
24 readable format.

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2 In addition, this bill would require the
3 Corporation Council to annotate sections of the New
4 York City Charter and Administrative Code which are
5 currently published online pursuant to existing law
6 with any unconsolidated provisions of local law
7 enacted since 1985 that amended those sections.

8 The next bill is Introduction Number 1091-A
9 sponsored by Council Member Peter Koo, which would
10 require the Corporation Council to make available on
11 a single page of the city's website a searchable and
12 machine readable compilation of all mayoral executive
13 orders issued from 1974 to present.

14 I want to thank the staff who worked on this. CJ
15 Murray, Emily Forgione, and Elizabeth Kronk. Next,
16 the Council will be voting on a governmental
17 operations related resolution. This is a resolution
18 that calls upon congress to vote on a much delayed
19 bill of the core component of democracy is the right
20 to vote. Yet this right has not been equally
21 provided to Americans as we know.

22 Black Americans were denied the right to vote for
23 generations in this country and even after beginning
24 to gain the right to vote through the 15th Amendment,
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2 have continued to face drastic voter suppression that
3 still goes on today across much of America.

4 The passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was
5 a huge legislative win for all Americans but
6 especially Black Americans. Yet it has continued to
7 face attack after attack and in June of 2013 when the
8 US Supreme Court invalidated important portions of
9 the Voting Rights Act in Shelby County versus Holder,
10 we know that that needs to be remedied.

11 Today, the Council is voting on a resolution
12 sponsored by Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo that would
13 call upon congress to pass in the President to sign
14 the Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019 now known
15 as the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act was
16 renamed last week in the US Senate.

17 This act would revive and modernize portions of
18 the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that was struck down in
19 the Supreme Court decision I mentioned Shelby County
20 versus Holder.

21 I want to thank the staff who worked in this
22 resolution, Emily Forgione, Elizabeth Kronk and C.J.
23 Murray.

24 Next, the Council will be voting on a housing and
25 buildings related bill. Introduction Number 1783,

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2 sponsored by Council Member Mark Levine, would exempt
3 affordable housing cooperatives for requirements of
4 the housing portal. And I want to thank Audrey Son
5 for her work on that bill.

6 The Council will be voting on a piece of
7 legislation out of our technology committee,
8 sponsored by Council Member Karen Koslowitz,
9 Introduction Number 1154-A would require the
10 encryption of exchanges or transfers of web content
11 from websites maintained by or on behalf of the city
12 such as through the adoption of the HTTPS protocol.

13 Certain websites maintained by the city that
14 accept sensitive user information do not currently
15 utilize secure encryption, which leaves users
16 vulnerable to hacking or stolen data. And I want to
17 thank from the staff Irene Bahufski[SP?] and Charles
18 Kim for their work on that bill.

19 We know that the pandemic has devastated our
20 city's cultural arts sector. It hurts to see
21 Broadway dark and to hear about how beloved
22 institutions are struggling to reopen in a
23 sustainable way.

24 New York is not New York without the arts. We
25 must ensure that cultural organizations thrive and

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2 have the guidance they need to reopen stronger than
3 ever.

4 Introduction Number 1967-A sponsored by Majority
5 Leader Laurie Cumbo would require the New York City
6 Department of Cultural Affairs to publish information
7 for arts and cultural institutions effected by COVID-
8 19 on its website related to all the relevant to the
9 reopening plans.

10 This includes but is not limited to federal,
11 state, city, and union requirements and guidelines
12 related to COVID-19. Guidance on where to direct
13 questions about guidelines and resources known to the
14 department related to financial support. It's an
15 important bill and I want to thank Brenda McKinney
16 for her work on it.

17 The Council will also be voting on three health
18 related items today. The first Resolution Number
19 637-A is sponsored by Council Member Mathieu Eugene.
20 It would call on the United States Department of
21 Health and Human Services and the New York State
22 Department of Health to create a special commission
23 to address health emergencies and infectious diseases
24 and I want to thank from the staff Emily Balkan for
25 her work on that Resolution.

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2 With rising temperatures due to global warming,
3 it is critical for the city to accurately track heat
4 related deaths and to create a comprehensive cooling
5 plan. This plan must describe how the city will
6 inform residents on the dangers of heat exposure,
7 provide access to cooling and how vulnerable
8 populations can stay cool during heat emergencies.
9 Heat waves and high heat can have a deadly impact on
10 our city and it must be treated with the same care we
11 treat other weather related emergencies like storms.

12 We need a comprehensive plan that is updated
13 annually. The Council will be voting on two bills
14 that address some of these concerns. Introduction
15 Number 1960-A sponsored by Council Member Rafael
16 Salamanca, would require the office of emergency
17 management and consultation with the Department of
18 Health and Mental Hygiene and the Office of Long Term
19 Planning and Sustainability to prepare and submit an
20 annual plan beginning by May 15, 2021 describing how
21 the city would inform residents on the dangers of
22 heat exposure, access to cooling, including cooling
23 centers and how vulnerable populations can stay cool
24 during heat related emergencies.

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2 The plan would also include measures for large
3 office buildings to reduce stress on the electric
4 grid during the summer months and be updated
5 annually.

6 The next bill, Introduction Number 1945-A,
7 sponsored by Council Member Justin Brannan would
8 require the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
9 to annually report on neighborhood heat vulnerability
10 and the number of heat related deaths.

11 Information reported would include but is not
12 limited to the number of heat stress deaths. The
13 estimation of heat exacerbated deaths and description
14 of social and environmental factors used to determine
15 heat vulnerability and aggregate demographic
16 information of heat stress deaths.

17 And I want to thank from the staff Sara Liss who
18 worked on both of these bills. And finally, now more
19 than ever, it is important that we protect workers in
20 New York and support them in any way we can.

21 The next bill expands on the scope of the
22 Department of Consumer Affairs and renames the agency
23 to clarify that it will protect workers and
24 consumers.

1 Introduction Number 1609-A sponsored by Council
2 Member Ritchie Torres, would change the name of the
3 Department of Consumer Affairs to the Department of
4 Consumer and Worker Protection, thereby officially
5 expanding the departments mandate. The bill
6 consolidates the Office of Labor Standards and the
7 division of paid care as offices within the new
8 department, it would be the new Department of
9 Consumer and Worker protection and the bill also
10 clarifies the Departments powers to seek restitution
11 on behalf of consumers and workers related to any law
12 within its jurisdiction.
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14 The Office of Administrative Trials and hearings
15 would be designated as the tribunal in which the
16 department may begin proceedings to recover civil
17 penalties and grants, and this bill grants the
18 Commissioner the power to adopt, reverse, modify, or
19 remand an oath trial division decision for additional
20 proceedings.

21 Finally, the bill repeals several out dated or
22 obsolete entities including the Consumers Council,
23 which no longer exists and the Tow Advisory Board.

24 I want to thank from the staff Falcies Myrig[SP?]
25 for her work on this important bill and I want to

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2 turn it back to you Madam Majority Leader, so we can
3 continue on with the meeting. I want to thank
4 everyone again for their hard work and I look forward
5 to proceeding with today's votes. Are you there
6 Laurie, Madam Majority Leader?

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Mr. Speaker?

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Yeah, did we lose Laurie?

9 COUNCIL CLERK: We may have. We can move next to
10 discussion of general orders.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Yes, so, we will now move into
12 discussion of general orders. We will recognize
13 Council Members who wish to speak by using the raised
14 hand function in Zoom. Please wait before your
15 remarks for our Sergeant at Arms to announce they
16 have begun the countdown clock. The Sergeant at Arms
17 will alert you when your time has expired.

18 Parliamentarian, who has signed up this far to speak?

19 COUNCIL CLERK: We have Council Members
20 Koslowitz, Koo, and Yeger.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Okay, we'll start with Council
22 Member Koslowitz and then we will call on Council
23 Members Koo and Yeger.

24 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time will start now.
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Thank you. At a time
3 when we are online more than ever, it has never been
4 more important to protect New Yorkers digital
5 information. We cannot prevent bad actors from
6 engaging in cyber attacks but we can mitigate the
7 risk that cyber attacks have on New Yorkers and New
8 York City agency.

9 Intro. 1154 does just that by requiring that all
10 websites that are maintained by the City of New York
11 are encrypted and therefore less vulnerable to
12 hackers.

13 I urge a yes vote on this bill.

14 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you Council Member
15 Koslowitz and next we're going to go to Council
16 Member Peter Koo.

17 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Your times starts now.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Thank you Mr. Speaker.
19 Today, we are voting on my legislation Intro. 1091-A
20 which will require the city to create a searchable
21 and machine readable compilation of all mayoral
22 executive orders from 1974 to present.

23 This bill would also require that the compilation
24 of executive orders indicate if they have been
25 amended or superseded by later executive orders.

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2 This bill goes off of many of the other governmental
3 transparency bills this Council has introduced in
4 recent years, that require city documents to be
5 posted online in a searchable machine readable
6 format.

7 The goal of these efforts are to increase the
8 availability and accessibility through the city's
9 local laws, rules, and executive orders. The ability
10 for the department to search executive orders should
11 be no different than what is currently available in
12 the New York City Council's website. Where the
13 public can view a bill as it moves through the
14 legislative process, amendments, and all.

15 Currently, the public has access to our City
16 Council documents on the council website.

17 Executive orders are enormously important to
18 governmental operations as to ensure natural
19 decisions are made by the Mayor's Office. These
20 electives are key to understanding the policies and
21 the politics of our good city and by compiling this
22 information into a searchable machine readable format
23 online. It will increase transparency and promote -

24 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time.
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: The best practices of good
3 government. Thank you Mr. Speaker. Thank you
4 Majority Leader.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you Council Member Koo.
6 Majority Leader Cumbo is back. Majority Leader
7 Cumbo, I believe that next is Council Member Yeger,
8 then Council Member Gjonaj and then I believe you are
9 up to speak.

10 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I want to recognize Council
12 Member Yeger. You are muted Majority Leader.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you. I had a little
14 bit of computer difficulty. Council Member Yeger
15 followed by Council Member Gjonaj.

16 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Your time starts now.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you Madam President.
18 Thank you Mr. Speaker. Very briefly at a time that
19 we speak of violence in New York City, I just want to
20 take a few seconds to remember my friend and a friend
21 of so many of the members of this body, our
22 Predecessor, Councilman James E. Davis who served up
23 till his murder in the Chambers five days ago,
24 seventeen years ago.

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2 He was like I said a friend of mine. He was I
3 know a friend of many members of the Council who are
4 now here today, his successors and I hope we are
5 doing him proud. He was a Corrections Officer, he
6 was a police officer, he was an elected member of the
7 City Council, a legislator. He was fun, he was
8 funny, he was smart, he was wise, he loved people and
9 he worked his entire life to bring people together.

10 The diverse parts of the community that he
11 represented which I think in the history of that
12 neighborhood had the very sore need at the time of
13 his service. He is somebody who is missed by his
14 family every single day and by his community, I am
15 sure.

16 But those of us who knew him who weren't
17 represented by him who just got to know him from just
18 being in Brooklyn, he was somebody whose voice was
19 always loved and we have the members room at the City
20 Hall named for him and I just wanted to offer that up
21 today Mr. Speaker with your permission and I'm very
22 grateful, thank you.

23 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you Council Member Yeger
24 and I'm glad that you of course brought up a former
25 Council Member who you, I think very eloquently

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2 described who he was and his career and as you have
3 mentioned, the members lounge at City Hall which we
4 haven't been in for many months is named in his honor
5 and he was taken by a senseless and horrifying act of
6 gun violence in the City Council Chambers and it's
7 always important to recognize him and the service he
8 gave to New York City, not just as a Council Member
9 as you said, but as a police officer and a
10 corrections officer.

11 So, I am glad that you brought that up today.

12 Thank you Council Member Yeger.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you Council Member.

14 We will now have Council Member Gjonaj.

15 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Thank you Majority Leader
17 and Speaker. I'm proud to share about a bill
18 introduced which is co-primed alongside my
19 colleagues. My dear friend Majority Leader Cumbo and
20 Members Richards, Louis, Koo, Moya, Cornegy.

21 This bill will fight for more equitable
22 distribution of SBS emergency grants and loans from
23 bureau to bureau. Proportionate to the small
24 business needs of each.

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2 Much of our city's small businesses situated in
3 the outer boroughs are already disproportionately
4 challenges by COVID-19 and the economic recession.
5 Nonetheless, the combined loans of all of the outer
6 boroughs are less than those disbursed solely to
7 Manhattan.

8 The Bronx for instance received one percent of
9 the loan and three percent of the grants in the first
10 wave of SBS's grants and loans. Queens received nine
11 percent in loans and sixteen percent in grants.

12 Comparing [INAUDIBLE 37:55] received 66 percent of
13 the total loans and [INAUDIBLE 38:01] in grants.

14 This lack of parity is wholly unacceptable and
15 [INAUDIBLE 38:07]. I look forward to continue
16 bringing attention to this matter and passing real
17 solutions, which will prevent the tale of two
18 boroughs.

19 I look forward to having more of my colleagues
20 sponsor this bill and help deliver justice for all of
21 our small businesses and all of our boroughs.

22 Thank you.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you Council Member
24 Gjonaj. You are always a strong champion for our
25 small businesses and we thank you for your service.

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2 At this time, I would like to speak about my Intro,
3 Intro. 1967-A. I want to first begin by thanking
4 Speaker Corey Johnson and Council Member Van Bramer
5 for their incredible leadership. I also want to
6 thank Brenda McKinney from our Legislative Division
7 who is not only a talented hard working attorney with
8 the Council, but an inspiration to all working
9 mothers who have had to adjust to their new working
10 environment and co-workers amidst the global
11 pandemic. The cultural sector in New York City is
12 one of the largest industries in this city which
13 employs approximately 400,000 workers. It pays over
14 \$30 billion in wages per year and generates more than
15 \$110 billion in economic activity. It does not stop
16 there.

17 The industry is a driving force for our city's
18 tourism, restaurant, and hotel industries. Our
19 cultural institutions are not nearly local
20 attractions, they bring millions of patrons from
21 continents across the globe. It is critical that we
22 recognize the importance as we plan for the future.
23 When they suffer, our entire economy suffers as a
24 result. There is no New York city without the
25 cultural economy. When cultural institutions closed

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2 their doors in March 2020, the city's artists,
3 actors, musicians, stage hands and freelancers
4 suddenly found themselves unemployed and severed from
5 their communities and livelihoods.

6 They have lost billions of dollars in revenue and
7 it is possible that some may never recover but it is
8 up to us to guide them down the road to recovery in
9 order to restore their livelihoods.

10 However, as we begin to reopen our cultural
11 institutions to visitors, we must approach the new
12 normal with both cautious optimism and a commitment,
13 a firm commitment to proper planning, preparedness,
14 and effective safety measures to prevent the
15 resurgence of COVID-19 in our city.

16 Our cultural community has a huge role to play in
17 the reopening of New York City and jumpstarting our
18 economy once again. We have to make sure that we do
19 so safely and we have to make sure that every
20 precautions is made to protect everyday New Yorkers
21 and all who visit our city with the incredible
22 cultural opportunities and attractions that make New
23 York City what it is today.

24 I want to again thank Speaker Corey Johnson,
25 Jason Goldman, my Legislative Director Jason Hur, as

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2 well as my Communications Director Alicia Mercedes
3 and my Chief of Staff Tasha Young who is celebrating
4 her birthday today and everyone on my team that
5 helped to make this possible.

6 This is the type of legislation that will help us
7 move the city forward. Thank you.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Madam Majority Leader, there are
9 no other members who wish to speak at this time.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you so much Lance, I
11 appreciate your support in bringing this forward. We
12 will now move into the Report of Special -

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Madam Majority Leader, Council
14 Member Cornegy wishes to speak. Council Member
15 Cornegy, is this about one of the bills we are voting
16 on today?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: No, that was my mistake,
18 I'd like to speak in general discussion please.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Great, we will add you to the
20 list. Thanks Council Member Cornegy.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you so much. We
23 will now move into the report of special committees.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: None.
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Reports of Standing
3 Committees?

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
5 Consumer Affairs and Business Licensing Intro. 1609-A
6 Department of Consumer Affairs?

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on General
8 Orders.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
10 Cultural Affairs, Libraries, and International
11 Intergroup Relations, Intro. 1967-A COVID-19
12 reopening plans?

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on General
14 Orders.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
16 Governmental Operations Intro. 1091-A machine
17 readable executive orders?

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on General
19 Orders.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro. 1872-A unconsolidated
21 local laws?

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on General
23 Orders.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro. 1879-A Designation of
25 Administrative Offices?

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on General
3 Orders.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on Health
5 Intro.'s 1945-A and 1960-A Heat Vulnerability
6 Reporting a Comprehensive Cooling Plans.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on General
8 Orders.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
10 Housing and Buildings Intro. 1783 Housing Portal.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on General
12 Orders.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
14 Technology Intro. 1154-A Encrypting Website
15 Exchanges.

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on General
17 Orders and at this time, I would ask that the Clerk
18 please take a roll call vote on all of the items
19 coupled on today's General Order Calendar.

20 Again, we are voting on all the items on today's
21 General Order Calendar that we just listed.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I vote aye on all.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: I vote aye on all.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala?

COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli?

COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye on all, thank
you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan?

COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Permission to quickly
explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Permission granted.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: I just want to thank
Brad Reed, Sara Liss and everyone who worked so hard
on 1945-A and all the environmental justice activists
who have been fighting so long and so hard to get
this done. And with that, I vote aye on all, thank
you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Cohen?

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Constantinides? Cornegy?
3 Deutsch?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Permission to explain my
5 vote?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Permission granted.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Thank you.

8 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Thank you Majority
10 Leader.

11 So, I just want to take a moment to mourn the
12 losses of dozens of New Yorkers to gun violence in
13 the last several weeks and months. It is clear that
14 there is a serious problem in our city with shootings
15 and I join many of my colleagues in great concern.

16 At our budget vote a month ago, I talked about
17 the rise in violent crime and how I believe that this
18 was the wrong time to defund the NYPD. I want to
19 reemphasize that the point today, that is not
20 acceptable or appropriate for this Council to bury
21 our heads in the sand and depend that we bear no
22 responsibility for fixing this problem.

23 This Council passed reform bills in the budget
24 that I believe is contributing to the rise in
25 violence and homicides in our city. You may not

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2 agree with my assessments, but your constituents
3 deserve your attention to this serious issue. We
4 passed a bill in June that included a section
5 restricting police officers on taking any physical
6 action that would constrict the diaphragm of a
7 suspect during an arrest. This would include a cop
8 placing a knee on a suspects back, even just for a
9 few seconds as they cuff them.

10 I ask you, how can we expect Law Enforcement to
11 effectively do their job and reduce the gun violence
12 in our city, if they have to be concerned that they
13 will face criminal prosecutions for arresting a
14 resisting suspect.

15 I do not question the integrity or the intent of
16 the bill, which is to prevent another incident would
17 happen to George Floyd or Eric Garner but it is
18 incumbent upon us all law makers to acknowledge the
19 real world of facts about actions and to rectify them
20 when necessary.

21 I urge the Speaker and my colleagues to consider
22 passing amendment to this legislation that will
23 remove the questionable portion of text and I want to
24 thank you all and may God bless the souls of all our
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2 city fellow New Yorkers who were taken from us too
3 soon.

4 And I just want to finally say that my daughter
5 just had a baby last night and I have seen the joy of
6 watching a new born come into this world and at the
7 same time, watching people being killed by gun
8 violence and it needs to stop and I can't take this
9 anymore, watching every night and visiting families
10 who have been victims. Their families have been
11 victims of these gun violence.

12 We need to take action. We need to take action
13 today. We need to have a plan. We need to have a
14 plan yesterday.

15 So, I'm asking once again my colleagues, I'm
16 asking to the Speaker that today, I will be voting on
17 some of the bills that presented today but I'm urging
18 the Speaker and our body that the next Stated Meeting
19 we need to come up with an amendment to a diaphragm
20 bill and we need to come out with laws that will
21 prevent this gun violence throughout the city.

22 With that, I vote no on 1609 and 1967 and aye on
23 the rest. Thank you.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy? Council Member Cornegy?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

1 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you Council Member. Diaz?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Yes, on all.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Yes.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote yes on all.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Gibson?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye on all.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Permission to explain my
11 vote?
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13 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Permission granted.

14 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Thank you Majority
16 Leader. First up, I want to congratulate Grandpa
17 Deutsch, I hope that the baby's more like the
18 grandmother and not the grandfather. In addition,
19 although I am voting yes on 1967. I do want to point
20 out that I am concerned with the Report requirements
21 and the burden it will place on our arts and cultural
22 institutions.

23 In particular, the small NGO's as well as the
24 DCLA misinterpretation or a potential overreach that
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2 could come about this bill that is positive and well-
3 intended.

4 With that, I vote aye on all except for 1609.
5 Thank you.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: I vote aye on all. I
8 want to wish a mazel tov to our colleague Councilman
9 Deutsch on the birth of his grandchild and I'm also
10 happy to report that the Queens County Farm Museum,
11 which you can see over my head or over my shoulder,
12 will be reopening this Sunday. So, any of you who
13 have young children or maybe not so young children or
14 just need a breath of fresh air, please come out to
15 Eastern Queens, and enjoy.

16 With that, I vote aye on all.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Congratulations to Chaim
21 Deutsch and his family. I vote aye on all.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: King?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Congratulations to Kallos,
24 I mean not Kallos, to Chaim and the entire family and
25 I vote aye on all.

1 COUNCIL CLERK: Koo?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Before I vote, I want to
3 thank the Speaker, Ray, CJ Murray, Elizabeth Kronk,
4 Emily Forgione, Jeff Baker and Laura Poppa for
5 helping me to draft this bill and I vote aye on all.
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7 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on all.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Lancman?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Lander?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Request permission to
13 explain my vote?

14 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I will be voting aye on
16 all and I am especially enthusiastic about Intro.
17 1609. I want to give real props to Council Member
18 Torres for leading the way here.

19 I am so thrilled that we are officially renaming
20 DCA from the Department of Consumer Affairs to the
21 Department of Consumer and Worker Protection and
22 expanding its authority to do its job. Over the past
23 few years in partnership with this Council, DCA has
24 become one of the nations premier worker protection
25 agencies, our Paid Safe and Sick Leave Law, our Fair

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2 Work Week law, our Pioneering Freelance Isn't Free
3 law have all made it already the Department of
4 Consumer and Worker Protections and its great we are
5 recognizing it and empowering them but let's be
6 clear, we've got a responsibility right now during
7 this pandemic. This City Council can now empower
8 this wonderful new department of consumer and worker
9 protection to protect workers who are vulnerable
10 right now. If we passed just cause laws, than the
11 new Department of Consumer and Worker Protection can
12 protect essential workers and fast food workers from
13 unfair firing, so they can speak up about PPE, about
14 violations of their other rights, so they won't be
15 filed on a whim.

16 If we pass the law requiring that gig workers get
17 paid Sick Leave, than those restaurant delivery
18 workers and nail salon workers, the Department of
19 Consumer and Worker Protection can make sure they
20 have Paid Sick Leave and if we pass reasonable
21 accommodation laws, then parents who aren't going to
22 be able to go to work for days when their kids are at
23 home doing remote learning could demand reasonable
24 accommodations from their employers. It is great to
25 pass 1609 but now, let's move forward as a Council to

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2 enable the new New York City Department of Consumer
3 and Worker Protections to truly protect workers in
4 this pandemic.

5 Thank you my colleagues for voting for this
6 legislation. Let's carry it forward to meet the
7 moment. Thank you and I vote aye on all.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I vote aye on all.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Levine?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Yes, permission to
12 briefly explain my vote Madam Majority Leader?

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Please go ahead Council Member
14 Levine.

15 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Thank you. I first want
17 to congratulate the sponsors of three important
18 pieces of legislation coming out of the Health
19 Committee today. Council Members Brannan, Salamanca
20 and Eugene and I also want to say a word about Intro.
21 1783, which I am pleased we are voting on. This does
22 something really important for HDFC's, which are of
23 course low equity, excuse me, limited equity co-ops
24 which have provided thousands of low income and
25 working class families in New York City a pass to

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2 achieve in the dream of home ownership. But they
3 face possible threat from a bill never intended to
4 apply to them, Local Law 64 which would require major
5 developers that they post listings for new affordable
6 apartments on HPD's Housing Connect.

7 So, this shouldn't apply to individual share
8 holders and HDFC's and I am very happy that the bill
9 we are voting on today will clarify that in the law.

10 I want to thank the incredible movement of HDFC
11 shareholders from around the city who have pushed for
12 this and I want to thank the staff who worked so hard
13 including Audrey Son who did incredible work over
14 months. My own Amy Slattery, thank you Mr. Speaker
15 for pushing this. Thanks to Chair Cornegy for
16 expediting this through the Council. I want to thank
17 everyone for your support today and I of course will
18 be voting aye on all.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Louis?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye on all.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Miller?
3 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Ebubekir. I vote aye.
4 COUNCIL CLERK: Moya?
5 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.
6 COUNCIL CLERK: Perkins?
7 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye on all.
8 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?
9 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all.
10 COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso?
11 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I vote aye on all.
12 COUNCIL CLERK: Richards?
13 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye on all.
14 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?
15 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.
16 COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez? Council Member
17 Rodriguez? Rose?
18 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye on all.
19 COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal?
20 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Wishing my friends an
21 Ebubekir and I am voting aye on all.
22 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca?
23 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.
24 COUNCIL CLERK: Torres? Council Member Torres?
25 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: [INAUDIBLE 56:41].

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Torres, would you
3 kindly repeat that? Council Member Torres, I did not
4 record your vote.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Ritchie, are you there? Mr.
6 Clerk, why don't we come back to Council Member
7 Torres at the end of the roll call.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Treyger?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye on all.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on all.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all with the
18 exception of Introduction 1609 and 1967.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye on all.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Congratulations to Council
23 Member Deutsch and I vote aye on all.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Circling back to Council Member
25 Torres.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote aye on all.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye on all. We are just
5 tallying the votes.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Madam
7 Majority Leader, all items on today's General Order
8 Calendar are adopted by a vote of 47 in the
9 affirmative, zero in the negative and zero
10 abstentions, with the exception of Intro. 1609-A
11 which was adopted by a vote of 44 in the affirmative,
12 3 negative and zero abstentions. And Intro. 1967-A
13 which was adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative,
14 2 negative and zero abstentions.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you. The items on
16 today's General Orders Calendar are not adopted. We
17 will now have Introduction and Reading of Bills.

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: All bills have been referred to
19 committees as indicated on today's agenda.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you. We will now
21 move into the discussion of Resolutions. As a
22 reminder, please wait until the Sergeant at Arms
23 begins the countdown clock before you begin your
24 remarks.

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2 In addition, if you wish to vote against or
3 abstain from either of today's Resolutions, please
4 email the Legislative Documents unit.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Madam Majority Leader, we have
6 two Council Members signed up for discussion of
7 Resolutions, Council Members Eugene, and yourself.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Okay. We will begin with
9 gentleman first. We will have Council Member Eugene
10 begin.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Your time starts now.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Sorry Madam Majority
13 Leader but ladies first.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: No, no, I insist.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Please, I insist and I
16 defer to you.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: No, I insist because I
18 also have to close it out for the vote.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Alright, okay, that's
20 okay.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Oh, my God.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Thank you very much.

23 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you Council Member
25 Cornegy. Yes, proceed Council Member Eugene.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Thank you so very much.

3 Let me first take the opportunity to thank Speaker
4 Corey Johnson for his leadership and also his
5 wonderful staff Jeff Baker and all of those who work
6 hard to make this vote possible for my legislation.

7 Let me start off, we are seeing right now in the
8 United States and all of the world a horrific tragedy
9 that affects all areas of our life and it is not a
10 financial crisis. It is not an indication of
11 financial crisis but our schools are closed, our
12 churches are closed, businesses are closed and so
13 many people suffer and so many people lost their
14 life. But the most tragic situation is because we
15 were not ready for this type of tragedy.

16 If we remember SARS pandemic in 2002 and MERS in
17 2012 and many others but with that you know, of
18 everything, we are still not ready to handle
19 emergency. The Resolution 637-A asks that the State
20 of New York and also the federal government to create
21 a permanent commission to study the effect of the
22 virus like COVID-19 and to study the physiopathology,
23 the immunology, the biology of those type of diseases
24 that destroy so many people and also that attack our
25 structure as a society.

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2 We have dedicated skill of doctors and nurses and
3 researchers. We want to bring them all together to
4 create a permanent commission to continental study
5 and also to create -

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: For the city, for the
8 state and the federal government for our country to
9 be ready to save life and to preserve our life and
10 also to create a better environment for our dedicated
11 health workers and first responders who put
12 everything on the line to safe lives.

13 Thank you very much Mr. Speaker and thank you
14 also to all the wonderful staff who work on this
15 legislation and I'm asking all my colleagues to vote
16 yes on this legislation.

17 Thank you very much.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you so much Council
19 Member Eugene. I will begin with Preconsidered
20 Resolution Number 1371.

21 Yesterday, the House of Representatives voted
22 unanimously to rename the Voting Rights Advancement
23 Act, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act. At the
24 young age of 20-years-old. John Lewis founded the
25 Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

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2 Throughout the 1960's, the SNCC conducted voter
3 registration efforts and demonstrations throughout
4 the south. In 1963, John Lewis, the youngest of the
5 big six who planned, marched, and spoke on the march
6 on Washington, a momentous display of civic activism
7 that gathered more than 200,000 Americans, all
8 supporting civil rights protections for all,
9 regardless of race and ethnicity.

10 SNCC continued to combat segregation voting
11 policies by continuing to register Black voters well
12 before and after the march. In 1971, Representative
13 Lewis stood before the United States House of
14 Representatives in and of itself a feat of
15 accomplishment no for fathers could even dream of and
16 explain to its dominantly White membership that
17 racism was far from over.

18 He explained how there are fewer violent tactics
19 but the subtle and more sophisticated forms of
20 intimidation that are still being devised and are
21 quite prevalent. Immediately following Shelby County
22 v Holder, law makers in Texas, Georgia, Virginia, and
23 North Carolina rolled out voter ID laws and studies
24 have shown that led Black and Brown Americans to be
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2 excluded from our nations most democratic form of
3 expression, the vote.

4 This is not only occurring in southern states who
5 are notorious for their segregationist policies, this
6 is happening right here in New York City. We saw it
7 during the June primary when many voters never
8 received their absentee ballots and were forced to
9 stand in long lines only to face broken machines,
10 incorrect ballots, closed polling stations and more.
11 Last year on the 54th anniversary of Bloody Sunday,
12 we saw what it took for our ancestors to be at this
13 moment. For us to raise our voices and to make sure
14 that every single one of us has the right to equality
15 and justice and the right to vote.

16 It is up to us to ensure that the right to vote
17 is protected as it is the strongest non-violent tool
18 that we have in the fight for equality and justice.

19 We must carry on the legacy of our esteemed civil
20 rights icon through more than rhetoric and symbolic
21 gesture. We thank Congress Member Lewis for his
22 incredible work. We thank him for laying the
23 foundation for so many of us of color to even have
24 the dream and the reality to be able to even run for
25 office and it is now our time to pick up the baton

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2 and to continue to do the work that John Lewis and so
3 many others have done before us.

4 I thank you and I thank Speaker Corey Johnson. I
5 thank Jason Goldman and all of those that came
6 together to make today possible.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Madam Majority Leader, thank
8 you for that. Before we vote on the Resolutions, I
9 want to ask for unanimous consent to allow for
10 Council Member Rodriguez to vote on all of the items
11 on today's General Order Calendar. Any objections to
12 that?

13 Seeing none, Mr. Clerk, if you could please call
14 on Council Member Rodriguez to record his votes on
15 the General Order Calendar.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Yes, Mr. Speaker, Council Member
17 Rodriguez?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: And Mr. Clerk, if you could re-
20 read the tally on the votes with Council Member
21 Rodriguez's votes?

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Certainly. All items on today's
23 General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 49 in
24 the affirmative, zero in the negative and zero
25 abstentions with the exception of Intro. 1609-A,

1 which was adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative.

2 Check that, 46 in the affirmative, 3 negative and

3 zero abstentions. And Intro. 1967-A, which was

4 adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 3

5 negative -

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Mr. Clerk?

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Yes sir.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: On 1967, 47 correct?

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you Mr. Parliamentarian.

10 47 in the affirmative and 2 in the negative and zero

11 abstentions.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Great, Madam Majority Leader,

13 if you want to read the Resolutions, so that we can

14 begin the process of voting on them.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you. I will now

16 read today's Resolutions into the record.

17 Resolution 637-A calls upon the United States

18 Department of Health and Human Services and the New

19 York State Department of Health to create a special

20 commission to address health emergencies and

21 infectious diseases. We will have a voice vote on

22 Resolution 637-A. Will all those in favor please say

23 aye.

24 MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL: Aye.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: All opposed say nay. Any
3 abstentions? The ayes have it.

4 Preconsidered Resolution 1371 calls upon Congress
5 to pass and the president to sign the Voting Rights
6 Advancement Act of 2019 HR4 which would revise and
7 modernize portions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965
8 struck down in the Supreme Court decision Shelby
9 County v Holder. Will all those in favor say aye.

10 MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL: Aye.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: All opposed say nay. Any
12 abstentions? The ayes have it. We will now have
13 general discussion. As a reminder, please wait until
14 the Sergeant at Arms begins the countdown clock
15 before you begin your remarks.

16 I will now wait to find out which members have
17 asked to speak.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Madam Majority Leader, the first
19 three members who have asked to speak are Council
20 Members Louis, Gibson, and Barron.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Okay, we will begin with
22 Council Member Louis.

23 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Good afternoon everyone
25 and thank you Majority Leader Cumbo and Speaker

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2 Johnson for the opportunity to briefly discuss two
3 critical pieces of legislation that I am introducing
4 today.

5 The first Intro. 2005, a local law that requires
6 the Department of Health and Mental Health to report
7 to the mental health of New Yorkers during the COVID-
8 19 public health crisis. This will aim to provide us
9 with the crucial information about the adverse
10 effects that COVID-19 has had on mental health of our
11 constituents in New York City. The widespread loss
12 of life, social isolation due to stay at home orders,
13 economic anxiety, essential worker burnout and
14 uncertainty surrounding the virus itself has created
15 an environment which is incredibly detrimental to the
16 mental health of our constituents of all ages.

17 The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us that none of
18 are immune to the debilitating effects of mental
19 illness. Even the most well person can feel
20 isolated, hopeless, and alone.

21 I am introducing this bill because last month I
22 lost a childhood friend Markese Anendo[SP?] to these
23 very circumstances. As we come to terms with our new
24 normal, we also are seeing how his tragic situation
25 is not unique. He took his life because his mental

1 health needs were not met and intro. 2005, it will
2 help in identifying tracking and logging these needs
3 and pave the way for further relief. We know how we
4 will be dealing with the trauma of COVID-19 for many
5 years to come and we must ensure that we consider the
6 mental and psychological needs of New Yorkers as well
7 as their physical needs.
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9 And the second legislation I have is Reso. 1374,
10 it calls upon the New York City Department of
11 Education to establish a remote learning training
12 program for parents at the height of the pandemic.

13 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Sorry, can I finish?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Yes, please. Thank you,
16 please bring your remarks to a close.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Of course. At the height
18 of the pandemic, it took weeks for districts like
19 mine to receive iPad and internet access to resume
20 their academic studies through remote learning.

21 In addition, parents were not provided with any
22 standard training to guide their children through the
23 remote learning process. These issue were
24 particularly compounded for parents who were not
25 technologically illiterate whose English was a second

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2 language or may have disabilities and must help
3 children with disabilities.

4 While we work diligently to flatten the curve of
5 COVID-19 in New York City, we have to have a
6 strategic plan to reopen schools in fall 2020,
7 especially with the new mixed schedule and remote
8 learning process. As we grapple with the reality
9 that distance learning has now become our new norm,
10 we must be prepared to provide parents and students
11 with the necessary training and information that they
12 would need to see children continue to strive.

13 I urge my colleagues to join me to sign these key
14 pieces of legislation and thank the Majority Leader
15 for the opportunity to speak about these two pieces
16 of legislation.

17 Thank you.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you, Council Member
19 Louis. Council Member Gibson followed by Council
20 Member Barron.

21 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you Madam Majority
23 Leader and good afternoon Speaker and all my
24 colleagues and all the New Yorkers who are watching
25 today's proceedings.

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2 I am thankful for the opportunity to be a part of
3 this body and certainly, I want to send love and
4 light and continue to pray for the family of our
5 former colleague, the honorable James E. Davis and
6 certainly want to lift up the family and friends and
7 colleagues of our representative John R. Lewis. His
8 labor of love, his life, his legacy, his blood sweat
9 and tears for his entire life will never be forgotten
10 and I pray that all of us elected officials, no
11 matter what districts we represent will continue to
12 live out all of the same principals and values that
13 John Lewis fundamentally stood for.

14 I think when you see so many of our pioneers and
15 trailblazers lose their lives, it's a reminder that
16 the work must continue. That they have done their
17 work for their time and their season and now it's
18 left up to all of us.

19 The past several weeks have been very challenging
20 for many of us. We have been faced with a hot summer
21 with a pandemic as we reopen the City of New York and
22 we try to get back to whatever normalcy means but
23 many of us have been faced with the ever, ever
24 challenge of gun violence and that has been no
25 stranger to the district I represent in the Bronx and

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2 I want to lift up the family of 17-year-old young
3 King Brandon Hendricks Ellison who was killed on June
4 29th, a few days after he graduated from high school.
5 He was college bound, he loved basketball, he loved
6 his friends. He was in the wrong place at the wrong
7 time and his life was taken at the young age of 17.

8 His mom lived in our district and I continue to
9 talk to her every single day and she is now
10 dedicating her life to working to address gun
11 violence so that no other mother has to receive that
12 fateful phone call. We all know that fateful phone
13 call that too many mothers and fathers receive time
14 and time again and since that time, we've seen far
15 too many other shootings.

16 I also want to lift up the family of Anthony
17 Robinson, a 29-year-old father who was crossing the
18 street with his 7-year-old daughter in my district of
19 the Bronx.

20 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: As he also lost his life
22 and it's just a sad reminder of our work and as I
23 close, I just want to thank all of the clergy elected
24 officials, faith based leaders, the Crisis Management
25 System, all of the anti-gun violence organizations

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2 that are on the ground. The Law Enforcement NYPD
3 that's been helping us on the ground as we launched
4 operation SOS, Save Our Sons and Sisters which is a
5 community driven collaborative effort to focus on
6 addressing gun violence, the root causes and offering
7 young people and young adults jobs and programs, so
8 that we can take them off of the block and get them
9 into critical programs so they can have a successful
10 future.

11 Everyone deserves to be safe in this city, our
12 seniors, children, families, our families, and we are
13 certainly pained by all of the violence we have seen.

14 So, I look forward to a lot of work ahead. The
15 challenges are enormous, but I am a firm believer in
16 faith and my principles and I remain optimistic that
17 only together will we eradicate gun violence and keep
18 our city safe.

19 So, I thank you Madam Majority Leader and thank
20 you Speaker. I look forward to our continued work.
21 Thank you.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you so much Council
23 Member Gibson and I am sorry for the losses that you
24 have experienced in your district and beyond.

25 Council Member Barron?

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Council Member Barron, you are on mute.

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Yes, we can hear you now Inez.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Okay, thank you. I forgot to unmute. Thank you so much Madam Majority Leader and I want to [INAUDIBLE 1:17:08] and I'm glad to know that we are using this forum to continue to conduct the business that we've been called to do.

We've made mention of the great icon to have passed and we've talked about representatives of John Lewis and we also mentioned CT Vivian and I just wanted to enter into the record some of the comments about CT Vivian, Doctor CT Vivian who died on the same day as John Lewis. He was a supervised leader and organizer. He was an author and he was a minister. He was a colleague of John Lewis as well as Martin Luther King and Martin Luther King referred to him as the greatest preacher to ever live.

He was born in Missouri, grew up in Illinois and studied in Tennessee where he adopted a non-violent strategy. He was one of the founders of the Nashville Christian Leadership Conference. He organized the first [INAUDIBLE 1:18:04] and civil

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2 rights marches in Tennessee. He traveled across the
3 country speaking at churches, organizations,
4 colleagues and also addressed the united nations and
5 he is one of the figures highlighted in Eyes on the
6 Prize.

7 In 2008, Morris Brown University was in very
8 severe financial difficulties and the City of Atlanta
9 turned off the water to the college campus and CT
10 Vivian spearheaded fund raising moved that in two and
11 a half months was able to raise over \$500 million and
12 save this historical Black college.

13 He was also the recipient of the presidential
14 medal of freedom and he is the author of the book
15 Black Power and American Myth. American Myth, I
16 think it's American Myth.

17 So, that was my comments about Dr. CT Vivian and
18 I also want to say that -

19 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I join with those who
21 condemn the representative Yoho who made such
22 insulting derogatory and sexist comments to
23 Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and I think
24 that we need to make mention of that and condemn all
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2 of those kinds of sexist remarks, particularly as she
3 is a woman of color also.

4 Thank you.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you Council Member
6 Barron. Parliamentarian, who are the next three
7 speakers?

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Yes, Madam Majority Leader and
9 I'm going to read the rest of the list, so that all
10 Council Members know that they are acknowledged and
11 will be called on eventually.

12 The order of the list is Council Members Rose,
13 Cornegy, Adams, Moya, and Rodriguez.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you.

15 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you. We mourn the
17 loss this month of two civil rights icons. Icon John
18 Lewis and Reverend CT Vivian. Their courage and
19 blood paved the way for expanding voting rights and
20 equal rights across this country. John Lewis was the
21 son of Sharecroppers and he risked his life to
22 challenge segregation from a young age demonstrating
23 a courage that would come to define his life.

24 He was beaten by mobs and arrested by police even
25 before the infamous Bloody Sunday. When Alabama

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2 troops advanced to the Edmund Pettus Bridge with
3 clubs, bullwhips, and tear gas, they fractured John
4 Lewis's skull but he and others still marched for
5 voting rights.

6 When I speak to young people today about the
7 sacredness of the right to vote and remind them that
8 blood was shed for this right, John Lewis is in the
9 forefront of my mind. Without his courage, without
10 his willingness to risk his life, there is no telling
11 when and whether the Voting Rights Act would have
12 become law.

13 It is for this and countless other achievements
14 that representative Lewis was known as the conscience
15 of the US Congress during his 17 attorney's
16 representing his district.

17 On March 1st of this year, Congressman Lewis gave
18 us a prophetic command that we should get in good
19 trouble, necessary trouble and redeem the soul of
20 America. Millions across the country have tried to
21 live that out in recent months. Marching at every
22 city that proclaim that Black Lives Matter. When we
23 march, we remember the courageous example set by Mr.
24 Lewis and we remember that sometimes real change only
25 comes from the grassroots.

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2 Congressman Lewis lived his truth and fought for
3 our civil rights. He left a rich legacy, a moral
4 obligation to continue to fight for social justice.
5 I think it is very fitting that we are calling on
6 congress to pass and the president to sign the Voting
7 Rights Advancement Act 2019.

8 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: His leadership and wisdom
10 will be sorely missed. Rest in power Congressman
11 John Robert Lewis.

12 Thank you.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you Council Member
14 Rose and we will now have Council Member Cornegy.

15 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you Madam Majority
17 Leader. I have a solemn feeling today. Yesterday
18 was the funeral of young Devell Gardner Jr. and I had
19 the opportunity to speak at his funeral. It is
20 probably the worst thing that has happened to me
21 since I've been in elected office. I have never
22 actually seen up close and personal a baby's casket
23 and I haven't been the same since seeing that.

24 I have been challenged though that the depraved
25 individuals who pulled the trigger and took the life

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2 in senseless gun violence are the only ones
3 responsible. I believe that although there are
4 depraved individuals pulling the trigger in our
5 communities. Society has loaded the bullets into
6 those guns by under employment, under education, lack
7 of access to good quality food. In some instances,
8 lack of quality housing disinvestment in our
9 community. So, this is not a pandemic that we are
10 unfamiliar with. We have these cycles of violence in
11 our community and they continue to come back over and
12 over again because we have never addressed what I
13 believe is violence as a public health issue. I
14 believe it's important that we couch it in that way,
15 so that we can get all of the resources and can stop
16 putting a Band-Aid or stop using NYPD as the sole
17 source of tamping down gun violence.

18 We know that in the 20's, when poverty was being
19 the public health issue, all of the resources
20 including settlement houses were designed so that we
21 could attack poverty from all angles and eradicate
22 it. I think the same mentality has to take place as
23 it relates to gun violence.

24 And lastly, I would say, we can't continue to
25 bury our future.

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Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: I am so sorry for your loss and that you had to attend what should have never happened. Thank you for your courage, thank you for your leadership and thank you for being there.

Council Member Rodriguez?

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now. You are on mute Council Member.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Thank you Majority Leader for your leadership and Speaker Johnson also for supporting the Resolution related to borders reform. One thing that I would like to invite all colleagues here is to please also think about a solution that we pass but we're sending a message at the nation level when it comes to borders rights. But I also think about what can we do and when can we pass the municipal voting rights that would make the City of New York the first municipality that will allow New Yorkers, the have working papers and green cards to vote in municipal election.

If we talk about a border suppression, how can we relieve suppression of the rights of voters that pay the taxes in New York City when the federal law

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2 already say that the City and State are the ones that
3 decide who vote [INAUDIBLE 1:25:29] a big opportunity
4 to lead by action and I would like to encourage all
5 my colleagues, especially those that have not signed
6 the bill since we have 33 council members that have
7 signed it, the NAACP, the immigration coalition and
8 Brooklyn Borough President [INAUDIBLE 1:25:53]. So,
9 I implore you many of you to pass this bill.

10 I also would like to invite all my colleagues to
11 pay attention to the condition made by Rebel to
12 explain their services to the city and calling Rebel
13 to please take this time to improve anything that
14 they have to do with safety. No doubt that Rebel is
15 popular in New York City but also [INAUDIBLE 1:26:17]
16 that have to be addressed.

17 SPEAKING IN SPANISH 1:26:20-1:26:33]

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you Council Member
19 Rodriguez. Council Member Adams?

20 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you so much Madam
22 Majority Leader. I'd first like to say that I echo
23 everything that Council Member Cornegy said regarding
24 the gun violence across the city. It is up to us to
25 recognize that the NYPD is not a panacea we are

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2 looking for to stem gun violence. We have to look
3 inside and we have to look at the available resources
4 that we have inside and we need to fix that.

5 There have been so many tribute given to Reverend
6 CT Vivian and Congressman John Lewis. I don't think
7 it gives enough, so I am going to lend my two cents
8 to the tribute. I had been a daughter of Atlanta for
9 a period of time in attendance at Spelman College and
10 that's when I met Reverend CT Vivian. I was at
11 school with this son who went to Morehouse College
12 and I was privileged enough to hear Reverend CT
13 Vivian deliver one of the best sermons that I ever
14 heard in my life and I will never forget the subject
15 of his sermon and it was the other Joseph's. I find
16 it ironic that some years later I went on to marry a
17 Joseph.

18 I was also blessed to meet the wonderful giant
19 Congressman John Lewis about four years ago. I
20 visited several churches on a very cold morning here
21 in Southeast Queens and standing next to him, small
22 in stature but it was standing next to a giant. I
23 won't forget it. The way that we went from church to
24 church and he would tell the story of how he was a
25 little boy and would preach to the chickens.

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2 So, we just want to continue to tribute this
3 giant of a man, this icon and we defiantly want to
4 call out any hypocrisy in Washington that they are
5 not casts. The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement
6 Act after celebrating his life and his legacy
7 yesterday.

8 Thank you Majority Leader.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you so much Council
10 Member Adams. Parliamentarian, are there any
11 additional speakers who wish to speak at this time?

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Yes, Madam Majority Leader,
13 Council Members Moya, and Ampry-Samuel.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Council Member Moya?

15 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Thank you Madam Majority
17 Leader and my colleagues. Thank you so much. I am
18 here to talk about my Intro. Intro 2006. As we
19 know, New York City's homeless shelter workers know
20 what it's like to be on the frontlines of a crisis.
21 That's what they signed up for. They are there to
22 care for New Yorkers who find themselves in a
23 personal state of emergency.

24 With the COVID-19 crisis here, frontline security
25 officers in our shelters continue to suit up and show

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2 up, despite the great risks inherent in doing their
3 jobs.

4 As of April, there was 650 positive cases and 50
5 deaths among 17,000 single adults in shelters. Seven
6 security officers who are 32BJ members at city run
7 homeless shelters and at least one security officer
8 at a privately run shelter have died from causes
9 related to COVID-19.

10 These workers are charged with protecting the
11 most exposed and vulnerable New Yorkers but for many
12 security workers that privately operated city funded
13 shelters, they earn just the minimum wage and often
14 lack access to affordable and quality healthcare,
15 meaningful paid time off, adequate training, but no
16 New Yorker, especially those that are non-essential
17 workers should have to work while being sick just
18 because they can't afford healthcare or a day off.

19 And that's why I am introducing legislation today
20 Intro. 2006, that would require security guards
21 working in private homeless shelters operated and
22 contracted with the City of New York to earn the
23 prevailing wage, the same wages earned by officers
24 doing the same job in city run shelters. But this
25 isn't just about safety, it's about justice. That

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2 means standing up for the respect and the dignity of
3 all workers. I stand with these workers who are
4 predominantly Black and Brown New Yorkers who are
5 serving mostly Black and Brown New Yorkers.

6 We cannot accept private contractors taking
7 public dollars and then paying workers at the poverty
8 wages without meaningful benefits and I thank you
9 Madam Majority Leader and the Speaker and my
10 colleagues for allowing me the opportunity to speak
11 today.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you so much Council
13 Member Moya. Council Member Alicka Ampry-Samuel?

14 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Thank you Madam
16 Majority Leader. I also want to just add to the
17 words of Council Member Robert Cornegy who talked
18 about the killing of the precious one-year-old. I
19 wanted to just also just you know, just think about
20 the mothers of the other one-year-olds that were
21 killed. We got to remember precious Layla Briggs who
22 was shot and killed in the triple murder suicide in
23 March of 2018 and just thinking about her mother
24 right now.

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2 And then also, thinking about Antiq Hennis who
3 was shot and killed, shot in the head on the corner
4 of Bristol and Livonia in September of 2013 in a
5 drive by shooting. Again, shot in the head, another
6 one-year-old.

7 And so, you know, as we just talk about gun
8 violence, we have had so many one-year-olds who have
9 been shot and killed in the City of New York, in
10 Brooklyn New York and so, I just wanted to think
11 about those mothers and just keep those mothers in
12 prayer because I'm sure as they watch the news, it
13 just kicks up all kinds of feelings and emotions for
14 them right now. So, I just wanted to say the names
15 again of Layla Briggs and Antiq Hennis.

16 But also, today I'm introducing a bill. As we
17 talk about the right to vote and voter suppression,
18 we have to remember that last year voters decided to
19 vote for rank choice voting in the City of New York
20 and with so many issues and changes that we have and
21 mistrust and all kind of debacles that take place
22 within the Board of Elections, we have to remember
23 that we got to get it right. We got to get rank
24 choice voting right for next year and so, this bill
25 will require an education campaign for not just the

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2 Board of Elections but also city agencies to make
3 sure that the voters know that rank choice voting
4 exists. This is happening and there has to be some
5 kind of campaign materials -

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: That is put in
8 place and so, I just wanted to put that out there.
9 Clearly, we're all going to be talking about it but I
10 wanted to mention that as we talk about voter
11 suppression and voter rights.

12 Thank you.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you.

14 Parliamentarian, are there any additional speakers?

15 COUNCIL CLERK: No, Madam Majority Leader.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: I just want to close out
17 by recognizing as many have today, my predecessor,
18 the late great James E. Davis. If there were no
19 James E. Davis, there would be no me and there would
20 be no Laticia James Attorney General. His legacy is
21 an important one. He gave his life to the fight to
22 end gun violence. It was an honor and a privilege to
23 know him, to learn from him. He came onto the
24 political scene like a lightening bolt of energy with
25 an infectious personality and magnetic charm that

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2 will never be forgotten. But what will most be
3 remembered is his fight to take guns out of the hands
4 of our communities and to love yourself and to stop
5 the violence, because we are so much greater than
6 that.

7 So, I thank all of my colleagues. I will now
8 turn the Stated Meeting to our Speaker Corey Johnson
9 to close.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you Madam Majority
11 Leader. Thank you to everyone for the moving remarks
12 today. The Stated Meeting of July 28, 2020 is hereby
13 adjourned.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you Speaker Corey
15 Johnson. [GAVEL]

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