

CITY COUNCIL
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of the

STATED MEETING

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Thursday, December 4, 2025

Start: 2:47 P.M.

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: *The Majority Leader (Council Member Amanda Farías) presiding as the Acting President Pro Tempore*

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Adrienne E. Adams, *Speaker*

Joann Ariola

Alexa Avilés

Diana I. Ayala

Chris Banks

Erik D. Bottcher

Justin L. Brannan

Gale A. Brewer

Selvena N. Brooks-Powers

Tiffany Cabán

David M. Carr

Carmen N. De La Rosa

Eric Dinowitz

Harvey D. Epstein

Amanda Farías

Simcha Felder

Oswald Feliz

James F. Gennaro

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COUNCIL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

Jennifer Gutiérrez
Shahana K. Hanif
Kamillah Hanks
Robert F. Holden
Crystal Hudson
Rita C. Joseph
Shekar Krishnan
Linda Lee
Farah N. Louis
Kristy Marmorato
Christopher Marte
Darlene Mealy
Julie Menin
Frank Morano
Francisco P. Moya
Mercedes Narcisse
Sandy Nurse
Chi A. Ossé
Vickie Paladino
Keith Powers
Lincoln Restler
Kevin C. Riley
Yusef Salaam
Rafael Salamanca, Jr
Pierina Ana Sanchez
Lynn C. Schulman
Althea V. Stevens
Sandra Ung
Inna Vernikov
Nantasha M. Williams
Julie Won
Susan Zhuang

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING
A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION DELIVERED BY:

Pastor Leon J. Gordon,
United Apostolic Church
located at 205-24 Hollis Avenue,
St. Albans, NY 11412

2 SERGEANT PAYTUVI: This is a microphone
3 check for the Stated Meeting, recorded on December 4,
4 2025, located in Chambers, by Nazly Paytuvi.

5 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen,
6 please keep it down. Find your seats. Please find
7 your seats. There is no standing in the chambers.
8 Keep it down. All staff off the floor. Members,
9 please find your seats. Thank you.

10 Ladies and gentlemen, at this time we're
11 getting ready to start the meeting. If you're a guest
12 with us today, you're welcome to join us upstairs on
13 the balcony. Just talk to the Sergeant at Arms,
14 they'll get you up to the balcony. Thank you for your
15 assistance.

16 NYC Media, you good to go? Thank you.

17 Madam Majority Leader, you're good to go.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: [GAVEL]

19 Good afternoon, and welcome to the Stated
20 Meeting of December 4, 2025. I am Majority Leader
21 Amanda Fariás, and I would like to thank you for
22 joining us. If you would like to follow along, the
23 agenda for today's meeting is posted on our website.

24 On behalf of the body, I welcome the
25 members of the public who have joined us here today.

2 During Stated Meetings, only members of the Council
3 may speak. Members of the public shall remain silent.
4 If you wish to express support of any remarks, you
5 may make the silent approval gesture.

6 I want to remind my colleagues that
7 decorum is to be respected at all times. Insulting
8 each other is not appropriate, all remarks are to be
9 addressed to the Chair, and Members shall not speak
10 unless recognized by the Chair. It is essential that
11 even if we disagree, we treat each other with
12 respect.

13 CITY CLERK: Please join us for the Pledge
14 of Allegiance.

15 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

16 ALL: [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Roll call?

18 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present

20 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté

22 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

23 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Here

24 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Here

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CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here

CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Present

CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present

CLERK: Council Member Carr?

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Present

CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here

CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here

CLERK: Council Member Epstein?

COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: Present

CLERK: Council Member Felder?

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Here

CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here

CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here

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CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presenté

CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here

CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Holden?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here

CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present

CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present

CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here

CLERK: Council Member Lee?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here

CLERK: Council Member Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present

CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present

CLERK: Council Member Marte?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present

CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present

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NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

CLERK: Council Member Menin?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here

CLERK: Council Member Morano?

COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Here!

CLERK: Council Member Moya?

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here

CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present

CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present

CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I'm here.

CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Here

CLERK: Council Member Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: (UN-MIC'D) Here

CLERK: Council Member Restler?

COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here

CLERK: Council Member Riley?

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present

CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present

CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present

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NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present

CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here

CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here

CLERK: Council Member Ung?

COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present

CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (INAUDIBLE)

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Won?

COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present

CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Here

CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (UN-MIC'D) Here

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Ariola?

MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Present

CLERK: Council Member Farías?

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present

2 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

3 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. We
5 will now have today's Invocation, which will be
6 delivered by Pastor Leon J. Gordon, United Apostolic
7 Church, which is located at 205-24 Hollis Avenue in
8 Queens.

9 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

10 PASTOR GORDON: Let us pray.

11 Lord Jesus, source of all wisdom and
12 love, we gather here today with hearts full of
13 gratitude. We thank you for the privilege of service,
14 for the opportunity to convene in unity, and for the
15 shared purpose that binds us together. We're also
16 profoundly grateful for the rich tapestry of
17 backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives present
18 among us, recognizing that in our diversity lies our
19 collective strength and capacity for understanding.

20 We ask for your guidance upon all
21 assembled. Grant to all your servants clarity of
22 mind, integrity in their actions, and compassion in
23 their deliberations as they consider complex issues
24 and make difficult decisions. Illuminate their past
25 with your truth so that they may not act out of self-

1 interest, but for the flourishing of New Yorkers. May
2 their efforts be blessed with wisdom that they may
3 uplift our communities and foster the spirit of
4 justice and peace for all. Inspire each member to
5 work with renewed dedication to bridge divides and to
6 serve with unwavering commitment to the common good.
7 Strengthen their resolve to care for the vulnerable,
8 to champion the voiceless, and to build a future
9 filled with hope and opportunity for all the
10 residents of this great city. Grant them strength to
11 face the challenges ahead with courage and
12 resilience, knowing that with your help, no obstacle
13 is insurmountable. We pray your blessings upon their
14 families, our neighbors, and all the communities they
15 represent. Protect them from harm, guide them through
16 uncertainty, and instill in them a deep sense of
17 responsibility for the stewardship of the resources
18 and trusts placed in their hands. May your presence
19 be felt in this place and may your grace guide their
20 steps now and always. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Thank you. I
23 would now like to spread the Invocation on the
24 record.

25 Adoption of Minutes?

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CLERK: None

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Messages and
Papers from the Mayor?

CLERK: None

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Communication
From City, County, and Borough Offices?

CLERK: M 209 Comptroller's Report.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, Ordered,
Printed, and Filed.

CLERK: M 210, Commissioner of Elections
appointment.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, Ordered,
Printed, and Filed.

CLERK: M 211 Election of Harvey D.
Epstein, new Council Member of the 2nd District.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Welcome!

ALL: (APPLAUSE and CHEERING)

SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, Ordered,
Printed, and Filed!

ALL: (APPLAUSE and CHEERING)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Petitions and
Communications?

CLERK: None

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Land Use Call-
3 ups?

4 CLERK: M 212

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much. I now
6 ask that the Clerk take a roll call vote on all of
7 today's Land Use Call-ups.

8 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

9 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

11 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

13 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: (ABSENT)

18 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: (ABSENT)

20 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes

22 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

23 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye

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CLERK: Thank you.
Council Member Carr?
COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye
CLERK: Thank you.
Council Member De La Rosa?
COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?
COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Epstein?
COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: Yes
CLERK: Council Member Felder?
COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Yes
CLERK: Council Member Feliz?
COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye
CLERK: Thank you.
Council Member Gennaro?
COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?
COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Hanif?
COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Hanks?
COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (ABSENT)
CLERK: Council Member Holden?

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COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Hudson?
COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Joseph?
COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?
COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Lee?
COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Louis?
COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?
COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye.
CLERK: Council Member Marte?
COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Mealy?
COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)
CLERK: Council Member Menin?
COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Morano?
COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Moya?
COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.
CLERK: Thank you.

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Council Member Narcisse?
COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Nurse?
COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.
CLERK: Council Member Ossé?
COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye.
CLERK: Council Member Paladino?
MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Powers?
COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: (INAUDIBLE)
CLERK: Council Member Restler?
COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Riley?
COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Salaam?
COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.
CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?
COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye.
CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?
COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Schulman?
COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye
CLERK: Council Member Stevens?
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Yes

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CLERK: Council Member Ung?

COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Won?

COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

CLERK: Council Member Farías?

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

CLERK: Speaker Adams?

SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Today's Land Use

Call-ups are adopted by a vote of 45 in the
affirmative and 0 in the negative.

We will now have Communication from
Speaker Adrienne Adams.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Madam Majority
Leader. Good afternoon, everyone.

1 Before we begin, I do want to acknowledge
2
3 the death of James "Jimmy" Riches, an FDNY Deputy
4 Chief, who passed away from illnesses related to the
5 September 11th attacks. We will remember Deputy Chief
6 Riches for his bravery and his 30 years of service to
7 our great city. We also remember him as a devoted
8 father who spent months searching for his son,
9 firefighter Jimmy Riches, amidst the rubble at the
10 World Trade Center.

11 Deputy Chief Riches was a hero and
12 inspiration to his colleagues at FDNY, and my heart
13 goes out to all of those who knew and loved him.

14 I also want to acknowledge the 73-year-
15 old woman who perished in her home after a four-alarm
16 fire broke out in the Bronx last Friday. My thoughts
17 are certainly with her loved ones who are mourning
18 their loss.

19 Last week, I shared tragic news about a
20 fatal electric fire that took the life of 95-year-old
21 Joyce Buncom in Saint Albans and left her daughter
22 Paula and great-granddaughter, Aylani, in critical
23 condition. Today, I'm very saddened to report to you
24 and share that 6-year-old Aylani passed away last
25 week.

2 We are all heartbroken by these deaths of
3 these New Yorkers, and our prayers are with their
4 families, their loved ones, and communities now
5 navigating their immense losses.

6 I also want to acknowledge several days
7 of commemoration:

8 November 30th was Barbados National Day,
9 which celebrates the country's independence from
10 Britain after 360 years as a British colony.

11 December 1st was World AIDS Day,
12 dedicated to raising awareness and remembering those
13 we have lost to the disease.

14 December 2nd was Special Education Day,
15 which commemorates the signing of the Individuals
16 with Disabilities Education Act into law in 1975. It
17 is critical that we ensure students with disabilities
18 have the services they deserve and are owed.

19 Additionally, December 3rd was
20 International Day of Persons with Disabilities, a day
21 to honor our disability community and advocate for
22 further accessibility.

23 And finally, I want to welcome Arthur
24 Grabiner to the People's House today. Arthur is a

2 lifelong New Yorker and a World War II veteran who is
3 celebrating his milestone 100th birthday on the 11th.

4 ALL: (APPLAUSE and CHEERING)

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Arthur!

6 ALL: (APPLAUSE and CHEERING)

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Arthur, we thank you for
8 your service and for all that you've done for our
9 entire nation. Welcome to the People's House, the
10 house that you helped to build.

11 Now, let's move on to our Stated Agenda.

12 First, we'll vote on the following Land
13 Use items:

14 • 1720 Atlantic Avenue Rezoning, a
15 private rezoning application that will facilitate the
16 development of approximately 300 new homes and two
17 new buildings, over 100 of which will be affordable,
18 as well as commercial and community facility space in
19 Council Member Chi Ossé's district. The Council is
20 modifying the application to require MIH Option 3
21 Deep Affordability.

22 • Two applications by the Department of
23 Parks and Recreation for Walk to Parks Site
24 selections to facilitate the creation of new parkland
25 in the Brooklyn districts of Council Members Sandy

1 Nurse and Chris Banks. The application will
2 facilitate site selection and acquisition of 23
3 privately owned properties.

4 • In the Queens districts of Council
5 Members Francisco Moya, Tiffany Cabán, and Shekar
6 Krishnan, the application will facilitate the
7 selection and acquisition of 22 privately owned
8 properties.

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10 Next, we will vote on the following
11 Finance items:

12 • Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by
13 Council Member Justin Brannan, would establish a new
14 40-year Article XI Tax Exemption for two buildings in
15 Council Member De La Rosa's district.

16 • Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by
17 Council Member Brannan, would establish a new 40-year
18 Article XI Tax Exemption for a six-story building in
19 Council Member Shaun Abreu's district.

20 • Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by
21 Council Member Brannan, would establish a new five-
22 year Article XI Tax Exemption for a 31-story building
23 in Council Member Erik Bottcher's district.

24 • Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by
25 Council Member Brannan, would establish a new 40-year

1 Article XI Tax Exemption for two buildings in Council
2 Member Crystal Hudson's district.

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4 • Three Preconsidered Resolutions,
5 sponsored by Council Member Brannan, would establish
6 a new 40-year Article XI Tax Exemption for eight
7 buildings in Council Member Kamillah Hanks' district.

8 Next, we will vote on the following
9 Resolutions:

10 • Resolution 1063, sponsored by Council
11 Member Rita Joseph, would designate November 12
12 annually as Sigma Gamma Rho Day in the City of New
13 York to recognize the sorority's commitment to
14 sisterhood, scholarship, and service and to positive
15 community impact.

16 • Resolution 987, also sponsored by
17 Council Member Joseph, would declare July 26 as
18 Haitian Konpa Day annually to celebrate the legacy of
19 Haitian music and dance in the cultural landscape of
20 the City of New York. We thank our staff member,
21 Regina Paul.

22 • Resolution 843, sponsored by Council
23 Member Althea Stevens, would call on the New York
24 State Assembly to pass, and the Governor to sign,
25 A5658A/S378, which directs the New York State

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2 Education Department and the New York State Office of
3 Children and Family Services (OCFS) to prepare
4 posters and pamphlets to ensure that foster youth are
5 made aware of the higher education financial
6 resources available to them. We thank our staff
7 member, Elizabeth Arzt.

8 • Resolution 251, sponsored by Council
9 Member Kevin Riley, would call on the New York State
10 Education Department to allow a lifeguard
11 certification to substitute for Physical Education
12 Credit for high school seniors aged 17 years and
13 older. We thank our staff member Chloë Rivera.

14 • Resolution 54, sponsored by Deputy
15 Speaker Diana Ayala, would call on the New York City
16 Department of Education and the New York State
17 Education Department to collaborate on and prioritize
18 increasing the number of educators trained to work
19 with English Language Learners and to improve the
20 quality and comprehensiveness of English Language
21 Learners' education. Thank you to our staff members,
22 Regina Paul and Chloë Rivera.

23 • Resolution 773-A, sponsored by Majority
24 Leader Amanda Farías, would call on the New York
25 State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign

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2 A.3024, which directs the Metropolitan Transportation
3 Authority (MTA) to establish a student fare program
4 for trains and buses. Thank you to our staff members,
5 John Basile and Kevin Kotowski.

6 • Resolution 498, sponsored by Majority
7 Leader Fariás, would call on the Metropolitan
8 Transportation Authority (MTA) to create a program
9 that provides New York City's first responder
10 agencies with real-time Global Positioning System
11 (GPS) data for all MTA buses. Thank you to our staff
12 member, Kevin Kotowski.

13 • Resolution 1016, sponsored by Majority
14 Leader Fariás, would call on the New York State
15 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,
16 legislation setting the minimum notice period for
17 rent increases to 60 days for Mitchell-Lama rental
18 and co-op residents.

19 • Resolution 575, sponsored by Majority
20 Leader Fariás, would call on the New York State
21 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,
22 legislation providing for annual adjustments to the
23 rental and carrying charges for Mitchell-Lama
24 developments based on increases in the Consumer Price
25 Index. These Resolutions are critical to supporting

1 the financial stability of Mitchell-Lamas and its
2 residents. We thank our staff members, Jose Conde and
3 Erik Brown.

4 Today, we will vote on the following
5 legislation:

6 • Introduction 1397-A, sponsored by
7 Council Member James Gennaro, would require the
8 Office of Longterm Planning and Sustainability, the
9 Department of Environmental Protection, and the
10 Department of Buildings to conduct a study to develop
11 construction code amendments to address stormwater
12 flood risks. Thank you to our staff members, Natasha
13 Bynum, Sierra Townsend, Ricky Chawla, and Brad Ried.

14 • Introduction 423-A, sponsored by
15 Council Member Althea Stevens, would require the
16 Department of Transportation to provide, on its
17 website, an inventory of all city-owned retaining
18 walls under its jurisdiction that are 10-feet high or
19 greater by October 1, 2026. We thank our staff
20 member, Theodore Miller.

21 • Introduction 796-A, also sponsored by
22 Council Member Stevens, would require DOB to send a
23 monthly email to all council members and community
24 boards notifying them of new sidewalk shed permits
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1 that were issued during the prior month. Thank you to
2 our staff members, Austin Malone, Billy Eck, Jose
3 Conde, Dirk Spencer, and Sierra Townsend.

4 • Introduction 1456, sponsored by Council
5 Member Justin Brannan, would extend the current
6 moratorium on fines for certain awning and accessory
7 sign violations until 2028. The Department of
8 Buildings would also be required to conduct a public
9 education campaign. Thank you to our staff members
10 William Eck, Austin Malone, Dirk Spencer, Jose Conde,
11 and Hannah Kohn.

12 • Introduction 1217-A, sponsored by
13 Council Member Susan Zhuang, would require the
14 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to inspect
15 buildings within 14 days of receiving a 311 complaint
16 relating to rats. Thank you to staff members, Morgann
17 Barrett and Audrey Son.

18 • Introduction 1384-A, sponsored by
19 Council Member Linda Lee, would amend the definitions
20 of site safety training card and site safety training
21 supervisor cards in the New York City Building Code
22 to require that an applicant complete a minimum of
23 two SST credits related to mental health and
24 wellness, suicide risk and prevention, and alcohol
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2 and substance use. Thank you to staff members Sara
3 Sucher, Austin Malone, Bill Eck, Jose Conde, and Dirk
4 Spencer.

5 • Introduction 1002, sponsored by Council
6 Member Kristy Marmorato, would require all schools to
7 stock airway clearance devices within 180 days after
8 they receive authorization from the FDA for use.

9 Thank you to our staff members, Alejandro Carvajal
10 and Sara Liss.

11 • Introduction 1154-A, sponsored by
12 Council Member Julie Menin, would require that the
13 Department of Transportation ("DOT") test high
14 visibility pavement markings that could be more
15 visible to road users in poor driving conditions.

16 Thank you to our staff members Nick Widzowski and
17 Mark Chen.

18 • Introduction 895-A, also sponsored by
19 Council Member Menin, would require that New York
20 City schools and DOHMH-regulated childcare facilities
21 keep EpiPens on site. Thank you to our staff members,
22 Christopher Pepe, Sara Liss, Sahar Moazami, and
23 Smita Deshmukh.

24 • Introduction 1225-A, also sponsored by
25 Council Member Menin, would establish an Office of

1 the Census. Thank you to our staff member, Johari
2 Frasier.

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4 • Resolution 469, sponsored by Council
5 Member Shekar Krishnan, would recognize May 15 as
6 International Water Safety Day.

7 • Introduction 1425-A, sponsored by
8 Council Member Susan Zhuang, would require the
9 Department of Parks and Recreation to submit a
10 quarterly report on the staffing levels of Parks
11 Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officers and Park Rangers,
12 as well as the incidents responded to by PEP officers
13 and Rangers at City parks.

14 • Introduction 1059-A, sponsored by
15 Council Member Krishnan, would require the Department
16 of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to develop and publish
17 information about water safety and drowning
18 prevention. They would also be required to distribute
19 written materials to every student.

20 • Introduction 1058-A, sponsored by
21 Council Member Krishnan, would require the Parks
22 Department and the DOE to conduct a feasibility study
23 on how high school students could be prepared to
24 train to become lifeguards at City-managed beaches
25 and pools.

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2 • Introduction 988-A, also sponsored by
3 Council Member Krishnan, would require the Department
4 of Parks and Recreation to create an online map that
5 provides up-to-date information for swimming pools
6 under its jurisdiction. Thank you to our staff
7 members, Kris Sartori and Patrick Mulvihill.

8 • Introduction 1392-A, sponsored by me,
9 would require quarterly payments to contractors under
10 certain contracts with the Department of Homeless
11 Services and the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice,
12 beginning July 1, 2027, and establish a pilot program
13 for quarterly payments for other contracts. This bill
14 is part of the Council's larger efforts to reform our
15 City's contracting processes to address longstanding
16 delays that have hampered nonprofit services,
17 operations, and long-term stability. Thank you very
18 much to our staff members Alex Paulenoff and Rachel
19 Cordero.

20 Finally, we will be overriding mayoral
21 vetoes of four bills that respectively protect
22 CityFHEPS recipients from rent increases and ensure
23 they are not overly rent-burdened, advance pay
24 equity, and improve City contracting. Let me be
25 clear, there is no New York without working people.

2 It is our responsibility as government to ensure that
3 all New Yorkers can lead lives with dignity,
4 opportunity, and safety. That requires affordable
5 rents, pay equity for people of color, women, and
6 City contracting functions that are effective to
7 allow nonprofits to focus on serving New Yorkers.
8 This Council has remained steadfast in protecting New
9 Yorkers and putting their interests first. And today
10 is just another example of our commitment.

11 We will override mayoral vetoes of the
12 following bills:

13 • Introduction 1372, sponsored by the
14 Deputy Speaker, Diana Ayala, would require that the
15 rent contribution for CityFHEPS recipients not exceed
16 30 percent of the household's total monthly income.

17 • Introduction 982-A, sponsored by
18 Council Member Tiffany Cabán, would require private
19 employers with more than 200 employees working in the
20 City to submit a pay data report.

21 • Introduction 984-A, sponsored by
22 Majority Leader Amanda Farías, would require an
23 agency to conduct an annual pay equity study on
24 private employers with 200 or more employees.

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2 • Introduction 1248-B, sponsored by me,
3 would codify an Office of Contract Services that
4 would serve as the City Chief Procurement Officer.

5 Thank you, colleagues, for your
6 attention. I now turn it back over to our Majority
7 Leader.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you,
9 Speaker Adams. We will now move into the Discussion
10 of General Orders, and I would like to first
11 recognize Council Member Hanif, followed by Council
12 Member Gennaro, then Council Member Riley.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you, Majority
14 Leader. In his final month in office, Mayor Eric
15 Adams has made one thing unmistakably clear...

16 (PROTESTORS CHANTING)

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: There will be
18 silence in Chambers! Sergeants, please remove the
19 folks from the gallery who are disruptive! [GAVEL]

20 SERGEANT AT ARMS: (INAUDIBLE)

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I will have
22 silence in the Chambers!

23 (PROTESTORS CHANTING)

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Either comply
3 with the sergeants and remove yourselves from the
4 gallery, or they will remove you.

5 (PROTESTORS CHANTING)

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: (INAUDIBLE)

7 (PAUSE)

8 (PROTESTORS CHANTING)

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: [GAVEL] I will
10 have silence in the Chambers so that we can continue
11 with the Agenda.

12 (PROTESTORS CHANTING)

13 (PAUSE)

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: There will be order in the
15 People's House.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you so
17 much. I now recognize Council Member Hanif.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you.

19 In his final month in office, Mayor Eric
20 Adams has made one thing unmistakably clear. He is
21 apathetic to the needs of working-class New Yorkers.
22 At a time when families are struggling with rising
23 rents, stagnant wages, and a broken contracting
24 system, the Mayor chose to turn his back on real,
25 tangible solutions.

1 Today, this council has both the
2 opportunity and the obligation to stand firmly on the
3 side of New Yorkers by overturning the Mayor's veto
4 on four critical pieces of legislation.

5 Introduction 982-A and Intro 984-A,
6 sponsored by Council Member Amanda Farías and Tiffany
7 Cabán, move us toward true pay transparency and
8 equity in the private sector. By requiring data
9 reporting and a comprehensive pay equity study, these
10 bills give our city the tools to uncover persistent
11 wage gaps and take meaningful systemic action.

12 Introduction 1372, from Council member
13 Diana Ayala, ensures that CityFHEPS households are
14 not rent burdened and pay no more than 30% of their
15 income toward rent, an essential safeguard as housing
16 costs continue to skyrocket.

17 And Introduction 1248-B, championed by
18 Speaker Adrienne Adams, establishes an Office of
19 Contract Services to finally bring transparency,
20 oversight, and accountability to a contracting system
21 that has long failed nonprofits and taxpayers alike.

22 For Mayor Adams to veto these bills in
23 his final weeks is more than disappointing. It's a
24 deliberate rejection of fairness, stability, and
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1 basic good governance. It is a slap in the face to
2 working women fighting for equal pay, to families
3 striving to stay housed, and to every New Yorker who
4 expects their tax dollars to be managed responsibly.
5 I am proudly voting to override Mayor Adams' veto on
6 all four bills, and I urge my colleagues to join me
7 in putting the needs of New Yorkers above the
8 indifference of this administration. Thank you.

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10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing
11 Council Member Gennaro, (TIMER) followed by Council
12 Member Cabán, then Council Member Menin.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you, Madam
14 Majority Leader.

15 I'm speaking on Introduction 1397-A about
16 stormwater management. Intro 1397-A is the next step
17 in the work that we began last year when we passed
18 Local Law 124, a law that mapped where inland
19 flooding is most likely to happen in New York City.
20 Coastal flooding areas have been mapped for more than
21 10 years, but not inland flooding areas.

22 As New York continues to face the growing
23 threat of terrible weather events, we must make sure
24 that our building codes reflect the realities of the
25 changing climate.

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2 In recent years, storms like Ida have
3 made it abundantly clear that flood risk is not
4 unique just to shorelines. Inland flooding from rain
5 is a big new concern, and by incorporating inland
6 flood risks into our construction rules, this bill
7 closes a critical gap in our resilience strategy and
8 helps protect homes, businesses, and lives from
9 future floods.

10 This bill moves us forward in three
11 simple but powerful ways.

12 One, it brings the right City agencies
13 together to study how we should build in areas that
14 repeatedly flood from heavy rain. This study will
15 result in changes to the building code.

16 Second, it requires the DOB to clearly
17 show residents when a property is in an area at high
18 risk for inland flooding so people can make informed
19 decisions.

20 And third, it adds basic protection to
21 our building code to ensure above ground fuel tanks
22 in flood prone areas are elevated, a small but
23 important change that can prevent big problems when
24 streets and basements are filled with stormwater.

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2 This bill ensures that New York City
3 treats inland flooding with the seriousness it
4 deserves and that we are preparing all of our
5 neighborhoods for the climate realities of today.

6 I'd very much like to thank the Speaker,
7 the bill sponsors, and members of the EPR Committee,
8 and all the staff of the committee that worked on
9 this bill, uh, including my LD, who's sitting behind
10 me, Josh Gachette. Thank you all very much.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing
12 Council Member Cabán (TIMER), followed by Council
13 Member Menin, then Council Member Stevens.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you.

15 I want to start by stating that I am
16 deeply disappointed but unsurprised that Eric Adams
17 decided to use his last weeks in office to betray all
18 women on behalf of big corporations. His veto of the
19 Cabán-Fariás pay equity package is a betrayal of the
20 working class and especially of Black and brown women
21 who suffer the most from pay inequity.

22 I'm proud to join my colleagues today in
23 overriding his bid to impress the billionaires he's
24 soon going to need a job from. And when we shine a
25 light on inequity, we create the conditions to end

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2 it. These are bills that are about accountability and
3 equity for New Yorkers, especially the women and
4 people of color who have been underpaid and
5 undervalued for generations.

6 This legislation would not have been
7 possible without the steadfast leadership of Majority
8 Leader Amanda Fariás, the tireless advocacy of Power
9 New York, Legal Momentum, and so many organizations
10 and workers who have fought for pay transparency and
11 fairness. And I want to thank Sarah Swaine from the
12 Legislative Division for her help with it, and also
13 extend my thanks to Jonah Birch and Celia Castellan
14 from my team for their commitment and collaboration
15 in getting this across the finish line. And thank you
16 to Speaker Adams and the Speaker's team for your
17 support in overriding this absolutely ridiculous
18 veto. Thank you.

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you,
20 Council Member Cabán. Recognizing Council Member
21 Menin, followed by Council Member Stevens, and then
22 Council Member Zhuang.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Thank you so much,
24 Majority Leader.

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2 I'm pleased today to talk about two of my
3 bills that we are going to be voting on.

4 The first, Intro 1225, creates a
5 permanent Office of the Census. This is really
6 mission-critical, because in 2020, when I served as
7 the City's Census Director, we were left scrambling
8 trying to get every New Yorker counted. And due to
9 the efforts that we launched, where we partnered with
10 hundreds of community groups that were trusted voices
11 in their neighborhood, and due to the partnership
12 that we had from so many groups across the city, we
13 were able to finish number one on the census of all
14 major cities—meaning that we are still receiving
15 billions of additional dollars for our schools, for
16 SNAP, for Head Start, for hundreds of vital social
17 service programs. This permanent Office of the Census
18 will then allow New York City to plan properly to
19 ensure that every single New Yorker is counted. And
20 given the fact that in Washington right now, there
21 are once again efforts to add a citizenship question
22 to the census unlawfully, something that we
23 successfully fought at the US Supreme Court, this
24 office is going to be more important than ever to
25 start early.

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And then secondly, I wanted to talk about my Bill 895, which would require every single school and childcare facility across New York City to provide life-saving EpiPens. As a mother of a food-allergic child, I almost lost my son when he was two years old due to anaphylactic shock, and it was only an EpiPen that saved his life. So I want to take a moment to thank Dina Hawthorne and Thomas Silvera from the Elijah Foundation for their advocacy. I want to ask them to stand up. They lost their son, Elijah, when he was three years old, and I want to thank them for their partnership and for honoring the legacy of their son, which we are doing today by passing this bill. Thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council Member Stevens.

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Good afternoon.

Today is a true, true honor. The bills that we're moving forward are not just a Legislative win; it's a moment to reflect on the reason why I serve. My experience in our communities shaped each bill in this package, and passing them together

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2 represents a meaningful step towards transparency,
3 equality, and empowerment of New York City.

4 Intro 796-A will bring transparency to
5 something that every day deeply impacts us, our
6 sidewalk sheds. For so long, these structures have
7 gone up without explanation, and they affect families
8 and businesses with a feeling of blocking entire
9 blocks. This bill gives the community the clarity
10 that they deserve about what's happening in their
11 neighborhood.

12 And with Intro 423 (sic) **(Transcription**
13 **Note: *Introduction 1423)**, we're taking positive
14 steps to ensure safety by creating a public inventory
15 of city-owned retaining walls. This lets people have
16 an understanding of the conditions of the
17 infrastructure around them and how it helps prevent
18 emergencies from happening.

19 With those bills, they address different
20 issues, but they share one powerful purpose— to put
21 information and their power back into the hands of
22 the people. Because when our residents have access to
23 real-time, timely information, they can advocate,
24 they can organize, they can shape their own futures.
25 This is what the legislative package represents—

2 listening to the community, honoring their lives,
3 experiences, and ensuring that government works with
4 them, not around them.

5 I'm grateful to my colleagues and their
6 partnerships for being proud champions of this
7 legislation that centers transparency, equality, and
8 human dignity. Together, those bills push us close to
9 being a city where every voice matters and every
10 community is respected. Thank you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Recognizing
12 Council Member Zhuang.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Thank you.

14 As a City Council Member, I think it's a
15 roller coaster ride for my job. Yesterday I was
16 responding to ICE in my district. Today, I'm here to
17 champion a better quality of life for all New
18 Yorkers. Probably all my colleagues had phone calls
19 and complaints from our constituents. The park is not
20 safe. There are violent activities in the park. We
21 all ask the NYPD and Parks for patrol. But we rarely
22 see any Park staff, because there are not enough PEP
23 Officers or PEP Rangers in our city.

24 Intro 1425 will allow us to see where
25 Park deploys our current staff and what enforcement

2 they're conducting. We will also learn, every
3 quarter, the current staff levels. I want to thank
4 DC-37 for working closely with me on this bill.

5 Also, in New York City, we cannot
6 regulate the rats, but we are able to regulate the
7 City agencies. We want to make sure City agencies do
8 their job. When they get phone calls from our
9 constituents, they have to answer all the 311 calls.
10 I'm happy to tell everyone that Intro 1217 will
11 require the Department of Health Inspector to inspect
12 a property within 14 days after a 311 call. I'm happy
13 to say we also include the language that ensures if
14 DOH cannot gain entrance for inspection on the first
15 attempt, they must make a second attempt within 20
16 days.

17 I want to thank all the people who worked
18 on my bill, and also, especially, I want to thank my
19 PR, Katelynn Ulrich. She worked very hard on both
20 bills. And also, I want to say to Mayor-Elect
21 Mamdani, if you want to make the city affordable,
22 make our parks safe so we can enjoy them and have
23 hopeless romantic dates in the parks, too. (TIMER)

24 (LAUGHTER)

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Seeing no one
3 else signed up to speak, Report of Special
4 Committees?

5 CLERK: None

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Report of
7 Standing Committees?

8 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Civil
9 and Human Rights, Intros 982-A and 984-A, pay data
10 and pay equity.

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

12 CLERK: Ms 191 and 192, Veto Messages for
13 Intros 982-A and 984-A.

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled to be Filed.

15 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
16 Contracts, Intro 1248-B, Office Of Contract Services.

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

18 CLERK: M 193, Veto Message for Intro
19 1248-B.

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled to be Filed.

21 CLERK: Intro 1392-A, vendor payments.

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

24 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
25 Education, Intro 1002-A, airway clearance devices.

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

4 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
5 Environmental Protection, Resiliency, and
6 Waterfronts, Intro 1397-A, stormwater flooding.

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

9 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
10 Finance, Preconsidered LU 440 and Reso 1174 through
11 Preconsidered LU 446 and Reso 1180, tax exemptions.

12 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

13 CLERK: Report of the Committee on General
14 Welfare, Intro 1372, rental assistance vouchers.

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

16 CLERK: M 194, Veto Message for Intro
17 1372.

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled to be Filed.

19 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
20 Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation.
21 Intro 1225-A, Office of the Census.

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

24 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Health,
25 Intro 895-A, epinephrine devices.

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

4 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Housing
5 and Buildings, Intros 796 and 1217-A, sidewalk sheds
6 and building inspections.

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

9 CLERK: Intro 1384-A, construction site
10 safety training.

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

13 CLERK: Intro 1456-A, awnings and
14 accessory signs.

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on
16 General Orders.

17 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land
18 Use, LU 420 and Reso 1181, and LU 421 and Reso 1182,
19 Walk to Park Sites.

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

21 CLERK: LUs 426 and 427 MTA 125th and
22 Lexington Rezoning.

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with
24 Modifications and Referred to the City Planning
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2 Commission pursuant to Section 197-(d) of the New
3 York City Charter.

4 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Parks
5 and Recreation, Intros 988-A, 1058-A, and 1059-A,
6 pools, lifeguard corps, and water safety materials.

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

9 CLERK: Intro 1425-A, urban park rangers.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on
11 General Orders.

12 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
13 Transportation and Infrastructure, Intro 1154-A, high
14 visibility pavement markings.

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on
16 General Orders.

17 CLERK: Intro 1423-A, city-owned retaining
18 walls.

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on
20 General Orders.

21 CLERK: On the General Orders Calendar, LU
22 422 and Reso 1183 and 423 and Reso 1184,1720 Atlantic
23 Avenue Rezoning.

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

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2 Before we move into the vote on General
3 Orders, we will now consider the four bills vetoed by
4 Mayor Adams. These bills are Introduction Numbers
5 982-A, 984-A, 1248-B, and 1372.

6 The question before the Council now is,
7 shall these four bills pass, the objection of the
8 Mayor notwithstanding? I now call on the Clerk to
9 take a roll call vote only on the four bills that
10 were vetoed by Mayor Adams.

11 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

12 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

14 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

16 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: (ABSENT)

21 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: (ABSENT)

23 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I am voting aye. I
25 do think on 982-A, with respect for Council Member

2 Cabán, it is a little rough to try to get that
3 implemented from the perspective of the employer. I
4 am all for the data, but I just want to warn people
5 that it could be a major burden for some employers.
6 Thank you very much.

7 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

8 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

9 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Very proudly, I
11 vote aye.

12 CLERK: Thank you.

13 Council Member Carr?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye on Intro 1248
15 and no on the rest.

16 CLERK: Thank you.

17 Council Member De La Rosa?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye

21 CLERK: Council Member Epstein?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: Yes

23 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Yes

25 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: (NO RESPONSE)

CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Holden?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: No on all.

CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Permission to
explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission
granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you.

As you've heard from some colleagues
already, today we again confront a familiar pattern
from this administration—vetoes that ignore the
realities facing working class New Yorkers that
undermine the clear decision and veto-proof majority
these bills passed within this council. With mere

2 weeks left in office, the Mayor has once again chosen
3 obstruction over collaboration, rejecting bills that
4 strengthen pay equity, keeping low-income tenants
5 from being rent burdened, and finally bringing long
6 overdue accountability to a contracting system that
7 routinely leaves nonprofits waiting months to be paid
8 for critical work.

9 Our responsibility is not to protect any
10 mayor's legacy. It is to protect New Yorkers. These
11 bills passed with overwhelming support because they
12 address real needs in every district represented in
13 this chamber. And for that reason, I vote aye to
14 override these vetoes. Thank you.

15 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye

21 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

25 CLERK: Thank you.

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Council Member Marmorato?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye on
1248-B and no on the rest.

CLERK: Council Member Marte?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Menin?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Morano?

COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Aye on 1248-B and
no on the rest.

CLERK: Council Member Moya?

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Narcisse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I share my
colleagues' concern on 982-A. While I am concerned, I
share that-- I don't have to repeat the same thing
that Gale Brewer mentioned, and I vote aye, but I
have a little concern about it. I am still having
concerns. Thanks.

I vote aye.

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CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: No on all except
for 1284-B, for which I vote, yes.

CLERK: Council Member Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Restler?

COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Riley?

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Ung?

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COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: No on all with
the exception of Intro 1248, for which I vote, yes.

CLERK: Council Member Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Won?

COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye on all.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Ariola?

MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Yes, on 1248-B,
and no on all the rest.

CLERK: Council Member Farías?

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I proudly vote
aye on all.

CLERK: Speaker Adams?

SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye on all.

(PAUSE)

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The vote is as
follows:

- Introduction 982-A, 40 in the
affirmative, 7 in the negative, 0 abstentions.

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2 • Introduction 984-A, 40 in the
3 affirmative, 7 in the negative, 0 abstentions.

4 • Introduction 1248-B, 46 in the
5 affirmative, 1 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

6 • Introduction 1372, 40 in the
7 affirmative, 7 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

8 Madam Speaker, the Council votes to
9 override the Mayor's vetoes with two-thirds voting in
10 the affirmative.

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much,
12 Majority Leader, thank you, colleagues.

13 I now ask that the Clerk take a roll call
14 vote on all the remaining items on today's General
15 Order Calendar.

16 CLERK: Sorry, one moment.

17 Council Member Abreu? Aye

18 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU:

19 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

20 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

21 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

22 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEr: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes

CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Carr?

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Epstein?

COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: Yes

CLERK: Council Member Felder?

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Yes

CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

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CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Holden?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Lee?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye on all.

Permission to explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Thank you.

2 I just want to thank my colleagues today
3 for the support on Introduction 1002, because it is
4 very personal to me after losing a family member to
5 choking. It's a devastating loss that nobody can
6 explain or even begin to imagine. So when it comes to
7 children, I just felt like we needed more safeguards
8 or stronger safeguards put in place in the schools,
9 and I'm just so proud that every school will have an
10 airway clearing device stocked in their department,
11 and the staff will be trained. And even if this just
12 saves one life, it really is something that is
13 meaningful. And I just thank everybody for the
14 support. Thank you.

15 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye

21 CLERK: Council Member Morano?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Permission to
23 explain my vote?

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission
25 granted.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Before casting my
2 aye vote on everything, I want to speak from the
3 heart about the driving force behind this
4 legislation, Intro 1002. Intro 1002 exists for one
5 reason: because Council Member Kristy Marmorato
6 refused to accept that a child choking in a New York
7 City school should ever lose their life simply
8 because the right life-saving tool wasn't there. This
9 bill will change that. It will save lives—a lot more
10 than one. And that's a legacy any public servant
11 would be proud to leave. But it's especially fitting
12 for Kristy. In just a few weeks, Kristy will be
13 leaving this council. And I can tell you personally,
14 I'm really going to miss her. She is not only one of
15 the finest, most conscientious council members we
16 have, she's also a remarkable human being, steady,
17 compassionate, and sincere in a way that you don't
18 see often in politics. And she's become a true
19 friend. And this bill reflects the best of her—her
20 heart, her determination, and her belief that
21 government should meet people at their most
22 vulnerable moments and make sure they're protected.

24 So, I am proud to cosponsor this
25 legislation, I'm proud to, yes, but more than that, I

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am proud of Kristy for her leadership, for her service, and for the countless families who will never know her name, but will one day get their child back, because she insisted that this city do better.

And with that, I enthusiastically vote aye on all.

(APPLAUSE)

CLERK: Council Member Moya?

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Narcisse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I vote aye.

CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye.

CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: I vote aye.

CLERK: Council Member Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I am voting aye, and I want to take the opportunity to welcome my former Assemblymember and now neighbor in the City Council for a couple of weeks, Harvey Epstein, to the

2 City Council. Nice to see you here. My condolences to
3 you.

4 ALL: (LAUGHTER)

5 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I'm just kidding.

6 (LAUGHS) I'm kidding. Congratulations and welcome.

7 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I'd like to be
9 associated with the remarks of Council Member Morano,
10 and congratulate Council Member Marmorato on her
11 service here.

12 I vote aye on all.

13 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye on all.

17 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

25 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

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COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: (INAUDIBLE)

CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Won?

COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I'd like to align myself with Council Member Morano's statements about my wonderful colleague, Kristy Marmorato. You're a friend, you're a colleague, and you're a sister. Thank you so very much.

I vote aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Farías?

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I vote aye on all.

CLERK: Speaker Adams?

SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye on all.

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All items on today's General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote

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2 of 47 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0
3 abstentions.

4 Introduction & Reading of Bills?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been
6 referred to Committee as indicated on today's agenda.

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Thank you. We
8 will now move into the Discussion of Resolutions. And
9 I would first like to recognize Council Member
10 Joseph, followed by Riley, then Stevens.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you,
12 Majority Leader.

13 So today we're voting on July 26 as
14 Haitian Konpa Day. How many people here love to
15 dance? I know you do. All right! (LAUGHS)

16 ALL: (LAUGHTER)

17 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: To celebrate the
18 legacy of Haitian music and dance in the cultural
19 landscape of New York City. So that's my first one.

20 My second one is to thank the sisterhood,
21 the hard work, for the love of Sigma Gamma Rho.
22 November 12 will now be designated as Sigma Gamma
23 Rho. And you told me I had 50 seconds. Thank you.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Thank you,
3 Council Member. I'd like to recognize Council Member
4 Riley, followed by Council Member Stevens.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority
6 Leader.

7 Today, with Resolution 251, we take a
8 meaningful step toward protecting our young people
9 and expanding opportunities...

10 (BACKGROUND NOISE)

11 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet on the floor,
12 please!

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: especially in the
14 communities that need it most.

15 Can I start over?

16 UNIDENTIFIED: Yes.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Yes, please
18 restart the...(CROSS-TALK)

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Set my time back,
20 please... (CROSS-TALK)

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Council Member's
22 time on the clock, Clerk.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you.

24 (BACKGROUND NOISE)

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Can we please
3 have silence in the Chambers?

4 UNIDENTIFIED: Shhhh...

5 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet, please!

6 (INAUDIBLE)

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Please, (LAUGHS)
8 for Council Member Riley, please, thank you.

9 (BACKGROUND NOISE)

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority
11 Leader.

12 Thank you, Majority Leader, once again.
13 Today, with Resolution 251, we take a meaningful step
14 toward protecting our young people and expanding the
15 opportunities, especially in the communities that
16 need it the most. The resolution calls on the New
17 York State Education Department to allow high school
18 seniors to count lifeguard certification towards
19 their PE credit, moving us toward a safer and more
20 prepared city.

21 We all know the urgency around water
22 safety. Drowning remains one of the leading causes of
23 unintentional deaths across the country, and New York
24 has faced ongoing lifeguard shortages that have
25 closed pools, limited hours, and cut off recreation

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2 for families, particularly in our city's underserved
3 neighborhoods.

4 Resolution 251 gives us a real solution.
5 It builds a pipeline of trained young people who gain
6 life-saving skills, leadership experience, and
7 meaningful job opportunities while keeping our pools
8 and beaches fully staffed and safe.

9 I'm requesting everyone to support
10 Resolution 251, and thank you, Majority Leader, for
11 your time.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing
13 Council Member Stevens.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Today, we are
15 voting on Resolution 843, sponsored by myself.
16 Foster care youth face enormous boundaries in the
17 path to higher education, including inconsistent
18 support, limited guidance, and a lack of clear
19 information about the financial resources available
20 to them. Nationally, only five percent of foster care
21 youth graduate from four-year colleges. The state's
22 legislation, which this resolution supports,
23 addresses this gap in procedural achievements. They
24 are requiring the New York State Education Department
25 and the New York State Office of Children and Family

1 Services (OCFS) to prepare and distribute clear,
2 accessible materials about financial aid for foster
3 care youth. This legislation ensures that young
4 people are not held back simply because they were
5 never told that this information or these resources
6 existed. The State Senate has already shown its
7 support by passing this bill earlier this year, and
8 it is now up to the Assembly and the Governor to act.
9 This resolution is about empowerment. It's about
10 making sure every foster care youth, every student
11 navigating the child welfare system, has the
12 information they need to pursue higher education and
13 build a fair future they deserve. (TIMER) I urge my
14 colleagues to vote in favor of this resolution. Thank
15 you.
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17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Seeing no one
18 else signed up to speak, we will now have a voice
19 vote on today's Resolutions. If you wish to vote
20 against or abstain from today's Resolutions, please
21 notify the Legislative Documents Unit by email or by
22 approaching the dais.

23 I will now read today's Resolutions into
24 the record:
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• Resolution 54 calls on the New York City Department of Education and the New York State Education Department to collaborate on and prioritize increasing the number of educators trained to work with English Language Learners and to improve the quality and comprehensiveness of English Language Learners' education.

Will all those in favor say aye?

ALL: Aye

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say nay?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

• Resolution 251 calls on the New York State Education Department to allow a lifeguard certification to substitute for Physical Education Credit for high school seniors aged 17 years and older.

Will all those in favor say aye?

ALL: Aye

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say nay?

2 ALL: (SILENT)

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

4 ALL: (SILENT)

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

6 • Resolution 469 recognizes May 15 as

7 International Water Safety Day.

8 Will all those in favor say aye?

9 ALL: Aye

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say

11 nay?

12 ALL: (SILENT)

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

14 ALL: (SILENT)

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

16 • Resolution 498-A calls on the

17 Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to create

18 a program that provides New York City's first

19 responder agencies with real-time Global Positioning

20 System (GPS) data for all MTA buses.

21 Will all those in favor say aye?

22 ALL: Aye

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say

24 nay?

25 ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

• Resolution 575 calls on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation providing for annual adjustments to the rental and carrying charges for Mitchell-Lama developments based on increases in the Consumer Price Index.

Will all those in favor say aye?

ALL: Aye

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say nay?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

• Resolution 773-A calls on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, A.3024, which directs the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to establish a student fare program for trains and buses.

Will all those in favor say aye?

ALL: Aye

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: All opposed say
3 nay?

4 ALL: (SILENT)

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Any abstentions?

6 ALL: (SILENT)

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: The ayes have it.

8 • Resolution 843 calls on the New York
9 State Assembly to pass, and the Governor to sign,
10 A5658A/S378, which directs the New York State
11 Education Department and the New York State Office of
12 Children and Family Services (OCFS) to prepare
13 posters and pamphlets to ensure that foster youth are
14 made aware of the higher education financial
15 resources available to them.

16 Will all those in favor say aye?

17 ALL: Aye

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: All opposed say
19 nay?

20 ALL: (SILENT)

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Any abstentions?

22 ALL: (SILENT)

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: The ayes have it.

24 • Resolution 987 declares July 26 as
25 Haitian Konpa Day annually to celebrate the legacy of

2 Haitian music and dance in the cultural landscape of
3 the City of New York.

4 Will all those in favor say aye?

5 ALL: Aye

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say
7 nay?

8 ALL: (SILENT)

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

10 ALL: (SILENT)

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

12 • Resolution 1016 calls on the New York
13 State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,
14 legislation setting the minimum notice period for
15 rent increases to 60 days for Mitchell-Lama rental
16 and co-op residents.

17 Will all those in favor say aye?

18 ALL: Aye

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say
20 nay?

21 ALL: (SILENT)

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

23 ALL: (SILENT)

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

2 • Resolution 1063 designates November 12
3 annually as Sigma Gamma Rho Day in the City of New
4 York to recognize the sorority's commitment to
5 sisterhood, scholarship, and service and to positive
6 community impact.

7 Will all those in favor say aye?

8 ALL: Aye

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say
10 nay?

11 ALL: (SILENT)

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

13 ALL: (SILENT)

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

15 We will now move into General Discussion,
16 and I'd like first to recognize Council Member
17 Morano, followed by Council Member Gutiérrez.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Thank you, Madam
19 Majority Leader.

20 Before I begin, I want to take a moment
21 to welcome our newest colleague, Council Member
22 Harvey Epstein. Harvey, we're glad to have you here,
23 and I'm looking forward to working with you.

24 Today I'm introducing legislation that I
25 believe will make a meaningful difference in the

1 lives of countless New Yorkers. It addresses an issue
2 that too often goes unnoticed until it's too late—
3 concussions, traumatic brain injuries, and the long-
4 term risks associated with repeated head impacts,
5 including CTE. Most people think of CTE as something
6 that only affects professional athletes, but the
7 truth is, it affects young athletes, recreational
8 players, and many of our own city employees working
9 in physically demanding or high-risk jobs. And
10 tragically, here in New York City, we were reminded
11 of the stakes in July when the Midtown shooting
12 involved an individual who believed untreated head
13 trauma had caused his mental decline. Nothing excuses
14 violence, but it really showed how critical it is to
15 take this issue seriously.
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17 What we lack right now is awareness. In
18 fact, in the Netflix documentary about Vince McMahon,
19 I was very surprised to see how many professional
20 athletes questioned whether CTE is even real. If
21 that's where the understanding is, we have a lot of
22 work to do. So this bill focuses on exactly that. It
23 creates a citywide public education campaign so
24 families, coaches, and workers know the signs of
25 concussions and where to get help. It makes

2 concussion and CTE awareness training available for
3 City employees in high-risk jobs. And it requires A
4 recurring report so we can understand the trends and
5 shape smarter policy moving forward. It doesn't ban
6 sports, and it doesn't interfere with privacy; it
7 simply gives people the information they need to
8 protect themselves and the people they care about.

9 So I'm proud to introduce this
10 legislation. I think it complements some legislation
11 the Council's already passed. And I welcome and
12 encourage all of you to sign on as sponsors so that
13 we can move this forward together in the early part
14 of next year.

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing
16 Council Member Gutiérrez.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Thank you so
18 much.

19 Today, I'm excited to introduce Bill
20 Number 1495. It's the Doula Bill of Rights. This
21 legislation is the next step in our large effort to
22 strengthen birth justice in New York City. Earlier
23 this session, we passed the citywide Doula Program to
24 codify and expand access to doula support across our
25 communities. And now we're making sure the people who

1 provide that care, that service, that they are
2 respected, they are recognized in these places—they
3 go to work, they are protected, and that they are
4 listened to.
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6 The bill reflects years of conversations
7 I've had with doulas, midwives, birth workers, and
8 new parents. Again and again, they told us that the
9 system can feel opaque, inconsistent, and at times,
10 downright hostile to the very people supporting
11 families through one of the most vulnerable moments
12 of their lives.

13 The Doula Bill of Rights aims to bring
14 clarity, accountability, and dignity into that space.
15 Under this legislation, the Commissioner of Health
16 and Mental Hygiene will be required to develop and
17 publish a clear, accessible list of rights for doulas
18 working in hospitals. These rights will help ensure
19 that doulas can do their job safely, collaboratively,
20 and without unnecessary barriers, and that birthing
21 people know exactly what they're entitled to expect.

22 The bill also creates a formal feedback
23 channel, a submission form for doulas to share
24 concerns, experiences, and recommendations directly
25 with the City.

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2 Finally, the Doula Bill of Rights
3 establishes a permanent Doula Advisory Council made
4 up of doulas, recent parents, the Commissioner, and a
5 representative from New York City Health + Hospitals.
6 Their charge will be to study the realities of doula
7 work, review feedback, and advise on the growth and
8 implementation of the citywide doula program,
9 ensuring it remains responsive and equitable as it
10 expands.

11 I know I've spoken a lot about doulas in
12 my time here to this body. They're all very
13 different, and they all support one another—all the
14 bills that we're so lucky to have passed. And I'll
15 continue to talk about doulas, because our work is
16 not done until every single birthing person is
17 receiving a safe, empowering birth experience that I
18 was so lucky to have.

19 We're building a system that listens,
20 learns, and evolves from the voices of those who know
21 it best. Thank you so much. I encourage all of you to
22 (TIMER) sign on.

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you so
24 much, Council Member.
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1 Seeing no one else signed up to speak, I
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3 will now call on... Recognizing Council Member
4 Zhuang?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Thank you.

6 Colleagues, today I am introducing a bill
7 that will allow New Yorkers to file a 311 complaint
8 when their SNAP benefits get stolen. This is the
9 number one case in my office. We get probably 801,000
10 cases a year of SNAP benefits being stolen.

11 Starting September 30th this year, HRA no
12 longer takes these complaints, and the federal
13 reimbursement stopped last year with the new
14 president. Now people are seeing their benefits get
15 cut in half.

16 SNAP theft is still rampant in our city.
17 It's the number one case, probably in a lot of
18 council members' offices. Most of the time, these are
19 seniors unsure how to use the EBT (INAUDIBLE) app or
20 unsure what they should do when they're benefits are
21 stolen. This bill can simply refer New Yorkers to one
22 place to file a 311 complaint, and the NYPD will be
23 notified, and the person will receive information on
24 where they should go to get food assistance,
25 especially for families with needs.

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This process will ensure our seniors get the help they deserve. Also, they will get help from our law enforcement to crack down on this theft. As of right now, no agency keeps records for SNAP theft in our city.

I hope together we can pass this bill to help people in need. Please sign onto my bill, Introduction 1500. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

Seeing no one else signed up to speak, I will now call on Speaker Adrienne Adams to close today's Stated Meeting.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much, Madam Majority Leader. The Stated Meeting of December 4, 2025, is hereby adjourned.

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 no interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date December 27, 2025