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OF THE

STATED MEETING

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Wednesday, May 28, 2025
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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
Amanda Farías
Simcha Felder
Oswald Feliz
James F. Gennaro
Jennifer Gutiérrez

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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
Carlina Rivera
Yusef Salaam
Rafael Salamanca, Jr
Pierina Ana Sanchez
Lynn C. Schulman
Althea V. Stevens
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Nantasha M. Williams
Julie Won
Susan Zhuang

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A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION - Delivered by: Reverend Nell B. Archer, Bushwick Abbey and Iglesia de la Santa Cruz, located at 176 St Nicholas Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11237

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2 SERGEANT YEARWOOD: Testing, testing, today is May
3 28, 2025. This is a microphone check for the Stated
4 Meeting, it is being recorded in the Chambers, and
5 this recording is being done by Ginelle Yearwood.

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7 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet, please! Ladies and
8 gentlemen, at this time, please place all electronic
9 devices, all electronic devices to silent or vibrate.

10 Madam Majority Leader?

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: [GAVEL] Good afternoon,
12 and welcome to the Stated Meeting of May 28, 2025. I
13 am Majority Leader Amanda Fariás, and I would like to
14 thank you for joining us. If you would like to follow
15 along, the agenda for today's meeting is posted on
16 our website.

17 On behalf of the body, I welcome the members of
18 the public who have joined us here today. During
19 Stated Meetings, only members of the Council may
20 speak. Members of the public shall remain silent. If
21 you wish to express support of any remarks, you may
22 make the silent approval gesture.

23 I want to remind my colleagues that decorum is to
24 be respected at all times. Insulting each other is
25 not appropriate, all remarks are to be addressed to

2 the Chair, and members shall not speak unless
3 recognized by the Chair. It is essential that even if
4 we disagree, we treat each other with respect.

5 CITY CLERK: Please join us for the Pledge of
6 Allegiance.

7 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

8 ALL: [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Roll call?

10 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present.

12 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté.

14 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

15 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Here.

16 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Here.

18 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Present.

20 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

22 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: (NO RESPONSE)

24 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

25 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: (NO RESPONSE)

2 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present.

4 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Here.

6 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

8 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.

10 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: (UN-MIC'D) Here.

12 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (NO RESPONSE)

14 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: (NO RESPONSE)

16 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presenté.

18 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.

20 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present.

22 CLERK: Thank you.

23 Council Member Holden?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

25 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present.

3 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: (NO RESPONSE)

5 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: (ABSENT)

7 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: (ABSENT)

9 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.

11 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present.

13 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Here.

15 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)

17 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here.

19 CLERK: Council Member Morano?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Here.

21 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here.

23 CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present.

25 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: (UN-MIC'D) Present.

3 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present.

5 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

6 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Present.

7 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

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

9 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here.

11 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Majority Leader, I request
13 permission to vote on all items on today's Agenda?

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I vote aye, and I am
16 present, thank you.

17 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Council Member Riley, I
19 will need you to hold and wait (INAUDIBLE) post
20 attendance in order to vote.

21 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: (NO RESPONSE)

23 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present.

25 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

3 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: (NO RESPONSE)

5 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

7 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: (NO RESPONSE)

9 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present.

11 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Here.

13 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

15 (PAUSE)

16 UNKNOWN: Apologies, present.

17 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.

19 CLERK: Thank you.

20 Council Member Won?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (NO RESPONSE)

22 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Present.

24 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

25 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Present.

2 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: (UN-MIC'D) Present.

4 CLERK: Council Member Won?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present.

6 CLERK: Thank you.

7 Council Member Farías?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present.

9 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, we will now
12 have today's Invocation, which will be delivered by
13 The Reverend Nell Archer of Bushwick Abbey and
14 Iglesia de la Santa Cruz, which is located at 176 St.
15 Nicholas Avenue in Brooklyn.

16 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

17 REVERAND ARCHER: Let us pray. We call upon you,
18 source and creator of all, redeemer of the fallen,
19 advocate for the persecuted, mother of the forsaken,
20 and repairer of the breach. You who go by many names
21 and no name. You have bound us together in a common
22 life; help us in the midst of our struggles for
23 justice and truth, to confront one another without
24 hatred or bitterness, and to work together with
25 mutual forbearance and respect. Grant that your holy

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and life giving spirit may so move every human heart that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatred cease, that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace.

In your word, you have given us a vision of a holy city to which the nations of the world bring their glory. Behold and visit, we pray, all the cities of this earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace and justice may prevail, and that people from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity.

Now grant these members of our city council gathered here today the spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice. That with steadfast purpose, they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people. In the name of the one holy and living God. Amen.

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, The Reverend Archer. I would now ask Council Member Sandy Nurse to spread the Invocation on the Record.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you so much,
3 Majority Leader.

4 Just a few words about Mother Nell Archer. Mother
5 Nell Archer was adorned to the priesthood in the
6 Episcopal Church in 2010. The Reverend Nell Archer
7 serves as the vicar of Iglesia de la Santa Cruz and
8 Bushwick Abbey in Bushwick, Brooklyn. These two
9 congregations in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island
10 strive to build bridges across culture and language
11 to share the good news of reconciliation and justice
12 in a diverse neighborhood. She received her
13 bachelor's from Duke University and her Master's of
14 Divinity from the General Theological Seminary.

15 Thank you so much, Nell, for being here.

16 I make a motion to spread today's Invocation on
17 the Record. Thank you, Majority Leader.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. We will ask
19 Council Member Farah Louis for the Adoption of
20 Minutes.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I make a Motion that the
22 Minutes of the Stated Meetings of April 24, 2025 and
23 May 1, 2025 be adopted as printed.

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Messages and Papers from
25 the Mayor?

2 CLERK: M 128 through M 133, various budget
3 documents.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Finance.

5 CLERK: M 134, City debt and reserve.

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

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Communication From City,
9 County and Borough Offices?

10 CLERK: Ms 135 and 136, budget modifications.

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Finance.

12 CLERK: M 137, discount rate?

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

15 CLERK: M 138, certification of election of Frank
16 Morano, Council Member 51st District?

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

19 CLERK: M 139, statement of debt affordability.

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

22 CLERK: M 140, Commissioner of Elections
23 recommendations.

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

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Petitions and
3 Communications?

4 CLERK: None.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Land Use Call-ups?

6 CLERK: M 141 through M 143.

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

10 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

12 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

14 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

15 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: (NO RESPONSE)

16 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

18 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Aye.

20 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

22 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: (NO RESPONSE)

24 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

25 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Aye.

2 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.

4 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

6 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

8 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

10 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: (UN-MIC'D) Aye.

12 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

14 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

16 CLERK: Thank you.

17 Council Member Gutiérrez?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

19 CLERK: Council Member Ayala, Land Use Call-ups?

20 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye.

21 CLERK: Thank you.

22 Council Member Hanif?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

24 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye.

2 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Majority Leader, I request
4 permission to vote on all items on the General Order
5 Calendar at this time?

6 (PAUSE)

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted,
8 Council Member Holden.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

11 CLERK: Thank you.

12 Council Member Hudson?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

14 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

16 CLERK: Thank you.

17 Council Member Krishnan?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: (ABSENT)

19 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: (ABSENT)

21 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

23 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye.

25 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.

3 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)

5 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

7 CLERK: Council Member Morano?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Aye.

9 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

11 CLERK: Thank you.

12 Council Member Narcisse?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I vote aye.

14 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

16 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye.

18 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

19 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: (NO RESPONSE)

20 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: (UN-MIC'D) Aye.

22 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

24 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Majority Leader, I request
3 permission again to vote on all items on today's
4 Agenda?

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye on all, thank you.

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

8 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

10 CLERK: Thank you.

11 Council Member Salaam?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

13 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye.

15 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

17 CLERK: Thank you.

18 Council Member Schulman?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.

20 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Majority Leader, I
22 request to vote for all items on today's Agenda?

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all, except SLR 5.

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Thank you.

3 CLERK: Thank you.

4 (PAUSE)

5 Council Member Ung?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

7 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all, except
9 Preconsidered Resolution 875 and SLR 2, for which I
10 vote no, thank you.

11 (PAUSE)

12 CLERK: Thank you.

13 Council Member Williams?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

15 CLERK: Council Member Won?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

17 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

19 CLERK: Council Member Paladino, Land Use Call-
20 ups?

21 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Aye.

22 CLERK: Thank you.

23 Council Member Ariola?

24 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

25 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I vote aye.

3 (PAUSE)

4 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Today's Land Use Call-ups
7 are adopted by a vote of 47 in the affirmative and 0
8 the negative.

9 We will now have Communications by Speaker
10 Adrienne Adams.

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much, Majority
12 Leader, and good afternoon, everyone.

13 Before we begin, I want to acknowledge the life
14 of Congressman Charlie Rangel. He was a giant figure
15 for Harlem, New York City, and the entire nation. He
16 fought for this country in the Korean War and
17 dedicated his life to fighting for working families
18 in our city and our country. He was the first Black
19 Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee and a
20 force representing New York City in congress for
21 decades. I was honored to know him. His legacy will
22 continue to live on in our city and within all of us
23 who were influenced by him.

24 I also want to acknowledge the unimaginable
25 tragedy that took place last Wednesday when Yaron

1 Lischinsky and Sarah Milgrim, two workers at the
2 Israeli Embassy, were killed in a horrific
3 antisemitic attack. No one should be the target of
4 violence due to their religion, background, or
5 beliefs, and our Jewish community, like all
6 communities, deserve to be safe. We must continue to
7 work together to root out antisemitism and all forms
8 of hate. My heart and prayers are with Yaron and
9 Sarah's families and communities who must now carry
10 the unbearable weight of their losses.

12 Earlier this month, our city lost members of our
13 own workforce. Anthony Austin, affectionately known
14 as Tony, served NYC Media for twenty years as a
15 camera operator covering city council hearings and
16 meetings, as well as events all around City Hall. A
17 New York Emmy award winner, Tony dedicated his life
18 to amplifying underrepresented voices especially
19 those in our Black and Latino communities. He leaves
20 behind his wife Natalia and his children Derry,
21 Michael, Matteos (phonetic), and Christina
22 (phonetic).

23 Tony's presence, his infectious smile, and kind
24 nature will be missed all around City Hall,
25 particularly with his peers and colleagues, and my

1 heart goes out to all of his loved ones, his family,
2 and his entire team at NYC Media.

3 I also want to acknowledge the life of Raymond
4 Feige, Chief Marine Diesel Engineer, who died over
5 the weekend after an explosion on board a barge in
6 the Hudson River.

7 We also mourn the lives of two construction
8 workers who died while on the job in Little Italy
9 earlier this month, as well as two naval cadets,
10 América Yamilet Sánchez and Adal Jair Marcos, who
11 were killed when a Mexican Navy training ship struck
12 the Brooklyn Bridge last week.

13 Lastly, I want to acknowledge the life of Ashiq
14 Hussain, a 53-year-old New Yorker, who died in a
15 fatal fire in Council Member Avilés' district last
16 week.

17 My heart is with their loved ones and their
18 family as they navigate this tragedy. My thoughts are
19 with all of the families and loved ones who are
20 grieving today.

21 This week is the final week of our Executive
22 Budget Hearings for Fiscal Year 2026, and I want to
23 thank all council members and their staff for their
24 hard work throughout this budget process thus far. A
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1 special thanks goes to our Finance Chair, Justin
2 Brannan, for his leadership, all of our committee
3 chairs, our Finance Division for their commitment
4 throughout these weeks of hearings. And to the
5 members of the public who offered testimony, thank
6 you for your continued engagement and sharing your
7 input through this process to help us advance a
8 better budget for our city.
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10 As we continue our negotiations with the mayoral
11 administration, the Council will push forward to
12 secure a budget that addresses the needs of New
13 Yorkers. There is still significant work to be done
14 to fill in the gaps in funding for programs left out
15 of the Executive Budget. Throughout our hearings we
16 identified outstanding funding gaps and heard from
17 New Yorkers across the city who rely on adequate City
18 services to safely and successfully continue living
19 in our city. We must continue. We must ensure that
20 New York City is a place where all our fellow
21 neighbors, regardless of income, background, or
22 experience build healthy and productive lives.

23 May 19th was Malcolm X Day and would have been
24 his 100th birthday. We honor his legacy, immense
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2 contributions, and fight for justice and equity,
3 which we celebrated here in Chambers on the 15th.

4 Last week was National EMS Week honoring our
5 frontline emergency response workers and the
6 important work they do every day to keep us healthy
7 and safe. I want to personally thank all of our EMS
8 workers for their dedication to our communities,
9 including, and especially my own daughter Aliya, who
10 proudly serves our city as an FDNY paramedic.

11 Last Sunday was the fifth anniversary of George
12 Floyd's murder. We must recommit ourselves to the
13 fight for justice and to advance policies that keep
14 all of us safe. While this council has championed
15 reforms that prioritize the safety and dignity of all
16 people, we know that there is far more that must be
17 done to secure the just future that all of us
18 deserve.

19 We also observed Memorial Day on Monday to honor
20 and commemorate service members who paid the ultimate
21 sacrifice and service to our country. My father, my
22 father-in-law, and my husband all served in the Air
23 Force, and I know many of you, and New Yorkers across
24 all five boroughs, have loved ones who have served
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2 our country, and I hope everyone had a meaningful
3 Memorial Day.

4 May 26th was Guyana's Independence Day. I'm so
5 proud that in my own district, The Great 28, we are
6 home to vibrant Little Guyana.

7 Next Monday and Tuesday mark Shavuot. As members
8 of our Jewish communities gather with their family
9 and friends, I wish all New Yorkers who are
10 celebrating a happy and safe Shavuot.

11 This Sunday June 1st, the Council will be
12 marching in the Queen's Pride Parade, and on Sunday
13 June 8th we will march in the Puerto Rican Day
14 Parade. I invite you all to join us for both.

15 Now let's move on to our Stated Agenda.

16 First, we'll vote on the following Land Use
17 items:

18 Atlantic Avenue Mixed-Use Plan, a neighborhood
19 plan in Council Members' Hudson and Ossé Districts,
20 that will deliver 4,600 new units of housing,
21 approximately 1,900 of which will be permanently
22 affordable.

23 This will single handedly produce more affordable
24 housing in that area than has been constructed over
25 the entire past decade. The project also includes

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2 over \$215 million in newly committed funding for
3 community investments and infrastructure.

4 Through the negotiation process, the Council
5 secured investments for increased services in Central
6 Brooklyn, including for tenant and homeowner
7 protections, streets and public realm improvements to
8 improve traffic and quality of life, renovations of
9 six neighborhood parks and playgrounds, improvements
10 to local MTA subway stations, modernized
11 infrastructure, and economic development
12 opportunities.

13 The Council is modifying the applications to
14 require MIH Option One. The Council's partnership
15 with the Department of City Planning and Community
16 stakeholders, including Brooklyn Community Boards
17 Three and Eight, represents a model of community
18 planning and collaboration that can advance housing
19 solutions and community investments that benefit all
20 New Yorkers.

21 This Council has led on confronting the City's
22 housing crisis, approving citywide zoning reforms,
23 neighborhood rezonings, and individual land use
24 applications that constitute 120,000 units of
25 housing.

2 You all can give yourselves a round of applause
3 for that, that's a lot. (APPLAUSE)

4 The Atlantic Avenue Mixed-Use Plan is the second
5 neighborhood rezoning this council will vote on.
6 Combined with the Bronx Metro-North Stations
7 Rezoning, they will produce over 11,000 housing
8 units, and there are more neighborhood rezonings in
9 the pipeline.

10 We know New Yorkers urgently need more affordable
11 homes to stay in our city, and under the leadership
12 of this council we are delivering for our
13 communities.

14 I'd like to thank our Planning and Land Use
15 teams, Perris Straughter, Brian Paul, Anne McCaughey,
16 William Vidal, and Tim Anderson for their years of
17 engagement alongside Council Members Hudson and Ossé
18 to help make this effort such a success.

19 2510 Coney Island Avenue Rezoning, a private
20 application to facilitate a new four-story, mixed-use
21 development with ground floor commercial space and
22 approximately 28 housing units, eight of which will
23 be affordable under MIH Option Two in Council Member
24 Ina Vernikov's district.

1 19 Maspeth Avenue Rezoning, a private application
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3 to facilitate the development of a new six-story,
4 mixed-use building with ground floor commercial space
5 and 15 residential units, four to five of which will
6 be affordable under MIH in Council Member Jennifer
7 Gutiérrez's district.

8 2201-2227 Neptune Avenue Rezoning, a private
9 application to facilitate the development of a new
10 18-story, mixed use building with 145 housing units,
11 37 to 44 of which will be affordable under MIH in
12 Council Member Justin Brannan's district.

13 We will also vote on the following Finance items:

14 Introduction 1219, sponsored by Deputy Speaker
15 Diana Ayala, establishing the East Harlem 125th
16 Street Business Improvement District in Manhattan.

17 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
18 Member Justin Brannan, would establish that the
19 interest rate be 16% per year for Fiscal 2026 for non
20 payment of taxes on properties with an assessed value
21 of more than \$450,000 or more than that per
22 residential unit for cooperative apartments.

23 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
24 Member Brannan, would establish that the interest
25 rate be 9% per year for Fiscal Year 2026 for non

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2 payment of taxes on properties with an assessed value
3 of more than \$250,000, but less than or equal to
4 \$450,000 than that range per residential unit for
5 cooperative apartments.

6 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
7 Member Branna, would establish that the interest rate
8 be 6% per year for Fiscal Year 2026 for nonpayment of
9 taxes on properties with an assessed value of less
10 than \$250,000 or less than that per residential unit
11 for cooperative apartments.

12 Preconsidered resolution, sponsored By Council
13 Member Brannan, would establish that the interest
14 rate be 2.5% per year For Fiscal Year 2026 for
15 certain properties for which the owner has entered
16 into a payment installment agreement with the
17 Department of Finance for payment of delinquent
18 property taxes, assessments, or other charges.

19 Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
20 Member Brannon, would establish that the discount
21 percentage for early payment of real estate taxes be
22 set at half a percent per year for Fiscal Year 2026.

23 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored By Council
24 Member Brannon, establishing a new Article XI Tax
25 Exemption and renewing an Article V Exemption for

2 three lots Council Member Carmen De La Rosa's
3 district.

4 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
5 Member Brannan, would approve an Article XI Exemption
6 for one lot in Council Member Keith Powers' district.

7 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
8 Member Brannan, establishing a new 40-year Article XI
9 Tax Exemption for one lot in Council Member Shekar
10 Krishnan's district.

11 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
12 Member Brannan, would approve an Article XI Tax
13 Exemption for one lot in Minority Leader Joann
14 Ariola's district.

15 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored By Council
16 Member Brannan, would approve the new designation and
17 changes in the designation of certain organizations
18 to receive funding in the Expense Budget.

19 Next, we will vote on the following appointments:

20 Stephen Chu, reappointed by the Mayor to the
21 Landmarks Preservation Commission; Angie Master,
22 reappointed by the Mayor to the Landmarks
23 Preservation Commission; Stephen Wilder reappointed
24 by the Mayor to the Landmarks Preservation
25 Commission; Erasmus Ikpemgbe appointed by the Mayor

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2 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission; Frank Mahan
3 appointed by the Mayor to the Landmarks Preservation
4 Commission; and Robert J. Firestone, appointed by the
5 Mayor as President of the New York City Tax
6 Commission.

7 Next we'll vote on the following Home Rule
8 Resolutions:

9 A Preconsidered SLR will amend the Retirement and
10 social security law to restore the 20-year service
11 retirement for certain New York City correction
12 officers and sanitation workers.

13 A Preconsidered SLR will amend the retirement and
14 social security law in relation to death benefits for
15 active New York City transit authority members.

16 A Preconsidered SLR will amend the administrative
17 code in relation to granting members of the NYPD
18 eligibility for retirement and pension benefits based
19 on previous service as traffic enforcement agents.

20 And a Preconsidered SLR will amend the vehicle in
21 traffic law in relation to owner liability for
22 failure to comply with street cleaning parking rules.

23 Today we'll also vote on the following pieces of
24 legislation:

1 Introduction 368-A, sponsored by Council Member
2 Shahana Hanif, calling on the United States Congress
3 to reintroduce and pass, and the President to sign,
4 the Living Wage for Musicians Act. This legislation
5 would establish a new streaming royalty to ensure
6 fairer compensation for artists and musicians. Thank
7 you to our members Elizabeth Arzt and Rie Ogasawara.

9 Introduction 1207-A, sponsored by Council Member
10 De La Rosa, would allow participants for a high-
11 pressure boiler engineer license to concurrently
12 complete the two-year apprenticeship program and
13 three-year practical experience requirements within
14 the same three-year timeframe. Thank you to our staff
15 members Johari Frasier, Austin Malone, Jose Conde;
16 Andrew Bourne, and Dirk Spencer.

17 Introduction 676-A, sponsored by Majority Leader,
18 Amanda Fariás, would require that the Taxi and
19 Limousine Commission conduct a study on the
20 challenges and opportunities related to increasing
21 the use of electric for-hire vehicles and installing
22 new charging infrastructure. We thank our staff
23 members Stephanie Ali, Elliot Heisler, and Mark Chen.

24 Introduction 1037-A, sponsored by Council Member
25 Sandy Nurse, would require the owner of a multiple

1 dwelling unit with rent stabilized units to post a
2 sign stating that the building contains such units,
3 and providing information for how tenants can submit
4 inquiries to New York State homes, and community
5 renewal to find out if their units are rent
6 stabilized. Thank you to our staff members Elliot
7 Heisler, Austin Malone, Jose Conde, Andrew Bourne,
8 and Dirk Spencer.

10 Introduction 412-A, sponsored by Council Member
11 Lincoln Restler, would require Correctional Health
12 Services to seek authorization from an individual in
13 custody of the Department of Correction to contact
14 their attorney of record and emergency contacts if
15 the individual attempts suicide, is hospitalized, or
16 is seriously injured. CHS would be required to notify
17 parties authorized by the individual to receive this
18 information within three hours of CHS confirming the
19 suicide attempt, determining that hospitalization is
20 necessary, or evaluating that an injury is serious
21 with limited exceptions. Thank you to our staff
22 members Jeremy Whiteman and Natalie Meltzer.

23 Introduction 1148-A, sponsored by Council Member
24 Tiffany Cabán, requiring the Department of Social
25 Services to provide an application confirmation

1 notice and document receipts to applicants for cash
2 assistance or SNAP benefits. DSS would also be
3 required to make an electronic copy of submitted
4 documents available. Thank you to our staff members
5 Sahar Moazami and Nina Rosenberg.
6

7 Introduction 905-A, sponsored by Council Member
8 Julie Won, would establish a six-month pilot program
9 to evaluate food quality feedback surveys for City
10 food contracts valued at \$1 million or more.

11 Participating agencies would post their findings
12 online within 30 days after the pilot concludes, and
13 the Office of Food Policy would evaluate the
14 program's effectiveness and make recommendations for
15 future feedback initiatives. Thank you to our staff
16 members Alex Paulenoff, Krist Sartori, and Alex
17 Yablon.

18 And Introduction 1067-B, sponsored by Council
19 Member Nantasha Williams, would require the existing
20 Southeast Queens Flood Mitigation Plan to incorporate
21 updates on any New York City groundwater studies. The
22 bill would also create an interagency task force to
23 recommend changes to policies with regard to
24 Southeast Queens flooding adaptation assistance.

25 This task force...

2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet on the floor, please!

3 SPEAKER ADAMS: This task force would be required
4 to publish five annual reports detailing their
5 recommendations, and DEP would be required to
6 administer a partnership program to facilitate
7 information sharing regarding flooding conditions and
8 sewer infrastructure with organizations that provide
9 flood adaptation assistance to New York City
10 homeowners. About time, thank you, Council Member
11 Williams. Thank you to our staff members Natasha
12 Bynum, Sierra Townsend, and Andrew Bourne, Ricky
13 Chawla, and Austin Malone.

14 Thank you so much for your attention; now I will
15 turn it back over to our Majority Leader.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Speaker Adams.

17 We have a quorum now, and we have to maintain
18 said quorum in order to conduct all business in
19 today's meeting. No member is allowed to leave the
20 Chamber floor. Additionally, no member virtually can
21 participate if quorum is not maintained from the
22 floor.

23 We will now move into the Discussion of General
24 Orders.

2 I would like to first recognize Council Member
3 Cabán, followed by Council Member Williams, then
4 Council Member Hudson.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you, I've never been
6 called first, Majority Leader, you caught me off
7 guard.

8 I want to talk about Intro 1148, the Receipts
9 Act. This legislation marks an important step toward
10 greater transparency, accountability, and trust in
11 our city's public benefits system. The Receipts Act
12 ensures that applicants for key benefits like cash
13 assistance, One-Shot Deals, and food stamps receive
14 an application confirmation notice when they apply.

15 This notice will indicate whether the application
16 is complete, and if not, what steps remain. It also
17 requires that applicants receive a detailed receipt
18 after submitting documents, including the date, type
19 of documents, and the purpose of submission.

20 These may seem like minor procedural updates, but
21 for those seeking vital support, they can mean the
22 difference between clarity and confusion, between
23 getting help and falling through the cracks. For too
24 long, navigating public benefits has been a
25 frustrating and opaque process. Applicants have often

1 left without documentation of their status, and this
2 bill tackles that issue with clear, common sense
3 solutions, and it was crafted to serve and uplift New
4 Yorkers by my Constituent Services Director, Melissa
5 Correus, so shoutout to her, and my Legislative
6 Director, Jonah Birch. And also thank you to all of
7 the Constituent Service teams in all of my
8 colleagues' offices.

9
10 Chronic underfunding and understaffing at
11 agencies like DSS have left too many New Yorkers
12 struggling to access life saving services during
13 times of need. The Receipts Act is about restoring
14 dignity to a system that has left many feeling
15 powerless. It ensures people have the tools to
16 advocate for themselves and ensures that the
17 government serves New Yorkers better.

18 I thank the advocates, service providers, and New
19 Yorkers who share their stories and made clear how
20 urgently this change was needed.

21 And I look forward to working with DSS and HRA to
22 implement this legislation effectively and
23 thoughtfully. Together, we can ensure the Receipts
24 Act fulfills its promise, a benefit system that
25 better serves the people.

2 So thank you again to my colleagues for
3 supporting this vital measure.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
5 Member Williams, followed by Council Member Hudson,
6 then Council Member Nurse.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you so much, Madam
8 Majority Leader.

9 For decades, homeowners in Southeast Queens have
10 lived with the consequences of a problem most New
11 Yorkers have never heard of, groundwater flooding.
12 This issue began decades ago as changes to the area's
13 natural water table followed the closure of local
14 wells and shifts in land use. Unlike storm driven
15 flooding, groundwater flooding happens slowly and
16 silently, damaging basements, boilers, and
17 foundations without warning. It's a problem my
18 constituents of Southeast Queens know all too well.

19 Intro 1067-B brings much needed focus and
20 coordination to an issue that has gone unaddressed
21 for far too long. It ensures the City is collecting
22 data, paying attention to the patterns, and beginning
23 to understand the full scope of groundwater flooding
24 across all five boroughs and for Southeast Queens,

2 where residents have dealt with this quietly for
3 years.

4 Introduction 1067-B creates a path forward
5 toward coordinating long term solutions. This
6 includes the creation of a dedicated task force
7 charged with centering the lived experiences of
8 Southeast Queens residents and recommending practical
9 strategies for adaptation and relief.

10 And for all New Yorkers, this bill will help
11 guide smarter, more informed planning and investments
12 across our city. This is what responsive, community
13 rooted government looks like.

14 I really want to thank Speaker Adrienne Adams,
15 who also represents Southeast Queens, for her
16 leadership and my council colleagues, especially
17 Chair Jim Gennaro, who has been a long advocate on
18 groundwater flooding in Southeast Queens, for
19 standing with us and every New Yorker with the quiet
20 crisis of groundwater flooding.

21 And I really want to just give a special shoutout
22 to the Legislative Division, Natasha and Andrew,
23 because they worked really hard to make this a bill
24 that we can legally pass. It's very difficult and
25 complicated, so I really want to thank them for their

1 dedication to bringing this across the finish line.

2 Thank you.

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
4 Member Hudson, followed by Council Member Nurse, then
5 Council Member Ossé.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Good afternoon, and thank
7 you, Madam Majority Leader.

8 I'm proud to stand today and speak for, no more
9 than two minutes, about the Atlantic Avenue Mixed-Use
10 Plan, also known as AAMUP ("Aim Up"), that we're
11 voting on today. It's the culmination of more than a
12 decade of advocacy from local residents and nearly
13 three years of public engagement, hard work, and
14 tireless negotiations. Central Brooklyn is finally
15 getting the community led rezoning it has long
16 demanded.

17 AAMUP will bring 4,600 new homes to Central
18 Brooklyn, 40% of which will be affordable for low and
19 moderate income New Yorkers, along with more than
20 \$215 million in dedicated funding for infrastructure
21 upgrades, park and playground renovations, funding
22 for local hiring programs, as well as resources for
23 tenant and homeowner protections, and so much more
24 for our communities.
25

1 With this community-led rezoning, we're tackling
2
3 several major crises facing our city, a housing
4 shortage, dangerous streets, and the urgent need for
5 good paying jobs accessible to all New Yorkers,
6 regardless of education level.

7 This process shows what's possible when planning
8 is led by the community and backed by political will.
9 We can build more affordable housing and deliver real
10 lasting benefits to neighborhoods across the city.

11 Thank you to the communities of Prospect Heights,
12 Crown Heights, Fort Green, Clinton Hill, Bedford
13 Stuyvesant for envisioning a better future for
14 Atlantic Avenue, and to the many city agencies and
15 council staff who worked tirelessly to get us here.

16 And, of course, a huge thank you to my partner in
17 this work, Council Member Chi Ossé, who stood
18 shoulder to shoulder with me throughout this process,
19 and whose relentless advocacy and steadfast
20 leadership help us across the finish line.

21 I've also made my Chi Ossé video debut. So if you
22 haven't seen it yet, go check it out. (LAUGHTER)

23 I urge my colleagues to vote yes on AAMUP, and I
24 hope that more communities across the city begin the
25 deep consensus building work needed to bring about

2 more affordable housing, safer streets, better parks,
3 and stronger neighborhoods. Thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
5 Member Nurse, followed by Council Member Ossé.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you, Majority Leader.

7 I, too, have had Chi Ossé video debut.

8 Today, we are voting on my bill, Intro 1037, the
9 Rent Transparency Act. The bill will require signage
10 in the common areas of all buildings subject to the
11 rent stabilization law that notifies tenants that one
12 or more units in the building are rent stabilized.
13 The sign will direct them to the New York State
14 Department of Homes and Community Renewal website
15 where they can request their rental history.

16 The bill also alerts tenants that their landlords
17 may be subject to fines if they do not register their
18 units with DHCR.

19 Many tenants living in rent stabilized units
20 don't know how to determine their legal rent, and in
21 turn, bad landlords have gotten away with illegal
22 rent overcharges and have illegally deregulated units
23 and whole buildings.

24 The Rent Transparency Act acts as a counter to
25 this information gap and makes it clear that

2 landlords with apartment units that are out of
3 compliance can face fines.

4 Rent overcharge complaints have increased from
5 500 annually, just a few years ago, to over 900 last
6 year, and this is just from tenants who took action.
7 There are probably thousands who didn't.

8 And as we continue to lose New Yorkers to the
9 astounding cost of living, rising rents remain a top
10 concern for millions of New Yorkers. Let's help
11 relieve just some of the burden on tenants by giving
12 them some clarity and passing the Rent Transparency
13 Act. Thank you to Ryan Hickey, Patricio Santana,
14 Elliot Heisler, Austin Malone, and the Housing Legal
15 Services Providers.

16 Colleagues, I ask you for your vote in favor of
17 this bill. Thank you, Majority Leader.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
19 Member Ossé.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Today, we are voting on a
21 plan that meets the urgency of the moment. The
22 Atlantic Avenue Mixed-Use Plan, AAMUP, will unlock
23 4,600 new homes across Community Districts 3 and 8,
24 and 1,900 of them will be income restricted. That's a
25 large and necessary amount of new homes and more

1 income restricted housing than this this area has
2 produced in the entire last decades.

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4 Through AAMUP, 40% of units will be permanently
5 income restricted and a 100% will be adding to New
6 York's desperately low housing supply putting
7 downward pressure on rents for everyone.

8 Beyond the necessary homes this plan unlocks, we
9 have secured historic neighborhood investment, \$215
10 million for safer streets, enhanced infrastructure,
11 and vibrant parks. This includes long needed
12 improvements at St. Andrews, John Hancock, and
13 Potomac Playgrounds. We are redesigning the stretch
14 of Atlantic so kids can cross in safety, seniors can
15 stroll without fear, and small businesses can
16 flourish along a calmer, greener corridor.

17 Additionally, after 30 long years, we are going
18 to address the homeownership and ownership issues
19 surrounding Hattie Jones Court and Jewel McCoy Lane.
20 This is the first step to bringing key repairs and
21 improvements to the streets.

22 And because housing justice includes looking out
23 for everyone, we locked in \$1.2 million for full time
24 tenant and homeowner legal assistance, right in our
25 district offices, plus citywide resources like

2 Partners in Preservation and the anti-harassment
3 tenant program so no one can bully our neighbors out
4 of their homes.

5 Some will ask why build so much? My answer is
6 simple, displacement is not a force of nature, it is
7 a policy choice. When we deprive our city of new
8 homes, rents skyrocket and families are pushed out.
9 When we say, yes, to new homes, to income restricted
10 homes, to making room for everyone so no one is
11 priced out, we choose community over scarcity and
12 inclusion over exclusion.

13 This plan also invests in a workforce development
14 program so the jobs of tomorrow go to the people who
15 live here today. It even begins the long awaited
16 revival of the Bedford Atlantic Armory. With AAMUP,
17 we prove that Brooklyn's future can be abundant,
18 equitable, prosperous, alive, and ours.

19 I thank our Council's Land Use team for
20 shepherding us through endless negotiations and
21 reviews, (TIMER) the Department of City Planning, and
22 other agencies for taking our community's feedback
23 seriously, and to our neighbors who helped us shape
24 this plan and emphasize the need for real affordable
25 housing in the district... (CROSS-TALK)

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Council Member, your time
3 has expired... (CROSS-TALK)

4 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Thank you, thank you
5 Council Member Hudson, my amazing staff, May
6 Vutrapongvatana, Elijah Fox... (CROSS-TALK)

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Council Member, your time
8 has expired... (CROSS-TALK)

9 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Arlean Gillin, as well as
10 the Speaker, thank you very much.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Seeing no one else signed
12 up to speak, Report of Special Committees?

13 CLERK: None.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Report of Standing
15 Committees?

16 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Contracts,
17 Intro 905-A, food quality surveys.

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

20 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Criminal
21 Justice, Intro 412-A, notification requirements.

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

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2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Environmental
3 Protection, Resiliency and Waterfronts, Intro 1067-B,
4 flood adaptation assistance?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
6 Orders.

7 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance, Intro
8 1219, East Harlem Bid.

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

10 CLERK: Preconsidered Reso 875, organization
11 funding?

12 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

13 CLERK: Preconsidered Resolution 876 through
14 Preconsidered Reso 880, real estate taxes?

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

16 CLERK: Preconsidered LU 289 and Resolution 897
17 through Preconsidered LU 293 and Resolution 901, tax
18 exemption.

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

20 CLERK: Report of the Committee on General
21 Welfare, Introduction 1148-A, application
22 confirmation notice.

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

2 CLERK: Report of the Governmental Operations,
3 State & Federal Legislation, Preconsidered SLR 2
4 through Preconsidered SLR 5, various Home Rule
5 messages?

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

7 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Housing and
8 Buildings, Introduction 1037-A, rent stabilized unit
9 notices.

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

12 CLERK: Introduction 1207-A, boiler operating
13 engineer licenses.

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

16 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use, LU
17 257 through LU 266, various applications.

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with Modifications and
19 Referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to
20 Section 197-(d) of the New York City Charter.

21 CLERK: LU 273 and Resolution 8902 and LU 274 and
22 Resolution 903, disposition of city owned property?

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

24 CLERK: LU 275 through 278, various rezonings.

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

5 CLERK: LU 279 and Resolution 904 and LU 280 and
6 Resolution 905, 19 Maspeth Avenue Rezoning.

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

8 CLERK: LU 281 and Resolution 906 and LU 282 and
9 Resolution 907, 2201-2227 Neptune Avenue Rezoning.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

11 CLERK: LUs 283 through LU 286, Western Rail
12 Yards.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with Modifications and
14 Referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to
15 Section 197-(d) of the New York City Charter.

16 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Rules,
17 Privileges and Elections, Preconsidered M 122 and
18 Preconsidered Resolution 908, approving the re-
19 appointment of Stephen Chu, Landmarks Preservation
20 Commissioner.

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

22 CLERK: Preconsidered M 123 and Preconsidered 909,
23 approving the re-appointment of Angie Master, LPC.

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

2 CLERK: Preconsidered M 124 and Preconsidered
3 Resolution 910, approving appointment of Stephen
4 Wilder, LPC.

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

6 CLERK: Preconsidered M 125 and Preconsidered
7 Resolution 911, approving the appointment of Erasmus
8 Ikpemgbe, LPC.

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

10 CLERK: Preconsidered M 126 and Preconsidered
11 Resolution 912, approving the appointment of Frank
12 Mahan, Landmarks Preservation Commission.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

14 CLERK: M 127 and Resolution 913, approving the
15 appointment of Robert J. Firestone, Tax Commission.

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

17 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Transportation
18 and Infrastructure, Intro 676-A, electric for-hire
19 vehicles.

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

22 CLERK: On the General Orders Calendar, LU 257 and
23 Reso 914 through LU 266 and Reso 923, Atlantic Avenue
24 Mixed-Use Plan.

25 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

2 CLERK: LU 267 and Resolution 924 and LU 268 and
3 Resolution 925, 2510 Coney Island Avenue Rezoning.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

5 I now ask that the Clerk take a roll call vote on
6 all of the items coupled on today's General Order
7 Calendar.

8 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Hi, I have a correction,
10 no on SLR 2 and aye on the rest. And, since I am
11 back, congratulations to my daughter, who graduated
12 college today, that's why I am not there in person.

13 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.

14 Council Member Abreu?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Congrats to all of my
16 colleagues, I vote aye.

17 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

20 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye.

21 CLERK: Thank you.

22 Council Member Banks?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Aye.

2 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

4 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye on all, except
6 I abstain on Stephen Wilder, Erasmus Ikpemgbe, and
7 Frank Mahan. Not that they are not great for their
8 Landmarks Preservation Commission, but I don't think
9 they had enough oversight in terms of questioning at
10 the Committee. I know that my friends in Harlem,
11 Harlem people who want to preserve Harlem, are very
12 much paying attention to their nominees, and
13 hopefully we will make sure that they are strong
14 preservationist. But without the information, it's
15 hard to know. Thank you.

16 CLERK: Thank you.

17 Council Member Brooks-Powers?

18 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: I'd like to vote
19 aye; I'd like to also congratulate all passing bills,
20 and the nominees that are being selected today,
21 particularly Mr. Wilder and Ikpemgbe. I found that
22 they has tremendous experience and value that they
23 will bring to the LPC. So congratulations to them.

24 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye on all.

2 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: No on Preconsidered SLR 2
4 and Preconsidered Resolution 875, and aye on the
5 rest.

6 CLERK: Thank you.

7 Council Member De La Rosa?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all.

9 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

11 CLERK: Thank you.

12 Council Member Felder?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: (UN-MIC'D) Aye on all, no
14 on SLR (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

15 CLERK: Thank you.

16 Council Member Feliz?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote aye on all, with
20 the exception of SLR 2, on which I vote no.

21 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye on all.

25 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye on all.

3 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

5 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all.

7 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: (ABSENT)

9 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: (ABSENT)

11 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

13 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye on all with
15 the exception of Preconsidered Resolution 875 and SLR
16 2, I vote no.

17 CLERK: Thank you.

18 Council Member Marte?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye on all.

20 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.

22 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

24 CLERK: Council Member Morano?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Aye on all, with the
3 exception of Resolution 875 and SLR 2.

4 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

6 CLERK: Thank you.

7 Council Member Narcisse?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I vote aye.

9 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye on all, thank
11 you.

12 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye on all.

14 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

15 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: I vote aye on all, except
16 for Preconsidered Reso 875, and I vote no on SLR 2.

17 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: (UN-MIC'D) Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Permission to explain my
21 vote?

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Great.

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2 I vote aye on all, but abstain on the LPC
3 nominees – Stephen Wilder, Erasmus Ikpemgbe, and
4 Frank Mahan.

5 I also just want to say that on... pleased with
6 the Home Rules or state legislative resolutions that
7 we're passing today, especially SLR 2, which will
8 ensure that our streets finally get cleaned up.

9 The automating enforcement by the Department of
10 Sanitation will ensure that cars actually move for
11 alternative side parking. When street sweepers, you
12 know, go around our communities, they pick up a ton
13 of garbage on average per route, but they can't clean
14 up our streets if they can't reach the curb, which
15 then leads to more garbage, which leads to more rats,
16 which undermines our quality of life. This is a
17 smart, and effective use of technology that will make
18 a major difference in our communities, and, grateful
19 for the support of so many colleagues today.

20 CLERK: Thank you.

21 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

23 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye on all, with
25 the exception of the Landmarks nominees.

2 CLERK: Thanks.

3 Council Member Salamanca?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

5 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye on all, and I would
7 like to congratulate my colleagues.

8 CLERK: Thank you.

9 Council Member Schulman?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

11 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

13 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Permission to explain my
15 vote?

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you. I just wanted
18 to add more context.

19 So about three decades ago the Jamaica water
20 supply closed the wells. It was a problem that my
21 predecessor's, predecessor's, predecessor inherited.
22 City and state government agreed that they were
23 responsible for the rising groundwater, they did
24 nothing.

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2 So again I just really want to thank the Speaker
3 and my colleagues, and Chair Gennaro, who I believe
4 was a staffer at the time that this issue really
5 became a problem, for actually doing something. And I
6 don't think we get a lot of opportunities to make big
7 impact and solve a three decade years old problem.

8 So I just want to thank everybody for their vote
9 today, and I just also wanted to thank, from the
10 Legislative Division, Sierra and Ricky.

11 And I proudly vote aye.

12 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I wish to amend my vote
14 to aye on all.

15 CLERK: Thank you, sir.

16 Council Member Won?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

20 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

21 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I vote... I first would
22 like to disclose that my son works for the Department
23 of Sanitation, which is listed on the Transparency
24 Resolution. I am a no on Preconsidered Resolution 875
25 and SLR 2, and aye on all the rest. Thank you.

2 CLERK: Thank you.

3 Majority Leader Farías?

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I vote aye on all.

5 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: Congratulating all of my
7 colleagues for passing phenomenal legislation today.
8 I vote aye on all.

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All items on today's
10 General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 49 in
11 the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0
12 abstentions; with the exception of Resolution 875,
13 which was adopted by a vote of 43 in the affirmative,
14 6 in the negative, and 0 abstentions; and M 124, 125,
15 126 and accompanying Resolutions, which were adopted
16 by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 1 in the
17 negative, and 2 abstentions; and SLR 2, which was
18 adopted by a vote of 42 in the affirmative, 7 in the
19 negative, and 0 abstentions.

20 Introduction and Reading of Bills?

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been referred to
22 Committee as indicated on today's Agenda.

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, we will now
24 move into the Discussion of Resolutions, seeing no

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2 one signed up to speak... I recognize Council Member
3 Hanif.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you, Majority Leader.
5 Thank you, Speaker Adams, for including Resolution
6 368 in support of the Living Wage For Musicians Act
7 on today's Agenda.

8 I'd also like to thank Council Members Ossé,
9 Rivera, Menin, and Cabán for introducing this
10 resolution, alongside me and Chairs De La Rosa and
11 Lewis for seeing the bill through Committee.

12 Most of us, myself included, use streaming
13 platforms as our primary way of listening to music.
14 The songs that we stream soundtrack our lives. But
15 the popularity of music streaming platforms has not
16 benefited the artists that make the songs we listen
17 to. Currently, the average recording artist receives
18 less than a third of a penny when someone streams
19 their song on Spotify. These low rates of pay make it
20 incredibly difficult for musicians to eke out a
21 living.

22 We all know that New York City makes the best
23 music in the entire world. If we want to keep it that
24 way, we have to make sure musicians can make enough
25 money to live here. The living wage (TIMER)...

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: You can continue.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: I have like two paragraphs.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Council Member Hanif, you
5 have to wrap it up.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Okay.

7 (LOUD BACKGROUND CHATTER)

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Okay. I'd like to thank...

9 I'd like to thank...

10 (LOUD BACKGROUND CHATTER)

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Quiet in the Chambers,
12 please. Quiet in the Chambers.

13 (LOUD BACKGROUND CHATTER)

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Respectfully to our Local
15 Union, she has to wrap.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: I'd like to thank Alex
17 Liao, Mus Lamia, Nishat Chowdhury, and Matt Malloy
18 from my team, as well as Elizabeth Arzt, Rie
19 Ogasawara, and Natalie Meltzer from the Legislative
20 Division for their work on this resolution. And thank
21 you to UMAW, for all of your (APPLAUSE) inspiring
22 organizing, especially Damon Krukowski, Spencer
23 Peppet, and Joey La Neve DeFrancesco.

24 I urge my colleagues to vote yes.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Council Member
3 Hanif.

4 Seeing no one else signed up to speak on
5 Resolutions, we will now have voice vote on today's
6 Resolution. If you wish to vote against or abstain
7 from any of today's Resolutions, please notify the
8 Legislative Documents Unit by email or by approaching
9 the dais.

10 I will now read today's Resolution into the
11 record.

12 Resolution 368-A calls on the United States
13 Congress to reintroduce and pass, and the President
14 to sign, the Living Wage for Musicians Act.

15 Will all those in favor say aye?

16 ALL: Aye

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

18 ALL: (SILENT)

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

20 ALL: (SILENT)

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

22 We will now move into General Discussion, and I
23 would like to first Recognize Majority Whip Brooks-
24 Powers, followed by Council Member Louis, then
25 Council Member Dinowitz.

2 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you. Today I'm
3 introducing two important pieces of legislation.

4 First, I'm introducing a bill that would require
5 the City to conduct recurring environmental impact
6 studies of JFK Airport operations in Southeast
7 Queens.

8 For far too long, residents in communities like
9 mine have lived with the daily impacts of noise and
10 air pollution from airport traffic without adequate
11 monitoring, transparency, or mitigation.

12 This bill directs the Office of Long Term
13 Planning and Sustainability to work with city
14 agencies to collect data...

15 (BACKGROUND NOISE)

16 SERGEANT AT ARMS: (INAUDIBLE) Quiet, please!

17 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: on air...

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Sergeants, please hold
19 the time.

20 Folks who are leaving the Chambers, please do so
21 quietly.

22 You can continue.

23 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: This bill directs
24 the Office of Long Term Planning and Sustainability
25 to work with city agencies to collect data on air

1
2 quality, noise, and health outcomes, consult with
3 local environmental justice groups, and publish
4 regular public reports. It also requires the City to
5 recommend and implement programs that reduce
6 environmental harm and to engage the Port Authority
7 on needed changes to the JFK lease agreement.

8 If we are serious about environmental justice, we
9 must back that up with data in action. This
10 legislation ensures that environmental concerns in
11 Southeast Queens are taken seriously.

12 I'm also proud to introduce a Resolution in
13 support of two critical state bills, S.1244/A.1587
14 and S.7275A/A.5341A, which would strengthen citing
15 rules for cannabis storefronts and advertising.

16 These bills would increase the minimum distance
17 between cannabis businesses and sensitive sites like
18 schools, playgrounds, libraries, and houses of
19 worship while also clarifying how those distances are
20 measured.

21 We must ensure legalization does not come at the
22 expense of the community well-being. I urge the State
23 Legislature to pass these bills, and the Governor to
24 sign them into law. Thank you.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
3 Member Louis, followed by Council Member Dinowitz,
4 then Council Member Nurse.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Madam Majority
6 Leader.

7 Today I'm proud to introduce three important
8 pieces of legislation each of which reflect on
9 commitment to equity, transparency, and accessibility
10 for all New Yorkers.

11 The first, Reso 877, calling on the New York
12 State and the Governor to pass legislation that would
13 require employers to disclose all forms of
14 compensation, including bonuses, stock options, and
15 commissions.

16 While salary transparency laws have moved us in
17 the right direction, too many workers are still left
18 negotiating in the dark. Employees deserve to
19 understand the full scope of what they are being
20 offered. Without clear information on total
21 compensation, workers, especially women of color, and
22 people of color, remain at a disadvantage when
23 negotiating pay. Full transparency is essential to
24 achieving real pay equity.

1 The second, Intro 1286, addresses the responsible
2 placement of adult-use cannabis dispensaries. It
3 would prohibit any dispensary from operating within
4 500 feet of a public youth facility.

5 As the legal cannabis market continues to grow,
6 it is important that we implement thoughtful
7 regulations that consider the needs of young people.

8 The last, Intro 1287, part of The Wheel Deal
9 Package, in partnership with Council Member Marte,
10 requires the current bike share program to offer a
11 discounted rate to public school students who are 16
12 years of age or older.

13 For many young people bike share programs provide
14 a critical link to school, work, and other
15 opportunities. By removing financial barriers, we are
16 helping students move more freely through the city
17 and encouraging sustainable healthy modes of
18 transportation.

19 Each of these bills address a different challenge
20 New Yorkers are experiencing. I urge my colleagues to
21 support these bills and to help move our city
22 forward. Thank you.
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1 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
2 Member Dinowitz, followed by Council Member Nurse,
3 then, Council Member Avilés.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Thank you, Madam
5 Majority Leader.

6 Good afternoon colleagues, today I'm introducing
7 Bill 1281 of 2025, a bill that addresses really an
8 urgent financial matter facing countless tenants and
9 shareholders, our constituents. And I'm proud to
10 stand with Council Members Bottcher and Holden in
11 support of this measure.

12 This legislation, 1281, amends Local Law 157 of
13 2016, which mandates natural gas detectors in hotels
14 and residential buildings.

15 The Department of Buildings set a compliance
16 deadline of May 1st, which is obviously passed. The
17 intent of Local Law 157 is sound. It's to protect
18 residents from gas leaks. But this May 1st deadline
19 is utterly unachievable. Yet, despite this
20 unachievable deadline, the fines for New Yorkers, our
21 constituents, will begin to mount. Eighteen of us
22 even outlined some of these obstacles in our April
23 letter to the Department of Buildings Commissioner.
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1 The market lacks compliant devices. They do not
2 exist. Our law requires detectors to meet NFPA
3 standard 715 of 2023. Only one manufacturer has
4 produced a compliant device. However, this company
5 has faced crippling supply chain issues preventing
6 timely orders. Worse, the sole compliant device has
7 been massively recalled due to a critical malfunction
8 that prevents it from alerting consumers to gas
9 leaks.
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11 The one otherwise viable option is now off the
12 shelves. And even if devices were available,
13 compliant installation of plug-in models is often
14 impossible in New York City apartments. They're
15 required to be three to 10 feet horizontally of an
16 appliance, and within 12 inches of a ceiling, and
17 most of us don't have outlets near the ceiling.

18 The consequence is clear, New Yorkers will be
19 unjustly fined for failing to meet a mandate that is
20 quite literally impossible to fill.

21 This bill, 1281, simply postpones the mandate
22 requiring alarms one year after the Department
23 (TIMER) of Buildings confirms devices are
24 sufficiently available.
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1 I encourage everyone to join us in cosponsoring
2 this common sense bill, 1281, to shield New Yorkers
3 from unwarranted fines and to ensure true safety
4 remains our paramount goal. Thank you, Madam Majority
5 Leader.
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7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
8 Member Nurse, followed Council Member Avilés, then
9 Council Member Gutiérrez.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you, Majority Leader.

11 Today I'm introducing Intro 1294, a bill that
12 names and shames deed thieves. When it comes to
13 crime, we are quick to post photos of people who
14 steal diapers and baby formula from Rite Aid, but
15 when it comes to the parasites who commit deed fraud
16 and destabilize entire neighborhoods, they often
17 escape public scrutiny.

18 Since 2014, there have been over 3,000 deed fraud
19 complaints, and those are just the cases we know
20 about, with the number likely being much higher.

21 These thieves prey on older adults, particularly
22 Black elders, people falling behind on their property
23 or water taxes, and families facing foreclosure. They
24 exploit moments of financial stress and vulnerability
25 to rob people of the American dream. They are white

2 collar thugs enriching themselves at the expense of
3 those who are most vulnerable.

4 This bill would send a warning that we will catch
5 you, we will shame you, and we will make sure every
6 New Yorker sees your name, your face, and your
7 identifying information. We will expose these
8 criminals who go on to often reoffend, and who are
9 helped by being able to hide behind LLCs and a veil
10 of secrecy.

11 While the Council has invested in estate
12 planning, and foreclosure prevention, and legal
13 services for older adults, more must be done.

14 I thank Council Member Chi Ossé and Brooklyn
15 Borough President, Antonio Reynoso, for co-priming
16 this bill, and I urge you all to sign onto it.

17 Thank you, Majority Leader.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
19 Member Avilés, followed by Council Member Gutiérrez,
20 them Council Member Schulman.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Thank you, Majority
22 Leader.

23 Today I'm introducing Resolution 870, alongside
24 Council Member De La Rosa and Council Member Joseph,

1 NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 71
2 which would establish May in New York City Schools as
3 Labor History Month.

4 While New York City is still a union town, with
5 the highest union density rate in all of the country,
6 it probably doesn't come as a surprise to many of you
7 that union membership has been steadily declining
8 since the 70s. This is something we need to fix if we
9 have any hope at all of addressing inequity.

10 With so much of our education system focused on
11 job readiness and career prep for young people,
12 little to no work has been done to prepare our future
13 workforce to understand and protect their rights and
14 guard themselves against exploitation both now and in
15 the future. And now with anti-immigrant sentiment at
16 fever pitch, states like Florida are looking to roll
17 back child labor laws to fill labor shortages created
18 by the fulfillment of their own racist fantasies to
19 deport all brown people.

20 While it might seem that this trend is new as of
21 the most recent Trump administration, a 2023 study by
22 the Economic Policy Institute revealed that 10 states
23 have introduced legislation to weaken child labor
24 standards, dismantling gains made over a century ago
25 after the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire.

2 Such loosening of these critical laws not only
3 leaves our children vulnerable, but creates
4 opportunities to further dismantle unions and
5 exacerbate inequality. Nurturing young people to
6 understand their inherent dignity is one of the
7 greatest investments we can make to ensure a more
8 just and equitable future.

9 I encourage all my colleagues to sign on to this
10 resolution, I and hope that our state will follow
11 California in ensuring that this is part of our
12 curriculum. Thank you for your consideration.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
14 Member Gutiérrez, followed by Council Member Salaam,
15 then Council Member Brewer.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Thank you, Madam
17 Majority Leader.

18 Today I'm proud to introduce two bills rooted in
19 a shared principle that is of protecting New Yorkers.

20 First, I'm introducing the Safe Pregnancy and
21 Opioid Treatment Act, a bill that would require the
22 Health Department to educate providers on how to
23 safely treat opioid use disorder during and after
24 pregnancy and provide Narcan at specific sites.

2 A report by the DOHMH recorded 241 deaths within
3 a five-year period, with approximately one in seven
4 of those deaths attributed to overdoses, more than
5 three-quarters of which involved opioids.

6 This is a harm reduction bill, a maternal health
7 bill, a common sense public health bill, and it's one
8 that will save lives, especially for the pregnant New
9 Yorkers who have been suffering in silence and
10 ignored because of stigmas that might exist.

11 I also just want to thank, Council Member Hanks
12 and Chair Schulman who have already cosponsored this
13 bill.

14 Speaker Adams and this Council have put maternal
15 mortality front and center. We're not afraid to be
16 honest and have painful conversations when needed to
17 put an end to these preventable deaths. Thank you to
18 the Speaker, of course, for her support and
19 contributions to this bill.

20 The second bill I'm introducing is the Fair
21 Business Practices Act, a resolution that calls on
22 the State to finally outlaw unfair and abusive
23 business practices.

24 Right now, New York lags behind 42 other states
25 in protecting consumers, small businesses, and

1 nonprofits from scams, junk fees, and AI driven
2 fraud. I want to thank Attorney General Leticia James
3 for her leadership on this bill.
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5 I encourage all of my colleagues to sign on and
6 join me in protecting New Yorkers. Thank you.

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
8 Member Salaam, followed by Council Member Brewer,
9 then Council Member Narcisse.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Madam Speaker and
11 colleagues, today I rise to honor the life of
12 Congressman Charles Bernard Rangel, the Lion of Lenox
13 Avenue, who passed away on May 26th of this year,
14 2025.

15 A decorated war veteran, a founding member of the
16 Congressional Black Caucus, and one of the longest
17 serving members of Congress, he was Harlem's
18 unwavering champion. From the Gang of Four to the
19 Halls of Power, he fought for justice, equity, and
20 opportunity for all. His legacy lives on in the lives
21 he changed, the leaders he inspired, including
22 myself, and the dignity he brought to public service.

23 To his family, we offer our deepest, deepest
24 condolences. And to Harlem and beyond, we recommit to

1 carrying his vision forward. May he rest in power,
2 and may he rest in perfect peace. Thank you.

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
4 Member Brewer, followed by Council Member Narcisse,
5 then Council Member Restler.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much.

7 Olivia Stone is an intern in our office from
8 Washington University. We'll probably have another
9 hundred interns during the summer, but I want to
10 thank Olivia for being here.

11 I, too, want to say how much we're going to miss
12 Congressman Rangel. He was incredibly good to me for
13 the last 40 years.

14 And also, I want to express condolences to the
15 family of Tom Robbins, a reporter, an investigative
16 reporter for many years, and he passed last night.

17 I want to mention Reso Number 822. It is a
18 resolution that talks about Cuba. You probably know
19 in '62, Kennedy issued a proclamation on the trade
20 embargo. And then Obama opened up Cuba in '21, and of
21 course Trump closed it. The Biden administration kept
22 it going after it was closed by Trump the first time
23 around — Biden opened it up a week before he left
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1 office, and of course, on January 20th, Trump,
2 reinstated the trade embargo.
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4 I mention all this, because the only other
5 countries that have this trade embargo are Syria,
6 Iran, and North Korea. And it seems to me that the
7 work that we are doing in this country would fit well
8 with Cuba, and I would like to say that it should not
9 be a state sponsor of terrorism and on that list were
10 those other three countries that I mentioned. Thank
11 you very much.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
13 Member Narcisse, followed by Council Member Restler,
14 then Council Member Mealy.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you, Madam Chair,
16 and thank you, Madam Speaker, for your leadership.

17 For far too long, the people of Canarsie have
18 been left behind when it comes to transit access. My
19 district is a transit desert and our residents,
20 students, working families, seniors, people with
21 disabilities deserve more reliable and accessibility
22 transportation. We need that in Canarsie. I don't
23 want to keep taking too long, but 1293, understand
24 where we live in the South Brooklyn — We cannot get
25 here, it takes us about hour and a half, and we're

1 talking about environmental problems. We're talking
2 about climate change. We need a break from Canarsie
3 to get a ferry. So Canarsie once had a ferry service,
4 and it's time we brought it back. A ferry would give
5 residents more ways to get where they need to go,
6 while also helping to revitalize a pier that we have,
7 which could truly use the boost right now. It is a
8 viable transit option, and it is an investment for
9 the City and is a beautiful waterfront where
10 everybody can enjoy.

12 I am also proud to introduce... And I have to say
13 thank you to (INAUDIBLE) that have been standing with
14 me for decades.

15 I'm also proud to introduce legislation that will
16 require the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
17 to launch a public information and outreach campaign
18 when it comes to uterine fibrosis. Fibroids is real
19 for a lot, especially Black women. This is a
20 condition that affects millions of women, especially
21 when we come to our community, we know how health
22 inequities going throughout. So please, my
23 colleagues, look into it. By increasing that, by
24 addressing fibrosis, it will help a lot of women in
25 our community, our neighbors, our friends, our

2 sisters and brothers. I urge my colleague to support
3 this legislation. It's about time.

4 And I'm also proud to introduce a resolution
5 calling on the State to require private developers of
6 battery (TIMER) energy storage system to carry
7 liability insurance and provide financial support to
8 nearby homeowners in the event of a battery fire,
9 because our...

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Council Member, your time
11 has expired... (CROSS-TALK)

12 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: push to clean energy
13 must never come at the expense of public safety...

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Council Member
15 Narcisse... (CROSS-TALK)

16 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: protection, thank you...
17 (CROSS-TALK)

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Your time has... (CROSS-
19 TALK)

20 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you, thank you...

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: expired. Thank you so
22 much.

23 Council Member Restler?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Thank you very much,
25 Madam Majority Leader.

1 I firstly just want to echo Council Member
2 Brewer's sentiments about the passing of Tom Robbins.
3 Tom was one of the truly great investigative
4 journalists in our city, uh, for many years at the
5 Village Voice, more recently at the City. He was
6 behind that Eric Adams Table of Success, linked all
7 of the various corrupt actors in the Adams' orbit to
8 the Mayor. He was, for many years, a Professor of
9 Journalism at the CUNY Journalism School. He was the
10 very first person to say to me that Adrienne Adams
11 should be our next mayor - three years ago. He was a
12 tenacious, brilliant, and savvy journalist. He held
13 the powers that be accountable, and he will be missed
14 dearly. He was a constituent and somebody who I
15 admired immensely.

17 I also am very proud to be introducing
18 legislation today, of which the number I do not know,
19 but the bill creates a cooling off period for the
20 most powerful folks that enter into city service.
21 Essentially, this would prohibit employees with
22 substantial policy making discretion, senior staff at
23 City Hall, agency heads, et cetera, from
24 participating in determining policy for any previous
25 employer that they had worked for in the previous two

2 years. It would apply to lobbyists and their clients,
3 to law firms, and the clients that lawyers
4 represented. It is important that we close the
5 revolving door in city government between lobbying
6 and public service.

7 And we passed legislation earlier this year to
8 shut the revolving door on the way out, for people
9 like Frank Carone, when they leave city service, but
10 it's important that we also shut that door for the
11 people entering in, so they don't do favors for the
12 lobbying firms and the companies that they previously
13 worked for, when they enter into the public sector.

14 And I hope my colleagues will sponsor whatever
15 the bill number is, and I trust you all will figure
16 it out. Thank you... Intro 1295.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
18 Member Mealy, followed by Council Member Hanif.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Good afternoon, Speaker
20 Adams, and my colleagues.

21 As we gather today, I would like to honor the
22 life and legacy of Congressman Charles B. Rangel, who
23 passed away on May 26th at the age of 94. A Harlem
24 native, a career war veteran, Congressman Rangel
25 dedicated nearly five decades to public service

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2 representing New York's 13th Congressional District
3 from 1971 to 2017. And he was the first African
4 American who housed the Ways and Means, was the
5 Chair.

6 And I would like to also, in solidarity, I can
7 say the passing of Judge Luther C. Williams, Junior
8 passing on May 30th, the father of Shane's Restaurant
9 owner, his father passed, and he was a friend and a
10 dedicated servant to the community. After he retired,
11 he still was in my political club, and did anything
12 possible to help the community. And I would like to,
13 as we gather today, I would like to honor his life
14 and legacy.

15 And additionally, I would like to talk about
16 Asian American Heritage. I want to emphasize the
17 importance of the Resolution 844, that we passed
18 earlier this month, establishing Chinese American
19 Railroad Workers on Memorial Day (sic).

20 And I would like to say just this past Monday we
21 all observed Memorial Day, a solemn occasion to
22 remember and pay tribute to the brave men and women
23 who have made the ultimate sacrifice and service into
24 our nation. Their courage and dedication continued
25 (TIMER) to inspire our commitment to justice,

1 equality, and the well-being of all New Yorkers.

2 Thank you.

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
4 Member Hanif.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you. Thanks to this
6 Council, May is officially Lupus Awareness Month in
7 New York City, recognized through Resolution 550,
8 which we passed in 2023.

9 As someone living with Lupus, I want to honor my
10 fellow Lupus warriors across New York City. Each of
11 us carries a different story, but we all face the
12 reality of living with an incurable autoimmune
13 disease. That's why we need more public education on
14 Lupus symptoms, faster diagnoses, and better access
15 to specialists. But awareness isn't enough, we need
16 policy changes. That includes a fully ADA-accessible
17 transit system, remote work protections, and free
18 public health care. These are not luxuries, they're
19 lifesaving.
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21 I've shared my Lupus journey many times, so folks
22 understand why I may take the stairs a little slower,
23 and why I'm so committed to building a caring,
24 accessible city. Living with Lupus taught me grit,
25 and more importantly, compassion for myself and for

2 others. That compassion fuels my fight for disability
3 justice, immigrant justice, universal health care,
4 reproductive care, and workplace protections.

5 Lupus shaped my leadership, and I'm proud to keep
6 fighting for a New York City that includes all of us.
7 Thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Seeing no one else signed
9 up to speak, I will now call on Speaker Adrienne
10 Adams to close today's Stated Meeting.

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority Leader. The
12 Stated Meeting of May 28, 2025 is hereby adjourned.

13 [GAVEL]

14 **(TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE*)**

15 Vote Revision: Preconsidered SLR 2

16 Affirmative: 41

17 Negative: 8

18 Abstentions: 0

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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



Date June 13, 2025