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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Shaun Abreu
- Joann Ariola
- Alexa Avilés
- Diana I. Ayala
- Charles Barron
- Joseph C. Borelli
- 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 Farias
- Oswald Feliz
- James F. Gennaro
- Jennifer Gutiérrez
- Shahana K. Hanif

Robert F. Holden  
Kristin Richardson Jordan  
Rita C. Joseph  
Ari Kagan  
Shekar Krishnan  
Linda Lee  
Farah N. Louis  
Christopher Marte  
Darlene Mealy  
Julie Menin  
Francisco P. Moya  
Mercedes Narcisse  
Sandy Nurse  
Chi A. Ossé  
Vickie Paladino  
Keith Powers  
Lincoln Restler  
Kevin C. Riley  
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.  
Pierina Ana Sanchez  
Lynn C. Schulman  
Althea V. Stevens  
Sandra Ung  
Marjorie Velázquez  
Inna Vernikov  
Nantasha M. Williams  
Julie Won  
Kalman Yeger

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2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Please leave the floor. Quiet  
3 on the floor please. Quiet on the floor.

4 Ladies and gentlemen, at this time please place  
5 all cell phones and electronic devices to vibrate.  
6 Mr. Majority Leader.

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Good afternoon and  
8 welcome to the stated meeting of September 14, 2023.  
9 I am Majority Leader Keith Powers. I'd like to thank  
10 you for joining us. If you'd like to follow along,  
11 the agenda for today's meeting is posted on the City  
12 Council website.

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

15 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Roll call.

17 CLERK: Abreu?

18 COUNCILMEMBER ABREU: Present.

19 CLERK: Ariola?

20 COUNCILMEMBER ARIOLA: Present.

21 CLERK: Avilés?

22 COUNCILMEMBER AVILÉS: Presente.

23 CLERK: Ayala?

24 COUNCILMEMBER AYALA: Here.

25 CLERK: Barron? Councilmember Barron?

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2 COUNCILMEMBER BARRON: Here.

3 CLERK: Bottcher?

4 COUNCILMEMBER BOTTCHER: Here.

5 CLERK: Brannan?

6 COUNCILMEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

7 CLERK: Brewer?

8 COUNCILMEMBER BREWER: Here.

9 CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

10 COUNCILMEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Here.

11 CLERK: Cabán?

12 COUNCILMEMBER CABÁN: Present.

13 CLERK: Carr?

14 COUNCILMEMBER CARR: Present.

15 CLERK: De La Rosa?

16 COUNCILMEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

17 CLERK: Dinowitz?

18 COUNCILMEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.

19 CLERK: Farias?

20 COUNCILMEMBER FARIAS: Present and excited to be

21 back.

22 CLERK: Feliz?

23 COUNCILMEMBER FELIZ: Presente, and happy to be

24 back too.

25 CLERK: Gennaro?

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2 COUNCILMEMBER GENNARO: Present.

3 CLERK: Ariola?

4 COUNCILMEMBER ARIOLA: Present.

5 CLERK: Gutiérrez?

6 COUNCILMEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presente.

7 CLERK: Hanif?

8 COUNCILMEMBER HANIF: Here.

9 CLERK: Hanks? Holden?

10 COUNCILMEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

11 CLERK: Hudson? Joseph?

12 COUNCILMEMBER JOSEPH: Here.

13 CLERK: Kagan?

14 COUNCILMEMBER KAGAN: Here.

15 CLERK: Krishnan?

16 COUNCILMEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.

17 CLERK: Lee?

18 COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Here.

19 CLERK: Louis?

20 COUNCILMEMBER LOUIS: Here.

21 CLERK: Marte?

22 COUNCILMEMBER MARTE: Here.

23 CLERK: Mealy? Menin?

24 COUNCILMEMBER MENIN: Here.

25 CLERK: Moya?

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2 COUNCILMEMBER MOYA: Here.

3 CLERK: Narcisse?

4 COUNCILMEMBER NARCISSE: Present.

5 CLERK: Nurse?

6 COUNCILMEMBER NURSE: Here.

7 CLERK: Ossé?

8 COUNCILMEMBER OSSÉ: Present.

9 CLERK: Paladino?

10 COUNCILMEMBER PALADINO: Here.

11 CLERK: Restler?

12 COUNCILMEMBER RESTLER: Here.

13 CLERK: Richardson Jordan?

14 COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Here.

15 CLERK: Riley? Rivera? Salamanca?

16 COUNCILMEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

17 CLERK: Sanchez?

18 COUNCILMEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.

19 CLERK: Schulman?

20 COUNCILMEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

21 CLERK: Stevens?

22 COUNCILMEMBER Stevens: Here.

23 CLERK: Ung?

24 COUNCILMEMBER UNG: Present.

25 CLERK: Velázquez?

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2 COUNCILMEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: Present.

3 CLERK: Vernikov? Williams?

4 COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS: Present.

5 CLERK: Won?

6 COUNCILMEMBER WON: Present.

7 CLERK: Yeger?

8 COUNCILMEMBER YEGER: Here.

9 CLERK: Borelli?

10 COUNCILMEMBER BORELLI: Here.

11 CLERK: Majority Leader Powers?

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Here.

13 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: : Thank you. We will  
16 now have Today's invocation delivered by Father Jean  
17 Delva. From Our Lady Of Miracles Roman Catholic  
18 Church located at 757 East 86th Street in Brooklyn.  
19 Welcome.

20 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

21 FATHER DELVA: We stand before you Holy Spirit,  
22 conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we  
23 gathered and your name. Come to us. Remain with us.  
24 Enlighten our hearts. Give us light and strength to  
25 know your will, and to make it our own, and to live



2 it in our lives. Guide us by your wisdom, support us  
3 by your power for your God, sharing the glory of the  
4 Father and the Son. We desire justice for all.  
5 Enable us to hold the rights of others and do not  
6 allow us to be misled by our ignorance or become  
7 corrupted by fear or favor. Let us our hearts always  
8 be with you in a bond of love and to keep us faithful  
9 to all that is true. As our guide today, in your  
10 name, may we temper justice with love so that all our  
11 decisions may be pleasing to you, and yearn to be  
12 reward. We promise to be good and faithful servants,  
13 for your God forever and ever. Amen.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. I now ask  
15 Councilmember Mercedes Narcisse to spread the  
16 invocation on the record.

17 COUNCILMEMBER NARCISSE: I would like to thank  
18 Father Jean Delva of Our Lady of Miracles Church in  
19 Canarsie for being here today. Our Lady of Miracles  
20 isn't just a place of worship. For me is very  
21 special. That's the first church my father attended  
22 with me. It is a sanctuary of hope, love, and  
23 community in District 46. The church holds a special  
24 place in my heart, as it serves as a spiritual home  
25 to many of my Haitian American constituents,

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2 reflecting the vibrant diversity that makes our  
3 district and city so unique and special.

4 I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Father Jean  
5 Delva. For the faith, peace, and wisdom he brings to  
6 our community. I make a motion for unanimous consent  
7 to spread the invocation in full upon the record.  
8 Thank you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now  
10 the adoption of the minutes by councilmember Sandy  
11 Nurse.

12 COUNCILMEMBER NURSE: I make a motion that the  
13 minutes of the stated meetings of July 13, 2023, and  
14 August 3, 2023, be adopted as printed.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now  
16 have messages and papers from the mayor.

17 COUNSEL: None.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Communications from  
19 city, county, and borough offices.

20 COUNSEL: M-173, Richmond County Commissioner of  
21 Elections.

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: : Rules, privileges, and  
23 elections.

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Petitions and  
25 communications?

2 COUNSEL: None.

3 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Land use call ups?

4 COUNSEL: None.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now  
6 have communication from Speaker Adrienne Adams.

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you Majority Leader and  
8 good afternoon everyone. On Monday we observe the  
9 22nd anniversary of September 11th. As a native New  
10 Yorker, I recall the experience of shock and pain of  
11 that day and the days thereafter. I know that many  
12 of us are still working to heal from the trauma of  
13 it. While we continue to support the families of  
14 those we lost, we must also uplift the first  
15 responders and rescue workers who rushed towards  
16 danger to look for survivors at Ground Zero, exposing  
17 themselves to life threatening toxins as well as  
18 those who worked and lived in the area and had their  
19 health negatively impacted. Just last week, the FDNY  
20 added the names of 43 members who died of illnesses  
21 related to their work in the rescue and recovery  
22 efforts at the World Trade Center. This adds to the  
23 hundreds of first responders who have died from 911-  
24 related illnesses over the past 22 years. Too many  
25 families and victims are still struggling from the

2 aftermath of this tragedy, and it's imperative that  
3 the city, state, and federal government provide them  
4 with the full support they need to recover. It's  
5 through action that we can honor their sacrifice.

6 Now, I want to take a moment to address the  
7 alarming rise in xenophobic and hostile sentiments  
8 being directed at and about migrants arriving in our  
9 city. We must recognize that such sentiment does  
10 nothing to address our challenges, and brings with it  
11 risks to the safety of women, men, children, and  
12 everyone's humanity. Throughout history, we've seen  
13 how this can translate to real danger and harm for  
14 our communities. It is inconsistent with our values  
15 as a city and a nation. And we must not permit our  
16 dialogue to devolve towards such division. It will  
17 only move us further away from solutions that move  
18 our city forward.

19 People seeking asylum are fleeing dire  
20 humanitarian conditions. They've-- they've endured  
21 how boring journeys, leaving behind everything they  
22 know for the chance to have a better life. This  
23 migration to the United States is not entirely  
24 unique. Each generation has figured out how to  
25 migrate immigrants and refugees, and why we have

2 always become a stronger nation because of it. It is  
3 a grave mistake, to act as if we as a city are  
4 powerless, and that people seeking asylum are a  
5 threat, or simply a cost. In fact, we all know from  
6 the story of New York City itself, that migration  
7 brings tangible benefits. Throughout our city's  
8 history, immigrants have enriched our culture,  
9 economy, and communities. When we last faced a  
10 fiscal crisis and an exodus of New Yorkers, it was  
11 immigrants who played a key role in growing our  
12 population and our economy.

13 We're in a similar situation today, and we should  
14 recognize that if we address some of the underlying  
15 challenges that longtime New Yorkers face along with  
16 asylum seekers, we will be stronger. The reality is  
17 longtime New Yorkers from immigrant communities, or  
18 who are unhoused have many of the same needs as  
19 recent migrants. These needs were insufficiently  
20 addressed before this migration, and we owe it to our  
21 longtime residents and our entire city to fix this  
22 shortfall.

23 We should be investing in strengthening the  
24 infrastructure of programs and services that have  
25 long been serving New Yorkers without adequate

2 support. By bolstering this infrastructure, all of  
3 us will benefit.

4 This is achievable because no challenge is too  
5 great for New York City. How we respond in this  
6 moment will have long term implications for all of  
7 us. As stakeholders, at every level of government,  
8 and in the nonprofit and private sectors must set  
9 aside their differences to effectively work together  
10 to implement solutions that power a long-term  
11 strategy that is sustainable.

12 We're always stronger when we're united. We need  
13 to come together and advance solutions that best  
14 serve the people we represent here in our city, in  
15 our state, and in our nation.

16 This week, we laid beloved New York One  
17 journalist, our brilliant friend, Ruschell Boone to  
18 rest. Ruschell understood and conveyed the  
19 complexities of our communities and the city. She  
20 told critical stories about Queens in particular with  
21 integrity and heart and flawlessly presented humanity  
22 in a way that only she could. She was special and  
23 had a spirit that organically brought us together as  
24 people. Ruschell represented the very beauty of our

2 city, and we will miss her profoundly. Let's not  
3 take any day in this life for granted.

4 I also want to take a moment to remember another  
5 New York City giant, George Altomare, a founder of  
6 the United Federation of Teachers who passed away  
7 last month. George dedicated his life to improving  
8 our public school system and successfully fought to  
9 improve conditions for New York City students and  
10 educators. Our city has benefited so much from  
11 George's leadership and contributions, and we are  
12 grateful for him and his lifetime of service.

13 On September 4, we celebrated Labor Day, and the  
14 labor movements and leaders that fought for so many  
15 of the benefits we enjoy in the workplace today. As  
16 the daughter of two longtime union workers, I was  
17 raised in a home and in a community that understood  
18 the importance of organized labor. From the 40-hour  
19 workweek to workers compensation and paid sick leave,  
20 we've gained so much because of our nation's labor  
21 movements and struggles. As we honor this history,  
22 we must recognize the ongoing fights for fair wages,  
23 safer workplaces, improved benefits and the right of  
24 all workers to organize without fear of retaliation.  
25 These are essential protections that workers deserve.

2 There's still much more work to do. But we are proud  
3 to stand alongside of workers each and every day.

4 Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year starts  
5 tomorrow evening and runs until Sunday evening. I  
6 want to wish everyone a happy and sweet new year.  
7 Shana Tova to all those who celebrate.

8 Tomorrow also marks the start of Hispanic  
9 Heritage Month, when we uplift the contributions and  
10 achievements of Latino communities across the  
11 country. New Yorkers is home to 2.5 million Latino  
12 residents of diverse backgrounds, cultures, and  
13 traditions. We also recognize the groundbreaking  
14 Latino leaders in this body who continue to serve  
15 this city with passion and dedication to communities.  
16 I look forward to celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month  
17 with all New Yorkers.

18 I also want to wish a Happy Independence Day to  
19 our Costa Rican Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala  
20 and communities who are celebrating on September 15.

21 September is Suicide Prevention Month. As our  
22 city continues to recover from the effects of the  
23 pandemic, which exacerbated our pre-existing mental  
24 health crisis. It is important that New Yorkers know  
25 where to go for support and treatment. As a Council



2 we will continue to work hard to secure the resources  
3 our communities need. NYCWell, counselors are  
4 available 24 by 7 in over 200 languages. Know that  
5 you can always call 888-NYC-WELL or 988, the suicide  
6 and crisis lifeline for help.

7       September is also National Sickle Cell Awareness  
8 Month. Sickle cell disease is the most common  
9 inherited blood disorder in the United States and  
10 disproportionately affects African Americans.  
11 Understanding the disease can help individuals manage  
12 their condition and associated pain. So, it is  
13 critical that we continue to raise public awareness  
14 about this disease.

15       Next week is Climate Week NYC which will bring  
16 stakeholders across government, business, and the  
17 climate sector to work together and advanced concrete  
18 actions. Next Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., The Council will  
19 be celebrating climate week right here in the Council  
20 Chambers. I invite everyone to participate.

21       This Sunday is the 54th annual African American  
22 Day Parade in Harlem. Please join us as we celebrate  
23 the indelible contributions of our African American  
24 community here in New York City and across our  
25 country.

2 And next, please join me in wishing a  
3 Happy Birthday to Councilmember Kamillah  
4 Hanks, whose birthday was on the fourth...

5 [APPLAUSE]

6 Councilmember Gale Brewer whose birthday was on  
7 the sixth...

8 [APPLAUSE]

9 Councilmember Sandra Ung, who celebrated on the  
10 ninth...

11 [APPLAUSE]

12 And we have a birthday girl, Councilmember  
13 Jennifer Gutiérrez whose birthday is today!

14 [APPLAUSE]

15 Happy birthday, everyone.

16 Finally, I want to acknowledge that our Senior  
17 Legislative Counsel Brenda McKinney is departing  
18 after six years of service at the Council. During  
19 her time here, Brenda effectively served the  
20 Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries, and  
21 International Intergroup Relations, as well as the  
22 Committee on Women and Gender Equity. Brenda, as you  
23 move up, you are moving down to DC to do bigger and  
24 better things and we thank you for your dedication

2 and service. We wish you all the best in your next  
3 chapter.

4 [APPLAUSE]

5 Next, let's move on to our stated agenda. First  
6 we'll vote on the following finance items: A  
7 transparency resolution approving new designations  
8 and changes of certain organization nations receiving  
9 funding in the expense budget; four pre-considered  
10 resolutions to authorize article 11 exemptions for  
11 eight buildings and Councilmember Sanchez's and  
12 Feliz's districts.

13 Next we'll vote on the following land use items:  
14 The City Council is approving of a limited five year  
15 extension of the Madison Square Garden special permit  
16 and modified arena text amendment. It is intended to  
17 resolve the competing demands on this area and  
18 facilitate the collaboration of stakeholders to  
19 create a truly integrated arena and transit station  
20 complex that the public deserves. The term extension  
21 is conditioned on MSG submitting a transportation  
22 management plan to start addressing the needs of the  
23 public immediately. 893 Eagle Avenue rezoning and  
24 Councilmember Salamanca's district will facilitate  
25 the development of a new 13-storey plus cellar and

2 sub-cellar building. It will include approximately  
3 83 affordable supportive housing units, with  
4 additional space for counseling offices, and  
5 multipurpose rooms serving the residents of the  
6 building.

7 Today we will also vote on the following  
8 resolutions: First we have a pair of resolution  
9 sponsored by Councilmember Nantasha Williams.  
10 Resolution 346A which would recognize the  
11 contribution of hip hop to arts and culture by  
12 designating August 11 as Hip Hop Celebration Day,  
13 August as Hip Hop Recognition Month, and November as  
14 Hip Hop History Month annually in the city of New  
15 York. And resolution 450A which would recognize the  
16 contributions of our homegrown Def Jam to the music  
17 industry and music lovers everywhere by designating  
18 January 2024 as Def Jam recognition month in the city  
19 of New York. Resolution 415A, sponsored by  
20 Councilmember Joanne Ariola, would call on the United  
21 States Congress to pass and the President to sign the  
22 September 11 Day of Remembrance act. We thank our  
23 staff Regina Paul.

24 Today we will also vote on the following pieces  
25 of legislation: Introduction 1080A sponsored by

2 Councilmember Linda Lee would require the Department  
3 of Social Services to make information on emergency  
4 feeding and food benefits programs and senior centers  
5 available on DSS's website as well as through access  
6 HRA. The bill would also require DSS in  
7 collaboration with the Department of Aging to make  
8 this information available in written form at Job  
9 Centers, senior centers, SNAP centers, and any other  
10 relevant locations. We thank our staff members David  
11 Romero and Aminta Kilawan. Next we'll vote on  
12 Introduction 877B sponsored by Councilmember Shaun  
13 Abreu, which would require the Department of citywide  
14 Administrative Services to create a comprehensive  
15 exit survey and interview protocol for city agencies  
16 to gather feedback from resigning and retiring  
17 municipal employees regarding their experience in the  
18 city's workforce. The legislation, intended to  
19 improve retention of municipal workers, would also  
20 require DCAS to submit an annual report to the Equal  
21 Opportunity Practices Commission and the council with  
22 summaries of the exit survey and interview responses.  
23 We thank our staff members Elizabeth Artz, Rie  
24 Ogasawara, Nicholas Connell, and Smita Deshmukh. We  
25 will also vote on Introduction 969A, sponsored by

2 Councilmember Mercedes Narcisse, which would require  
3 the Department of Small Business Services to provide  
4 information on Community Development Financial  
5 Institutions, or CDFIs, via the One-Stop-Shop online  
6 portal established by Local Law 94 of 2022. CDFIs  
7 can provide small businesses and minority and women  
8 owned business enterprises with critical access to  
9 capital that supports their success, an issue I  
10 highlighted in my State of the City address. Thank  
11 you to our staff members Nicole Cata, Rebecca  
12 Barilla, Mark Chen, and Jessica Boulet. Next we will  
13 vote on Introduction 1103A, sponsored by  
14 councilmember Julie Menin, which would require the  
15 Department of Small Business Services to post  
16 information on its website that helps small  
17 businesses select banks, including the loans grants  
18 and services available to them at various banking  
19 institutions. Thank you to our staff members Nicole  
20 Cata, Rebecca Barilla, Jessie Foong, and Jessica  
21 Boulet. Introduction 263A, also sponsored by  
22 councilmember Julie Menin would require the  
23 Department of Small Business Services to produce an  
24 annual report on services provided at Workforce One  
25 Career Centers, including the number of people helped

2 and obtaining jobs and job training. Thank you again  
3 to our staff members Nicole Cata, Rebecca Barilla,  
4 Aisha Wright, and Jessica Boulet. Introduction 1066A  
5 sponsored by Councilmember Gale Brewer would build on  
6 the city's efforts to increase the size of its tree  
7 canopy by requiring the role of trees to be  
8 considered in long-term sustainability planning in  
9 addition to the other factors it already measures in  
10 accordance with Local Law 84 of 2013.

11 Access to Public Pools and learning how to swim  
12 was also a part of my State of the City address and  
13 today, we will vote on several related bills:  
14 Introduction 1017A sponsored by Councilmember Shekar  
15 Krishnan would help the city better prepare for  
16 upcoming beach and pool seasons by requiring the  
17 Department of Parks and Recreation to submit an  
18 annual report to the mayor and council on lifeguard  
19 staffing levels and training for the city's pools and  
20 beaches, the number of emergencies that occurred at  
21 each beach and pool, and the number-- and the current  
22 number of pools that are closed for public use due to  
23 maintenance or other issues. Introduction 760A,  
24 sponsored by Councilmember Julie Meningitis would  
25 require the Department of Parks and Recreation to

2 provide free swimming lessons and water safety  
3 instruction to second grade students in New York City  
4 public schools. Second grade is the focus because  
5 it's considered an ideal time for children to learn  
6 to swim. Introduction 962A, sponsored by Majority  
7 Whip Silvina Brooks powers would require the  
8 Department of Parks and Recreation to identify  
9 locations where additional public swimming pools  
10 could be built with a focus on communities that are  
11 currently lacking access. The legislation would also  
12 require that Parks consult with the Department of  
13 Education on creating a plan to open its school parks  
14 to the public, as well as offer free swimming lessons  
15 at indoor swimming pool locations. Thank you to our  
16 staff members Chris Satori and Patrick Mulvihill.  
17 Lastly, we will vote on Introduction 969 sponsored by  
18 Majority Leader Keith powers, which would establish a  
19 first of its kind e-bike battery trade-in program to  
20 help remove uncertified batteries that post fire  
21 safety hazards. Individuals would be able to receive  
22 new powered mobility devices, electronic scooters,  
23 electric bicycles, et cetera, or lithium ion  
24 batteries to power them that meet relevant fire  
25 safety standards. Such devices and batteries will be



2 provided at a reduced or at no cost and available in  
3 exchange for the surrender of devices that do not  
4 comply with fire standards or are otherwise illegal.

5 Thank you to our staff members, Rachel Cordero, David  
6 Seitzer, Josh Kingsley, and William Hongach.

7 Thank you very much for your attention. And now  
8 I turn it back over to our majority leader.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Speaker  
10 Adams. We're going to move into discussion of  
11 general orders. I also want to note that we have  
12 some resolutions to vote on today, so we'll need to  
13 maintain quorum here today when we vote on the  
14 resolutions. We will first hear from Councilmember  
15 Gale Brewer.

16 COUNCILMEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much. I  
17 wanted to talk today about the tree bill. I know  
18 that we all feel very strongly about them, canopy,  
19 vegetation, all part of our city's sustainability.  
20 This is 1066, Clean Air And Water. And what this  
21 bill would do is require the Office of Long Term  
22 Planning and Sustainability to consider the role of  
23 trees and the canopy and vegetation as they do  
24 sustainable planning. And that would add to the  
25 protection and preservation of trees and vegetation

2 as they talk about solar, and wind, and other  
3 important issues.

4 When Mayor Bloomberg launched the Million Tree  
5 Initiative, there was not a requirement for The City  
6 to take progress on this initiative, and I'm afraid  
7 some trees have died as a result, and people are not  
8 watering them. But we need to make sure that in the  
9 future that does not happen. Obviously, Mayor Adams  
10 has PlanNYC, plans for growth and sustainability, and  
11 we want to make sure that trees are a part of that  
12 discussion. I have-- I am much of a tree hugger, as  
13 many people here are, and we did count all the empty  
14 tree pits in our district and we hope that they are  
15 planted. It does take 10 years until the tree  
16 becomes carbon neutral.

17 I certainly want to thank the Speaker. I want to  
18 thank Shula Pouter for my staff, and the wonderful  
19 Parks Chair, Councilmember Krishnan, and we look  
20 forward to passing this legislation. Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now go  
22 to Councilmember Brooks-Powers, followed by  
23 Councilmember Bottcher.

24 COUNCILMEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you. I'm so  
25 excited to stand-- sit here alongside the Speaker and

2 my colleagues here today to talk about the importance  
3 of water safety and how the council is addressing the  
4 issue legislatively. Too many New Yorkers are  
5 deprived of the opportunity to learn to swim and to  
6 swim safely. Pool access provides community members  
7 including, and especially children the chance to  
8 develop swimming skills in a supervised environment.  
9 But 18 council districts, most of which are in  
10 historically underserved outer borough communities  
11 lack public pools. We must do better and that's why  
12 we are passing a package of bills today to improve  
13 water safety and equitable access to swimming in New  
14 York City. I am proud to sponsor Introduction 962,  
15 which requires the Parks Department to conduct the  
16 survey of sites owned by the city to identify  
17 locations where additional swimming pools could be  
18 built, with the focus on communities that do not have  
19 access to pools. Parks will also have to assess the  
20 ongoing capital needs of its pools, and update the  
21 assessment, and work with the Department of Education  
22 to create a plan to open school pools for public use.

23 Every New Yorker should have the opportunity to  
24 swim not only to enjoy the city's waters, but to  
25 protect themselves from danger. I want to thank my

2 colleagues, as well-- especially Chair Shekar  
3 Krishnan, for his stewardship on these critical bills  
4 within the package that we are voting on today. I  
5 know this Council will continue to fight for  
6 equitable access to the pools and programming that  
7 empower members of our community to swim safely.  
8 Thank you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now  
10 hear from Councilmember Bottcher, followed by  
11 Councilmember Krishnan.

12 COUNCILMEMBER BOTTCHER: Thank you. The greatest  
13 city in the world deserves the greatest  
14 transportation infrastructure in the world and we  
15 should accept nothing less. Today the City Council  
16 is channeling the voices of millions of New Yorkers  
17 who are fed up by the current state of Penn Station.  
18 By granting Madison Square Garden a five-year special  
19 permit. We're setting a clock that will help bring  
20 all the stakeholders to the table to fix Penn Station  
21 now. For the first time in decades, we have the  
22 opportunity to truly create a great Penn Station.  
23 That opportunity is here. We cannot afford to wait  
24 any longer. The time for action is now. I want to  
25 thank Speaker Adrienne Adams, the Council Land Use

2 staff, Perris Straughter, William Vidal, Arthur Huh,  
3 Chelsea Kelly, and everyone here at the City Council  
4 for their partnership. I want to thank all the  
5 community members who made their voices heard, my  
6 colleagues in government, Community Board 5. I want  
7 to thank the staff at Madison Square Garden. I want  
8 to thank everyone who's helping to work on this issue  
9 together. I know that we will achieve the Penn  
10 Station that New Yorkers need and deserve.

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll have  
12 Councilmember Krishnan, followed by Councilmember  
13 Menin.

14 COUNCILMEMBER KRISHNAN: Today the New York City  
15 Council will pass landmark legislation that will  
16 bring more trees, more pools, and lifeguards, and  
17 free swim classes to New Yorkers. The bills are a  
18 direct response to the urgency of the climate crisis,  
19 as well as chronic disparities in tree cover and  
20 access to pools, and life-saving aquatics education.

21 Intro ,1066 sponsored by Councilmember Brewer,  
22 requires The City to include trees and tree canopy  
23 and its long-term sustainability planning framework.

24 Intro 962, sponsored by Majority Whip Brooks-Powers,  
25 requires The City to identify sites where it

2 could build additional public pools with a focus on  
3 communities that do not have access to such pools.

4 Intro 760, sponsored by Councilmember Menin,  
5 makes swimming lessons free for children in second  
6 grade across our city.

7 And, last but not least, my own Intro 1017,  
8 requires the Parks Department to report on the  
9 seasonal recruitment of lifeguards, the number of  
10 beach and pool emergencies, and the number of pools  
11 that are closed due to maintenance or other issues.  
12 After a summer of extreme heat and wildfire smoke,  
13 crowded pools, and lifeguard shortages, our  
14 legislation will make our city cooler, greener and  
15 more resilient. I've been proud to work on this  
16 piece of legislation with Majority Whip Brooks  
17 Powers, Councilmember Menin, and Councilmember  
18 Brewer, and I thank them for their leadership. And  
19 thank you, Speaker Adams, in particular for your  
20 leadership in this council of prioritizing our parks,  
21 pools, public pools, and water safety education for  
22 all New Yorkers. Thank you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now  
24 hear from Councilmember Menin, followed by  
25 Councilmember Narcisse.

2 COUNCILMEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you so much.  
3 Today I'm very excited that three of my bills are  
4 being voted on, and I want to congratulate all of my  
5 colleagues on their respective bills. Councilmember  
6 Shekar Krishnan, and Majority Whip Brooks Powers who  
7 also have bills as part of this incredible water  
8 safety package. I'm so thrilled that we'll be voting  
9 on Intro 760 which is my bill that requires the  
10 Department of Parks and the Department of Education  
11 to provide free swim lessons to all public school  
12 second graders. This is a matter of equity and  
13 inclusion. It is shameful that 27% of New York City,  
14 public schools students do not know how to swim, and  
15 we need to end this practice once and for all. And  
16 through this water safety package, we're going to be  
17 able to do that.

18 I'm also thrilled to add Councilmember Narcisse's  
19 bill, and both Councilmember Narcisse and myself have  
20 bills in the Small Business Committee. I have one  
21 bill which requires that SBS is finally going to  
22 report on Workforce One Centers and how many job  
23 applicants are getting access to jobs, so we can have  
24 this data. And then my bill, Intro 1103, which  
25 requires SBS to provide information to small

2 businesses and banks. With the bank crisis that  
3 happened earlier this year, with SVB and Signature,  
4 so many small businesses lost access to capital, and  
5 we cannot have that. So it's very important that we  
6 continue to make sure that our small businesses have  
7 access to capital that they need. I really want to  
8 thank our Speaker who prioritized water safety in her  
9 state of the city. And I want to thank her for her  
10 leadership, and also thank Jeff Baker, Andrea  
11 Vazquez, Jeremy John, my chief of staff Jonathan  
12 Szott, and the rest of my team. And I urge my  
13 colleagues to vote aye on these legislation. Thank  
14 you.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now  
16 hear from Councilmember Narcisse.

17 COUNCILMEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you, Majority  
18 Leader. Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank you to  
19 all these legislative divisions that help us to come  
20 up with some great bills that can make New York City  
21 a place where we can actually live, work, and enjoy at  
22 the same time. 968 is basically CDFIs to get the  
23 creative opportunity is making sure that we are  
24 championing transparency, accessibility, we can  
25 collaborate with the institution and to build a



2 pathway for equitable prosperity in our beloved city.  
3 I urge, I encourage all my colleagues to support this  
4 because as a former entrepreneur, one of the things  
5 when you-- you can have the lawn around you, you can  
6 have all the-- the opportunity, but if you don't know  
7 it, you cannot access it. So let's collaborate to  
8 ensure that our entrepreneur's, our mom-and-pop  
9 shops, our emerging innovators have access to  
10 resources they need. By supporting this bill, we  
11 send a clear message to New York City that we believe  
12 in the power and the potential of small businesses  
13 and lay down the groundwork for a prosperous post  
14 pandemic. That's what I'm asking. So I thank you  
15 all, and I'm looking forward for the support to vote  
16 on this bill. Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Seeing no  
18 one else signed up to speak at this time, we will  
19 move into the report of special committees.

20 COUNSEL: None.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Reports of standing  
22 committees.

23 COUNSEL: Report of the Committee on Civil  
24 Service and Labor, Intro 877B, Exit Surveys.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on general  
3 orders.

4 COUNSEL: Before the Committee on Finance, pre-  
5 considered Reso 744, Transparency Resolution.

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

7 COUNSEL: Pre-considered LU 255 and resolution  
8 778 through pre-considered LU 258 and resolution 781  
9 tax exemptions.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

11 COUNSEL: For the Committee on Fire and Emergency  
12 Management, Intro 949A, Powered Mobility Devices.

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

15 COUNSEL: For the Committee on General Welfare,  
16 Intro 1080A, Emergency Feeding Programs.

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

19 COUNSEL: For the Committee on Land Use, LU 245  
20 and 246, MSG special permit.

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with modifications and  
22 referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to  
23 Section 197 of the New York City Charter.

24 COUNSEL: LU 215 and Reso 782 through LU 252 and  
25 Reso 784, the 893 Eagle Avenue rezoning.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

3 COUNSEL: For the committee on Parks and  
4 Recreation, Intros 760A, 962A, and 1017A, Swimming  
5 Pools and Lifeguards.

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on general  
7 orders.

8 COUNSEL: Introduction 1066A, Tree Canopies.

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended uncoupled on general  
10 orders.

11 COUNSEL: For the Committee on Small Business,  
12 Intro 263A Workforce One Centers.

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

15 COUNSEL: Intro 969A, Local Community Development  
16 Financial Institutions.

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

19 COUNSEL: Intro 1103A, Loans and Grants for Small  
20 Businesses.

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on general  
22 orders.

23 COUNSEL: ON the general orders calendar, LU245  
24 and Reso 785, and LU246, and Reso 786, MSG permit.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders. I now  
3 ask that the clerk take a roll call vote on all of  
4 the items coupled on today's general orders calendar.

5 CLERK: Cabán?

6 COUNCILMEMBER CABÁN: Aye on all.

7 CLERK: Thank you. Menin?

8 COUNCILMEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

9 CLERK: Avilés?

10 COUNCILMEMBER AVILÉS: Aye on all.

11 CLERK: Abreu?

12 COUNCILMEMBER ABREU: Permission to explain my  
13 vote.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

15 COUNCILMEMBER ABREU: Thank you Majority Leader.

16 Today this body is voting on our bill Intro 877B,  
17 which will create exit surveys and an interview  
18 protocol to be administered to resigning and retiring  
19 municipal employees. The bill would require both an  
20 electronic exit survey as well as randomized in-  
21 person interviews to gather crucial-- crucial data on  
22 employee experiences during their time in the  
23 workforce.

24 With this bill, exit interviews will be standard  
25 across all city agencies, giving an employee an

2 opportunity to speak about what works and what  
3 doesn't. And that's data that will be reported back  
4 to the council so we can address the challenges are  
5 municipal work for faces.

6 To put it plainly, the status quo has not been  
7 working. We are losing good people, but we haven't  
8 asked why. Why are you leaving? What would it take  
9 for you to remain in public service? How can the  
10 city be a better employer? We need that testimony to  
11 make a worker informed plan for attracting and  
12 retaining talent.

13 I am proud to have the support of DC 37 and the  
14 Five-Borough Institute, which included this bill as a  
15 priority in their policy brief solving the staffing  
16 crisis. We can do better, we must do better, and we  
17 will do better. The city services that our  
18 constituents rely-- rely on depend on it. And this  
19 bill is a crucial first step in getting the people's  
20 business done.

21 Thank you to Speaker Adams for making this a  
22 priority, Chair De La Rosa for her support in the  
23 Civil Service and Labor Committee, as well as Jeff  
24 Baker, Andrea Vazquez, Elizabeth Artz, Nicholas

2 Connell, and my staff Jalissa Quigley. I encourage my  
3 colleagues to vote aye. Thank you so much.

4 I vote aye.

5 CLERK: Thank you. Moya.

6 COUNCILMEMBER MOYA: I vote aye on all.

7 CLERK: Thank you. Ariola.

8 COUNCILMEMBER ARIOLA: Aye on all.

9 CLERK: Ayala.

10 COUNCILMEMBER AYALA: Aye.

11 CLERK: Barron?

12 COUNCILMEMBER BARRON: May I explain my vote? I  
13 want to commend my--

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Yes, you may explain  
15 your vote.

16 COUNCILMEMBER BARRON: I forgot. I'm-- I made a  
17 mistake and asked permission.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: That's a good point.

19 COUNCILMEMBER BARRON: I want to commend my  
20 colleague on the Madison Square Garden legislation.  
21 Because Madison Square Garden (and we need to send  
22 something up to the state), they pay zero state tax.  
23 So this is at a time where we are talking about how  
24 much revenue we need. And yet Madison Square Garden  
25 whose franchise is worth \$6.1 billion-- and these

2 white men who own all of the NBA franchises, sit on  
3 their butts, make billions, and the only thing we  
4 talk about is the \$10, \$20, \$30, \$40 million that the  
5 black players make who risk injury and have to bust a  
6 sweat.

7       So Madison Square Garden in addition to this  
8 five-year permit (I'm glad it's not 10), we need to  
9 call on the state to make sure that they pay their  
10 fair share of taxes. Because in this trying time,  
11 when you need money for migrants, and we need money  
12 for those of us-- our people who are in shelters now  
13 (and I want to commend the speaker on a powerful  
14 message on balancing getting our folks out of the  
15 shelters and having room and respecting them, and  
16 then also respect the migrants that come in, because  
17 many of us, they related to us as we talk, and sit,  
18 and-- and do our things here in the city council).

19       So Madison Square Garden and many other places.  
20 They need to pay their fair share of taxes and this  
21 is not as relevant, but it's in another city. The  
22 Chicago Bulls earned \$4.1 billion, and for 10 years  
23 they only paid Michael Jordan \$4 million until his  
24 last two years, \$4 million a year, and this last two  
25 years he made \$30. This is a rip off the NBA for the

2 players and I'm glad Madison Square Garden will be  
3 held to some level of accountability. I vote aye on  
4 all.

5 CLERK: Bottcher?

6 COUNCILMEMBER BOTTCHER: Aye on all.

7 CLERK: Brannan?

8 COUNCILMEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

9 CLERK: Brewer?

10 COUNCILMEMBER BREWER: Aye on all.

11 CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

12 COUNCILMEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye on all, and I'd  
13 like to congratulate all my colleagues passing bills  
14 today.

15 CLERK: Thank you. Carr?

16 COUNCILMEMBER CARR: I'd like to disclose on the  
17 record that we're funding CUNY in the transparency  
18 resolution before us today, and my husband is a  
19 student at CUNY, as well as funding the Jewish  
20 Community Center of Staten Island of which I am a  
21 member. I vote aye on all.

22 CLERK: De La Rosa?

23 COUNCILMEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Dinowitz?

25 COUNCILMEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.



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2 CLERK: Farias?

3 COUNCILMEMBER FARIAS: I vote aye on all.

4 CLERK: Feliz?

5 COUNCILMEMBER FELIZ: I'd like to disclose that  
6 we're funding CUNY, and I am an adjunct lecturer in  
7 the system. Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Gennaro?

9 COUNCILMEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

10 CLERK: Gutiérrez?

11 COUNCILMEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

12 CLERK: Hanif?

13 COUNCILMEMBER HANIF: Aye.

14 CLERK: Hanks? Holden?

15 COUNCILMEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

16 CLERK: Joseph?

17 COUNCILMEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

18 CLERK: Kagan?

19 COUNCILMEMBER KAGAN: I would like to state for  
20 the record that my daughter is a student at CUNY and  
21 our transparency resolution funding CUNY, and aye on  
22 all.

23 CLERK: Krishnan?

24 COUNCILMEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

25 CLERK: Lee?

2 COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

3 CLERK: Louis?

4 COUNCILMEMBER LOUIS: I would like to disclose  
5 for the record that we are funding CUNY, my sister's  
6 an adjunct professor, and we're funding CCC in which  
7 I'm a member. Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Marte?

9 COUNCILMEMBER MARTE: Aye.

10 CLERK: Mealy?

11 COUNCILMEMBER MEALY: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Narcisse?

13 COUNCILMEMBER NARCISSE: Let's rebuild our  
14 economy in the wake of COVID. I vote aye on all.

15 CLERK: Nurse?

16 COUNCILMEMBER NURSE: Aye on all.

17 CLERK: Ossé?

18 COUNCILMEMBER OSSÉ: Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Paladino?

20 COUNCILMEMBER PALADINO: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Restler?

22 COUNCILMEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

23 CLERK: Richardson Jordan?

24 COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: I vote aye.

25 CLERK: Riley?

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2 COUNCILMEMBER RILEY: Aye.

3 CLERK: Rivera? Salamanca?

4 COUNCILMEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

5 CLERK: Sanchez?

6 COUNCILMEMBER SANCHEZ: I would like to disclose  
7 on the record that my sibling is an adjunct lecturer  
8 at CUNY. And with that I vote aye.

9 CLERK: Thank you. Schulman?

10 COUNCILMEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

11 CLERK: Stevens?

12 COUNCILMEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

13 CLERK: Ung?

14 COUNCILMEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

15 CLERK: Velázquez?

16 COUNCILMEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: I'd like to disclose on  
17 the record, my brother is a board member of  
18 Samaritans of New York, and my spouse works at DHP.  
19 I vote aye on all.

20 CLERK: Thank you. Vernikov?

21 COUNCILMEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye.

22 CLERK: Williams?

23 COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS: I'd like to disclose for  
24 the record that I'm still a student at CUNY,

25

2 hopefully for not too much longer, and I vote aye on  
3 all.

4 CLERK: Thank you. Won?

5 COUNCILMEMBER WON: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Yeger?

7 COUNCILMEMBER YEGER: Aye.

8 CLERK: Borelli?

9 COUNCILMEMBER BORELLI: I'd like to disclose on  
10 the record that CUNY hired me back. So I am a  
11 distinguished adjunct at a fine institution, the  
12 College of Staten Island, where I am proud to have  
13 taught since 2008. And with that I vote aye on all.  
14 You can all come talk in my class too, if you like.

15 CLERK: Thank you, Councilmember. Powers?

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I vote aye. And I'm  
17 deeply concerned for Joe Borelli's students. I vote  
18 aye.

19 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: I'd like to associate my comments  
21 with the comments of those that the Majority Leader  
22 concerning Councilmember Borelli. I vote aye on all.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you all today, all  
24 items on today's general order calendar are adopted

2 by a vote of 48 in the affirmative, zero negative,  
3 and zero abstentions.

4 We will now move-- I'm sorry. We have the  
5 introduction and reading of bills.

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

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now  
9 move into the discussion of resolutions. We-- We  
10 have one minute each. We will first start with  
11 Councilmember Williams and that will be followed by  
12 councilmember Ariola.

13 COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you. I rise today  
14 to speak on two resolutions on today's agenda Reso  
15 346 acknowledging Hip Hop History Month, and Reso 450  
16 acknowledging the contributions of Def Jam to the  
17 music industry.

18 First, before I begin, I want to thank Universal  
19 Music Group who's here today represented by Alexandra  
20 Williams and Dr. Charlene Thomas from Def Jam  
21 Recordings, who is unavailable to be with us today  
22 for their support. They've been very supportive  
23 partners on getting both resolutions done, and  
24 providing edits.

2           Although my dear colleagues from the Bronx can  
3 proudly own their borough as the birthplace of hip  
4 hop. Queens really laid the foundation. Queens is  
5 the home of Run DMC, 50 cent, Nicki Minaj, Nas, LL  
6 Cool J, Salt and Pepper, and a Child Called Quest,  
7 and many, many others who fundamentally changed the  
8 game!

9           [cat calls, jeering]

10           MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Hold on. Quiet. Quiet.

11           COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS: It's cool because, y'all  
12 gonna give me more time.

13           Queens has been the place where stories are told,  
14 friends are mourned, adventures are had, and legends  
15 are made. Queens, and the 27th Council District in  
16 particular is such an overlooked part of hip hop  
17 history. I am proud to take this moment to give it  
18 the acknowledgement it deserves, and it is an honor--

19           [BELL RINGS]

20           MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All right. Please keep  
21 it down.

22           COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS: Hip hop has shifted  
23 culture and changed lives, and it's an honor to  
24 sponsor these resolutions. I'm not hating on other  
25

2 boroughs. I'm just repping mine. Queens get the  
3 money. Big Queens.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Thank you,  
5 councilmember. Thank you. We'll now hear from  
6 Councilmember Ariola.

7 COUNCILMEMBER ARIOLA: I'd like to disclose that  
8 my son works for Sanitation, and it is part of the  
9 transparency document.

10 All of us that were around the day of 9/11  
11 remember the solemn pledge we made to those who were  
12 lost, who lost their lives. Never forget. That  
13 promise is precisely why it is so important that  
14 September 11 is to be made into a national federal  
15 holiday or Day of Remembrance, so that future  
16 generations of Americans can count-- continue that  
17 honor of pledge. In fact, Reso 415A was inspired by  
18 mail received from two school-aged children from the  
19 St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy in Belle  
20 Harbor, Lexi and Anthony Gennaro. The Gennaros never  
21 met their aunt who perished in the towers, but they  
22 felt that establishing September 11 as a federal Day  
23 of Remembrance, would ensure that her memory and the  
24 memory of the 10-- of the thousands of others lost  
25 that day would never be erased from the memory of

2 time. It would ensure that we set aside one day each  
3 year to remember those we lost.

4 Already the decision to remember September 11 has  
5 been made at the city and state levels across the  
6 United States. It's now time to officially make it a  
7 federally level-- federal level recognized day.

8 Thank you, Speaker Adams for being supportive of  
9 this bill, Chair Chi Ossé and his Committee for  
10 hearing and passing the resolution at today's  
11 hearing, all of our co-sponsors and especially Lexi  
12 and Anthony Gennaro, for their passion and leadership  
13 and creating this resolution. Thank you.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now  
15 have a voice vote on today's Resolutions. If you  
16 wish to vote against or abstain from any of today's  
17 resolutions please notify the legislative documents  
18 unit by email or by approaching the dais. I will now  
19 read today's Resolutions into the record.

20 Resolution 346A recognizes the contribution of  
21 hip hop to arts and culture by designating August 11  
22 as hip hop celebration day, August as Hip Hop  
23 Recognition-- Recognition Month, and November Hip Hop  
24 History Month annually in the city of New York.

25 All those in favor please say aye.



2 ALL: Aye.

3 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay.

4 [SILENCE]

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions? The  
6 ayes have it.

7 Resolution 415A calls on United States Congress  
8 to pass and the President to sign the September 11th  
9 Day of Remembrance Act. Will all those in favor  
10 please say aye?

11 ALL: Aye.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay.

13 [SILENCE]

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions? The  
15 ayes have it.

16 Resolution 450A recognizes the contributions of  
17 Def Jam to the music industry and music lovers  
18 everywhere by designating January 2024 as Def Jam  
19 recognition month in the city of New York. Will all  
20 those in favor please say aye?

21 ALL: Aye.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay.

23 [SILENCE]

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions? The  
25 ayes have it.

2 We will now move into general discussion. We  
3 will be starting with Councilmember Gennaro followed  
4 by Councilmember Brewer.

5 COUNCILMEMBER GENNARO: Thank you, Mr. Leader.  
6 As many people know, the Adams Administration rolled  
7 out the second portion of the rulemaking for Local  
8 Law 97. And I think it's important. I worked with  
9 the administration to create something that I wanted  
10 to do in my district, whereby we have the folks from  
11 The Administration, folks in the Buildings  
12 Department, folks from MOCEJ meet with affected  
13 property owners to make sure they're getting the  
14 right information, the right advice, the right  
15 financial options. It's important that we get the  
16 right information out there for buildings that have  
17 to comply, and these would be working sessions.

18 And the administration thought it'd be such a  
19 good idea that they want to take it city wide and  
20 they're calling it 97 In Your District. There was an  
21 email that went out to all the members from my office  
22 yesterday, and anyone who wants to avail themselves  
23 of this opportunity, you should just look at the  
24 email and reply.

2 We'll also be sending out a letter that, you  
3 know, details what people, or what building owners  
4 need to do as the capital process rolls out, and they  
5 want to submit testimony or be part of the online  
6 hearing that's going to happen on October 24. So,  
7 you know, more to come on that.

8 And I also want to make mention of a bill that  
9 I'm introducing today, 1169. It has to do with a  
10 preventive approach on-- on tree care. It will build  
11 on the on the Tree Risk Management Program and reduce  
12 the Parks Department's backlog of low and moderate  
13 risk tree work orders. It's a good bill. I'd like  
14 to thank the Chair of the Parks Committee,  
15 Councilmember Krishnan for co-priming with me. And  
16 that concludes my statement. Thank you very much.  
17 Thank you, my colleagues.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Councilmember  
19 Gennaro. We will now hear from Councilmember Brewer  
20 followed by Councilmember Farias.

21 COUNCILMEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much. I  
22 know that all of us are concerned about micro-  
23 mobility safety. So Intro 1163 tries one more time  
24 to get added by making sure that DOT puts out  
25 information about bike safety and all the battery

2 issues, making sure that the apps share it and also  
3 give delivery workers equipment (headlight,  
4 taillight, reflectors, et cetera). That's 1163. And  
5 then there are several Resolutions trying to get the  
6 state to do more. Reso 747, the Commercial E-Bike  
7 Licensing Act which would require registration of  
8 bicycles in the department state of motor vehicles.  
9 And I feel strongly that that would help us with this  
10 very complicated issue. Reso 750 would increase a  
11 penalty for leaving the scene of an accident on an E-  
12 Scooter and add E-bikes to that legislation. Uh, 746  
13 would ask that there be (and this is more or less  
14 what Councilmember Feliz has passed) be as well  
15 certified on a statewide basis.

16 Two other resolutions: One, of course, 749  
17 trying to do what we've been trying and trying and  
18 trying, which is to get the Biden administration to  
19 make humanitarian parole available to everyone who is  
20 in our city at this time and who does not have it. I  
21 don't know why it's taking so long for the city to  
22 work with those who do have it. But that's what that  
23 resolution does. And 748, The Pharmacy Benefit  
24 Manager Transparency Act on a federal basis would  
25 really, really help small mom and pop independent

2 pharmacies by outlawing deceptive practices  
3 perpetrated by the middle people who manage these  
4 benefits for millions of Americans. It's a big deal  
5 for small pharmacies.

6 And finally, I want to say how much-- our  
7 condolences are should be spread to Marty Algaze, who  
8 died August 27th. He was 72 years old. Founder of  
9 Stonewall Dems, very active in the LGBT community,  
10 and a Tenant Advocate. Beloved, beloved. And the  
11 same, believe it or not, also born in 1951, Cynthia  
12 Doty. She died on July 17. She was a district  
13 leader, president of the Block Association and the  
14 Manhattan Deputy Chief Clerk at the Board of  
15 Elections. May they both rest in peace and they're  
16 both born the same year I was. It means a lot.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you,  
18 Councilmember. We will hear from Councilmember  
19 Fariás followed by Councilmember Louis.

20 COUNCILMEMBER FARIÁS: Thank you Majority Leader.  
21 For the record the Bronx made Hip Hop point blank  
22 period for my colleagues.

23 The Council has been focused on expanding the  
24 amount of city public bathrooms available thanks for  
25 the leadership of Councilmembers Nurse and Joseph,

2 and many others in this body. And I'm excited to add  
3 another important aspect to the discussion of  
4 accessibility in the bathrooms we do have with  
5 Councilmember Menin today.

6 The majority of this room has personally  
7 experienced this issue. When was the last time you  
8 walked into a bathroom and there were no tampons or  
9 pads? It's critically important that menstrual  
10 products are available in all bathrooms regardless of  
11 gender for all people to ensure that no one  
12 experiences the desperation and somewhat shame that  
13 comes with not being able to find a tampon, pad, or  
14 menstrual cup when needed.

15 That's why today I, along with colleagues Menin,  
16 Hudson, Abreu, Cabán, and Public Advocate Williams  
17 are proud to introduce Intro 1179 to include  
18 menstrual products in all our city bathroom  
19 facilities. I also want to take a moment to  
20 encourage colleagues to sign on to Intro 1177, a bill  
21 Councilmember Louis and I are introducing today  
22 regarding the much needed screening for  
23 endometriosis, a much debilitating disorder for women  
24 across our city.

2           These bills are essential in making equity and  
3 access realized, and I urge and encourage all my  
4 colleagues to sign on. Thank you.

5           MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We will now  
6 hear from Councilmember Louis, followed by  
7 Councilmember Joseph.

8           COUNCILMEMBER LOUIS: Thank you Speaker Adams and  
9 Majority Leader. Today along with Woman's co-chair  
10 Woman's Caucus Co-Chair Amanda Farías, I'm  
11 introducing two pieces of legislation that will  
12 significantly-- significantly enhance the health and  
13 well-being of New Yorkers by improving services and  
14 support from the Department of Health and Mental  
15 Hygiene, also known as DOHMH. One in ten women have  
16 symptoms of endometriosis at some point in their  
17 lives, and this number increases to one in three for  
18 women with polycystic ovarian syndrome, also known as  
19 PCOS. Despite this, few women are aware of the  
20 source of the debilitating pain and even fewer seek  
21 treatment. Vulnerable populations within the city  
22 are disproportionately impacted by a lack of  
23 information about their ailments and historical lack  
24 of outreach on how to seek help.

2 Intro 1177 will create a menstrual health program  
3 that will give access to screenings, referrals, and  
4 information for such conditions throughout the city,  
5 by requiring DOHMH to conduct screenings for all  
6 individuals in need, contributing to our efforts to  
7 enhance health equity in the city of New York for all  
8 those impacted, and increasing menstrual health  
9 awareness for those who have been excluded from  
10 access to these vital services.

11 In addition-- In addition, I'm also introducing  
12 1176, which mandates all food delivery platforms used  
13 by food outlets to post DOHMH assigned health  
14 inspection grades on such platforms. More than ever,  
15 New Yorkers have the option to support businesses in  
16 their own communities, and beyond-- and beyond  
17 ordering food online, but there are no mechanisms in  
18 place for people to make informed decisions based on  
19 the Food Safety at these restaurants on these  
20 platforms. By improving transparency and encouraging  
21 restaurants to maintain high standards of cleanliness  
22 and safety, this law guarantees the city is-- is  
23 exercising its due diligence to improve consumer  
24 health safety. These bills strengthen and increase  
25 transparency for health equity for all New Yorkers.



2 I encourage my colleagues to sign on to these bills.  
3 Thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you and are you  
5 from Councilmember Joseph, followed by Councilmember  
6 Gutiérrez.

7 COUNCILMEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you. Good  
8 afternoon, Madam Speaker, Majority Leader Powers, and  
9 colleagues.

10 Today I'm honored to address you as New York City  
11 Councilmember and Chair of the Committee on  
12 Education. I'm here seeking your support for to  
13 resolution I'm introducing plus two bills. One  
14 resolution I'm also co-prime sponsoring with three of  
15 my other colleagues: Resolution 742 with  
16 Councilmember Abreu, Intro 1174 with CM Hudson, and  
17 Introduction 1168 with CM Feliz.

18 First let's talk about two of the Resolutions  
19 that are related to computer science for all, and  
20 generative artificial intelligence in collaboration  
21 with Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine and his  
22 team in my office carefully crafted these  
23 resolutions, which I'm super proud to introduce  
24 today.

2           These two resolutions are about technology and to  
3 provide positive opportunities for this Council to  
4 regulate and integrate the use of new technology  
5 tools, generative AI within our public school system.

6           In Reso 766, we urge New York City Department of  
7 Education to enhance the CS For All Initiative. Our  
8 aim is to provide better access to CS For All  
9 professional development, for educators,  
10 administrators, especially in underserved schools.

11           This resolution also prioritizes training for all  
12 teachers. By passing this resolution, we will  
13 empower our students with digital literacy skills,  
14 responsible technology usage, and the understanding  
15 of data privacy and preparing them for promising  
16 future opportunities. Moreover, it will equip our  
17 educators to effectively teach computer science to  
18 benefit our students.

19           Intro 767, we're calling upon New York City  
20 Department of Education to mandate training on  
21 generative artificial intelligence tools for all our  
22 educators. Artificial intelligence is no longer a  
23 distance concept. It is a practical tool used in  
24 various industries. Both the White House, US  
25 Congress have been meeting with key stakeholders in

2 generative AI to find better ways to regulate this  
3 tool. It is crucial for New York City at the local  
4 level to take this opportunity and to not fall  
5 behind. Our city needs policies to ensure its  
6 responsible use by starting with our public school  
7 system. This resolution ensures that educators are  
8 well informed and ready to evaluate students work  
9 while guiding them in responsible usage of generative  
10 AI for various creative purposes. And thank you.  
11 And I look forward to my colleagues supporting this.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll hear  
13 from Councilmember Gutierrez followed by  
14 Councilmember Riley.

15 COUNCILMEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Just want to thank  
16 everyone for the birthday shoutout. Today I'm  
17 introducing the DOE reporting bill which comes in  
18 response to yet another year of unclear budgeting  
19 processes within the Department of Education, NYC  
20 schools.

21 My goal with this bill is simple: Transparency  
22 and accountability. We want NYC schools-- public  
23 schools to provide annual reports on key aspects of  
24 food-- of school operations, information that is  
25 currently not mandated but is essential for informed

2 decision making. These reports will dig deeper into  
3 demographic data and types of support staff that  
4 exist, but will also report on the existence and  
5 condition of facilities like science labs,  
6 cafeterias, and gyms. By having access to this  
7 information, administrative staff, policymakers,  
8 educators, parents, and the public will be better-  
9 equipped to understand the state of our schools,  
10 pinpoint areas for improvement, and ensure that  
11 resources are distributed fairly.

12 Additionally, I'm excited to co-prime some tech  
13 related bills introduced by Councilmember Joseph and  
14 Councilmember Abreu. I encourage everyone to join  
15 chair Joseph and myself at our upcoming hearing,  
16 focusing on the role of AI, emerging technology, and  
17 computer instruction in our public schools on  
18 September 20th, where we plan to dive more into this  
19 topic. Thank you so much.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now  
21 hear from Councilmember Riley followed by  
22 Councilmember Brooks-Powers.

23 COUNCILMEMBER RILEY: Thank you majority leader.  
24 I'm honored to co-prime-- excuse me, co-sponsor Intro  
25 1167 with my colleague, Councilmember Eric Dinowitz,

2 which will strengthen our emergency response efforts  
3 citywide. Our city has a responsibility to be  
4 proactive when it comes to our approach to emergency  
5 response. Councilmember Dinowitz and I know  
6 firsthand (I know many of my colleagues especially in  
7 the Bronx know firsthand) how extensive the  
8 challenges can be to support families in emergency  
9 needs.

10 A horrific apartment fire took place in the  
11 Wakefield section of the Bronx, displacing in 61  
12 people in January, heavily impacting families and the  
13 surrounding neighborhood. There was an immediate  
14 need to navigate our city service systems and we  
15 witnessed firsthand how severe the supply challenges  
16 were. This highlights the needs for emergency  
17 response centers in every district. Intro 1167 will  
18 be critical to improving our city's emergency  
19 response infrastructure. I urge my colleagues to  
20 sign onto this bill. We need these centers citywide,  
21 which will support our efforts to serve those in need  
22 with timely resources during emergencies. Thank you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now  
24 hear from Councilmember Brooks-Powers followed by  
25 Councilmember Dinowitz.

2 COUNCILMEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you. Today  
3 I'm excited to introduce a pair of bills,  
4 Introductions 1164 and 1165. The first would add an  
5 investment roadmap to the streets plan law to expand  
6 on and enshrine into the streets plan DOT's work  
7 towards making equitable infrastructure investments  
8 throughout the city. Outer borough communities of  
9 color in the city have been ignored and under  
10 invested for much longer than 10 years. So the  
11 Streets Plan Law should involve taking a hard look at  
12 the state of inequity in our city. I note that  
13 during yesterday's hearing-- the recent hearing,  
14 excuse me, and the Committee on Transportation  
15 Infrastructure, DOT was unable to provide an update  
16 on its progress toward meeting legally mandated  
17 street plan requirements.

18 It will be important for the Council to continue  
19 to hold them accountable to the law. I am also  
20 introducing a bill to add two commissioners to the  
21 New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission Board and  
22 require that two commissioners of the TLC be drivers.  
23 There are hundreds of thousands of licensed drivers  
24 in New York City whose livelihoods are regulated by  
25 the TLC, yet not a single TLC commissioner is an

2 active full-time driver. Drivers deserve a  
3 representation on the TLC. They deserve to have a  
4 stake in their future.

5 I look forward to holding a hearing on this  
6 introduction and to talk about how we can continue to  
7 uplift New York City's TLC drivers. I encourage all  
8 of my colleagues to sign on to these pieces of  
9 legislation. Thank you. And also I'd like to  
10 disclose I'm a member of Allen AME Cathedral of New  
11 York and in the transparency resolution, we are  
12 funding the pantry. Thank you.

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now  
14 hear from Councilmember Dinowitz followed by  
15 Councilmember Hanif.

16 COUNCILMEMBER DINOWITZ: Thank you. Good  
17 afternoon. Today with my colleague and friend  
18 Councilmember Riley we are introducing Intro 1167,  
19 which if passed by this body would require the  
20 Department of Emergency Management to identify and  
21 designate facilities within each community district  
22 to serve as rapid response emergency centers.

23 In January councilmember Riley and I went to the  
24 scene of a devastating fire in the neighborhood of  
25 Wakefield, a neighborhood that he and I both have the

2 honor to represent. 61 people were displaced from  
3 their homes with little more than the clothes on  
4 their back, and their lives were upended within the  
5 span of just a few hours. Luckily they were able to  
6 take shelter at a local school, and luckily we were  
7 able to provide them with clothing. But we cannot  
8 rely on luck when it comes to disaster relief. No  
9 one can predict a disaster, so we must be prepared.  
10 And this bill will do just that.

11 With the proliferation of fires in the Bronx and  
12 across the city, we need to do more than just give  
13 moral support. We have to help in concrete ways that  
14 will truly make a difference in the lives of those  
15 affected by disaster. Emergency relief centers, one  
16 per Community Board district will enable our city to  
17 take swift action and relief efforts, and allow our  
18 neighbors to more easily continue with their lives.

19 I'm proud to introduce this bill today with  
20 councilmember Riley and encourage everyone to sign on  
21 to Introduction 1167 a critical piece of legislation  
22 that will go a long way in helping victims of  
23 disasters.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now go  
3 to Councilmember Hanif followed by Councilmember  
4 Feliz.

5 COUNCILMEMBER HANIF: Thank you. I'm proud to be  
6 introducing Intro 1171 with councilmember Restler.  
7 This bill would require the Commission on Human  
8 Rights with the Office to Prevent Hate Crimes and the  
9 Office of Ethnic and Community Media to conduct a  
10 robust outreach campaign to combat antisemitism.

11 The campaign centers the following four tenets:  
12 One, the prevention of antisemitic prejudice,  
13 harassment and violence. Two, the contributions of  
14 Jewish New Yorkers throughout history. Three, the  
15 impacts of antisemitic hate crimes. And, four,  
16 principles and practices to promote equity,  
17 inclusion, and understanding. It is a privilege to  
18 represent such a diverse Jewish community, and I'm  
19 grateful for the congregations and community leaders  
20 who have welcomed me into their holy spaces and  
21 helped inform this bill.

22 I also want to share reflection on the 22nd  
23 anniversary of 9/11. I'm grateful to this council  
24 for uplifting the heroes of the solemn day and  
25 mourning those we lost. As a Muslim New Yorker, it

2 is also important for me to acknowledge the  
3 Islamophobia and xenophobia that emerged after 9/11,  
4 including the NYPD's unconstitutional surveillance of  
5 Muslims, which broke down trust in my communities,  
6 and the rise of anti-immigrant policies, notably the  
7 creation of ICE. As Immigration Chair I also want to  
8 honor the hundred- plus, undocumented workers who  
9 died during the attacks and or due to the health  
10 impacts of cleanup, yet are still not recognized in  
11 the memorial. During this moment where new arrivals  
12 are being wrongly demonized, it's important to  
13 remember that it is our immigrant workers who went  
14 bravely into the rubble and got our city on the path  
15 to recovery. Thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll now  
17 hear from Councilmember Feliz followed by  
18 Councilmember Paladino.

19 COUNCILMEMBER FELIZ: Thank you Majority Leader.  
20 Last year, we had approximately 220 fires due to  
21 defective E-bike batteries. This year, we've already  
22 had 175 fires due to bad batteries. We are concerned  
23 about these numbers. At the same time, we are  
24 dedicated to resolving that fire safety problem. And  
25 we could only resolve it by increasing access to the

2 safe and the certified E-bikes. So first, I want to  
3 congratulate you, Majority Leader, for making that  
4 swap program a reality. We're the first in the  
5 country, if I'm correct, to do something like this.  
6 So major congratulations.

7 Also, everyone in the delivery ecosystem must  
8 help resolve this crisis. So today, I'm proud to  
9 introduce a bill that will require delivery apps to  
10 provide safe and certified batteries to workers who  
11 don't have one. Everyone must help resolve this fire  
12 safety challenge, especially delivery apps, who have  
13 their biggest market by far right here in the city of  
14 New York. If we pass this bill, we would be the  
15 first in the entire country to do something like  
16 this. So I look forward to the many conversations  
17 about this bill. It will require a lot of  
18 conversations, a lot of technical stuff. I also look  
19 forward to making this a reality. And most  
20 importantly, I look forward to putting an end to  
21 these fires due to these defective E-bike batteries.  
22 I also want to thank all the co-primes, including our  
23 Majority Leader Keith Powers, and Councilmembers  
24 Marjorie Velázquez, Shaun Abreu, Rita Joseph, and  
25 Gale Brewer. Thank you so much. Muchas Gracias.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We will now  
3 hear from Councilmember Paladino. And if there's  
4 anyone else signed up, you can raise your hand.  
5 Thanks.

6 COUNCILMEMBER PALADINO: Good afternoon,  
7 everybody. I want to talk a little bit about my  
8 Intro 913. With all due respect to my colleague, I  
9 have to say Local Law 97, this city is not ready yet  
10 for Local Law 97 to be introduced on the first of  
11 January in 2024. It's a direct blow to the most  
12 purest form of affordable housing this city has ever  
13 known, and that's co ops and condos.

14 What my Intro 913 offers is a rolling seven-year  
15 delay. We are facing coming 2024, \$213 million  
16 placed on assorted condos and co-ops throughout the  
17 city. By the year 2030, \$892 million in fines will  
18 be issued to co-op and condo owners, should they not  
19 be in compliance. They speak about the forms of--  
20 the way they're going to offer the loans. And I will  
21 tell you this, the forms of financial assistance that  
22 they are offering will place a primary lien on coops  
23 and condos that do not now have an already existing  
24 mortgage, which will make it almost impossible for  
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2 the stakeholders to sell their Co Op or their condos  
3 with a lien placed on it.

4 Local law 97, we are not ready for it yet. We do  
5 not have a feasibility study done yet. And I am  
6 pleading with my colleagues here in Council to please  
7 sign on to 913. Nobody is against Local Law 197.  
8 What we are against is how quickly it's going to be  
9 implemented and how it is going to affect the middle  
10 class, which is already overburdened and cannot take  
11 anymore. Our seniors, our young people starting  
12 families, affordable housing in its purest form will  
13 now become unaffordable if we put it in as quickly as  
14 they want. I'm just looking for a delay. Thank you  
15 very much.

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We will now  
17 hear from Councilmember Restler.

18 COUNCILMEMBER RESTLER: Thank you so much  
19 Majority Leader and Madam Speaker. It's good to be  
20 with you all. Local law 97 is the single most  
21 important bill that this city council has passed in  
22 many, many years. It drives down emissions from our  
23 largest source of pollution, big buildings, which  
24 amounts to nearly 70% of the emissions in New York  
25 City. What we should be doing as a Council is

2 providing hands on support to big buildings around  
3 our community. The law is already having a positive  
4 effect. Nearly 20% of buildings are subject to  
5 penalties next year. Now it's already down to just  
6 11% of buildings being subject to penalties, because  
7 they're already making the improvements. In district  
8 33, we're hosting a sustainable building resource  
9 there next week, September 21, from 4:00 to 7:00 at  
10 Borough Hall, where we will have nonprofits with  
11 technical expertise, dozens of contractors, folks who  
12 provide financing, providing hands-on technical  
13 assistance to help co-ops, and condos, and big  
14 buildings across our district and across Brooklyn  
15 decarbonize. Instead of wringing our hands and  
16 hoping that climate change won't ruin-- destroy our  
17 city, state, and planet. It's time to get to work.  
18 It is time to take this seriously and it is time to  
19 drive down our emissions and decarbonize our  
20 buildings. No delays can be tolerated. Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Seeing no  
22 other members-- Before we do anything I just want to  
23 recognize-- I see my friend, Mike Corbitt from  
24 Councilmember Velázquez's office, who is leaving the  
25 Council to head to the Board Of Elections. I just

2 want to congratulate him and thank you for his  
3 service here as well. And thank you for-- I think  
4 you hit your term limits, my friend, at the Council.

5 With that I'll now call on speaker Adrienne Adams  
6 to close out today's stated meeting.

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority Leader. The  
8 stated meeting of September 14, 2023, is hereby  
9 adjourned.

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