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of the

STATED MEETING— \*BUDGET ADOPTION

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Monday, June 30, 2025

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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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## A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION DELIVERED BY:

Rabbi Dr. Keith Elijah Thompson,  
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2 SERGEANT POLITE: Testing, one, two, one, two,  
3 today's date is June 30, 2025. Today's Stated Meeting  
4 is being recorded in the Chambers by Keith Polite.

5 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet on the floor, please!  
6 Thank you for your patience. At this time, please  
7 place all electronic devices, all electronic devices  
8 to vibrate or silent mode.

9 Madam Majority Leader?

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: [GAVEL]

11 Good afternoon and welcome to the Stated  
12 Meeting of June 30, 2025. I am Majority Leader Amanda  
13 Farias, and I would like to thank you for joining us.  
14 If you would like to follow along, the Agenda for  
15 today's meeting is posted on our website.

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

22 I want to remind my colleagues that decorum is  
23 to be respected at all times. Insulting each other is  
24 not appropriate; all remarks are to be addressed to  
25 the Chair, and members shall not speak unless

2 recognized by the Chair. It is essential that even if  
3 we disagree, we treat each other with respect.

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

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

7 ALL: [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Roll call?

9 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present.

11 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté.

13 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

14 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Here.

15 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Here.

17 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Present.

19 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

21 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

23 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

24 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: (NO RESPONSE)

25 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present.

3 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Here.

5 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

7 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.

9 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

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

11 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (NO RESPONSE)

13 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

15 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presenté.

17 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.

19 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present.

21 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

23 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present.

25 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present.

3 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.

5 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here.

7 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.

9 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present.

11 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present.

13 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: A 100% present.

15 ALL: (LAUGHTER)

16 DAIS: [GAVEL] Quiet, please!

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: (UN-MIC'D) Present

23 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (UN-MIC'D) Here.

25 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: (NO RESPONSE)  
3 CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?  
4 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present.  
5 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?  
6 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Here.  
7 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?  
8 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present.  
9 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?  
10 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Present.  
11 CLERK: Council Member Powers?  
12 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Present.  
13 CLERK: Council Member Restler?  
14 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here.  
15 CLERK: Council Member Riley?  
16 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.  
17 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?  
18 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.  
19 CLERK: Council Member Salaam  
20 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: (UN-MIC'D) Present  
21 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?  
22 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.  
23 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?  
24 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.  
25 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?



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2 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

3 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here

5 CLERK: Thank you.

6 Council Member Ung?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present.

8 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)

10 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'm here.

12 CLERK: Council Member Won?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present.

14 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Here.

16 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

17 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Present.

18 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present.

20 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present.

22 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: (UN-MIC'D) Present.

24 Present.

25 CLERK: I'm sorry, Council Member Moya?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present, can you hear me?

3 CLERK: Yup! Thank you.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Thank you. We will now  
6 have today's Invocation, which will be delivered by  
7 Rabbi Dr. Keith Elijah Thompson.

8 RABBI DR. KEITH ELIJAH THOMPSON: Before I pray,  
9 could I just give a word of salutation? First, to  
10 the Speaker of this City Council, Adrienne Adams, and  
11 to the Members of the City Council, ladies and  
12 gentlemen, I want to salute everyone of you. And I'm  
13 here today, and I'm very proud of a young man, Kevin  
14 Christopher Riley. I remember, I held him in my hands  
15 right there in the Bronx, District 12. And I prayed  
16 for him and baptized him. And I'm proud to see that  
17 he's serving in this great city council, and I salute  
18 him. Would you put your hands together and give...

19 ALL: (APPLAUSE)

20 RABBI DR. KEITH ELIJAH THOMPSON: Thank you very  
21 much.

22 Let us pray. Gracious and Eternal God, I come  
23 to you this day, lifting up the members of our City  
24 Council in prayer. I thank you for the many gifts and  
25 blessings you have bestowed on them. You have called

1 each of them to a position of leadership, and we  
2 recognize the weight of that responsibility that they  
3 carry. I ask, Dear God, that you will guide them with  
4 wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. And Lord, this  
5 one, not everyone knows about it, an upper-standing  
6 fullness. As they serve our city and its people,  
7 grant them discernment to make wise decisions that  
8 will uplift our neighborhood. Protect and create  
9 opportunity for all. Let integrity be their  
10 foundation; justice be their aim, and peace be their  
11 legacy. Bless their staff, their family, and loved  
12 ones who support them in this work. Renew their  
13 energy when testing arises; restore their hope when  
14 obstacles seem overwhelming; and above all, remind  
15 them that their service matters to you, Holy God, to  
16 the City, and to the generations to come. We thank  
17 you, and I thank you for their service. And we pray  
18 for unity among them to fulfill their duty with  
19 skillfulness.  
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21 I pray that the Lord God of Heaven will bless  
22 you and keep you in you're going out and coming in,  
23 and cause His face to shine upon you, and grant you  
24 his abiding peace. That real Shalom, in the name of  
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1 the Almighty sovereign God, let everyone say Amen.

2 Thank you very much.

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4 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. I would now  
5 ask Council Member Keven Riley to spread the  
6 Invocation on the record.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority  
8 Leader. It is my honor to welcome Reverend Dr. Keith  
9 Elijah Thompson—who you all heard baptized me when I  
10 was a baby. I have the picture if anyone wants to see  
11 it— to the Council Chambers today. For over 40  
12 years, Dr. Thompson, known as “the Man” in the  
13 community, has been a pillar of faith and leadership  
14 in the Northeast Bronx, building institutions,  
15 uplifting families, and guiding generations through  
16 ministry, education, and service. From the founding  
17 of Bronx Miracle Gospel Tabernacle to launching  
18 programs that empower our youth and adults alike, his  
19 impact has been felt deeply across our district and  
20 beyond.

21 Thank you, Majority Leader. I thank Reverend  
22 Dr. Thompson for being here today, and I make a  
23 motion for unanimous consent to spread the Invocation  
24 in full upon the record. Thank you.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. We will now  
3 ask Council Member Lynn Schulman for the Adoption of  
4 Minutes.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: I make a motion that  
6 the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of June 11, 2025,  
7 be adopted as printed.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Messages and Papers  
9 from the Mayor?

10 CLERK: Preconsidered M 147, Community  
11 Development Program.

12 SPEAKER ADAMS: Finance.

13 CLERK: M 148, City Debt and Reserves?

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

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Communication from  
17 City, County, and Borough Offices?

18 CLERK: Preconsidered Ms 149 and 150, Budget  
19 Modifications?

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Finance.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Petitions and  
22 Communications?

23 CLERK: None.

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Land Use Call-ups?

25 CLERK: Ms 151 through 153.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you. I now ask that the  
3 Clerk take a roll call vote on today's Land Use Call-  
4 ups.

5 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

6 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

7 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

8 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

9 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

10 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye.

11 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

13 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye.

15 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

17 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes.

19 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

20 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Aye.

21 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.

23 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

25 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

3 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

5 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

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

7 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

9 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

11 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye on all except LU  
13 297, for which I abstain.

14 CLERK: Could you repeat that, please, I'm  
15 sorry?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Is it LU 297?

17 UNKNOWN: (INAUDIBLE)

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: No. All right.

19 UNKNOWN: (INAUDIBLE)

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Just aye on all, I'm  
21 sorry, my mistake.

22 CLERK: Thank you.

23 Council Member Hanif?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

25 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye.

3 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

5 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

7 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

9 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

11 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

13 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Permission to vote on all  
15 Land Use Call-ups and all items on the General Order  
16 Calendar?

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Permission granted.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye on all. And I  
19 am disclosing on the record for the Council  
20 Proceedings that the Metropolitan Transportation  
21 Authority is funded in the budget that we are  
22 adopting, and my brother is associated with this  
23 entity. Thank you.

24 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye.



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2 CLERK: Council Member Marte?  
3 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.  
4 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?  
5 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.  
6 CLERK: Council Member Menin?  
7 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.  
8 CLERK: Council Member Morano?  
9 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Aye.  
10 CLERK: Council Member Moya?  
11 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.  
12 CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?  
13 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.  
14 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?  
15 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Aye.  
16 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?  
17 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye.  
18 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?  
19 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Aye.  
20 CLERK: Council Member Powers?  
21 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.  
22 CLERK: Council Member Restler?  
23 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.  
24 CLERK: Council Member Riley?  
25 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

2 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

4 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

6 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye.

8 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

10 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.

12 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

14 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

16 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)

18 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

20 CLERK: Council Member Won?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

22 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: (NO RESPONSE)

24 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: (NO RESPONSE)

2 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

3 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

4 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

6 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Sorry, I'm back on,

9 (INAUDIBLE)

10 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member. Uh, Council  
11 Member Zhuang, could you please repeat your vote?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

13 CLERK: Thank you.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Today's Land Use Call-  
15 ups are adopted by a vote of 51 in the affirmative  
16 and 0 on the negative.

17 We will now have Communication from Speaker  
18 Adrienne Adams.

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Madam Majority  
20 Leader, and good afternoon, everyone.

21 I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge and  
22 thank a few people from the Council for their work  
23 throughout this process. It is my last budget as  
24 Speaker and the last for our Finance Chair and  
25 several other members of our leadership team.

2 I want to thank our Finance Chair, Justin  
3 Brannan, our leadership team of Deputy Speaker Diana  
4 Ayala, Majority Leader Amanda Farias, Majority Whip  
5 Selvena Brooks-Powers, Council Members Keith Powers,  
6 Carlina Rivera, Rafael Salamanca, and Sandra Ung.

7 I also want to thank all the members of the  
8 Council's Budget Negotiating team, as well as the  
9 entire Finance Division staff led by Deputy Chief of  
10 Staff for Finance and Chief Financial Officer, the  
11 CFO, Tanisha Edwards, and the Director of our Finance  
12 Division, Richard Lee!

13 ALL: (APPLAUSE)

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Last but certainly not least, I  
15 want to thank members of my senior staff, Jeremy  
16 John, Faiza Ali...

17 ALL: (APPLAUSE)

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Mandela Jones!

19 ALL: (APPLAUSE)

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Meghan Lynch, Jae Ko, and  
21 Danielle Porcaro!

22 ALL: (APPLAUSE)

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: And every division and staff  
24 member of the City Council, including my Deputy

2 Director of Scheduling in Advance, Patrick Louis  
3 (phonetic), and all council member staff!

4 ALL: (APPLAUSE)

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: The Council's work to deliver a  
6 budget that invests in New Yorkers and our  
7 communities is only possible because of your  
8 dedication and service as true public servants. I  
9 know it required long days and nights, and we really,  
10 really appreciate all of you so much. Thank you all.

11 As a government, one of the most important  
12 responsibilities we have to the people we represent  
13 in every borough and community is to deliver a City  
14 budget that reflects their needs and priorities. We  
15 know what's possible when New Yorkers can access  
16 opportunity: children are healthier, parents can  
17 advance in their careers, and our communities are  
18 safer. That's why year after year, we have focused on  
19 deepening our investments in affordable housing,  
20 strengthening our early childhood education system  
21 and public schools, and fighting for the institutions  
22 that support our neighbors, like our libraries,  
23 parks, and older adult centers. While too much of our  
24 collective efforts in past years have been spent on

1  
2 restoring budget cuts, our persistence and subsequent  
3 wins have led to progress in this year's budget.

4 I have repeatedly insisted on our need to move  
5 away from a budget of restoration to one that  
6 strengthens investments in New Yorkers. This year, we  
7 are making big strides towards that goal. Together,  
8 we secured baseline funding for 3K and Pre-K, as well  
9 as investments for preschool special education. We  
10 also won new funding to expand childcare for our  
11 youngest, from zero to two years old, because this is  
12 how we empower families to afford and remain in our  
13 city. And because libraries are the pillars of our  
14 communities, we are expanding seven-day library  
15 service to more neighborhoods and branches across the  
16 entire city.

17 This year, we're also expanding eligibility for  
18 Fair Fares once again to reach New Yorkers with  
19 incomes up to 150% of the federal poverty level.

20 This budget also reflects the Council's  
21 persistent efforts to push the city towards investing  
22 in mental health and public safety solutions at a  
23 greater scale so that we can close Rikers and connect  
24 more people to mental health care.

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2 And after years of fighting, we have finally  
3 secured baseline funding to add to a Justice-Involved  
4 Supportive Housing RFP that has sat dormant at the  
5 Department of Health for far too long.

6 For our older adults, we secured significant  
7 funding that was lost in previous years, as well as  
8 increased home-delivered meal rates so that our  
9 seniors do not go hungry.

10 The budget also protects the many New Yorkers  
11 and services that have come under attack from the  
12 most harmful aspects of the Trump administration's  
13 agenda. When New Yorkers' civil rights are at risk  
14 and families are being separated, the City must step  
15 up and defend them. We are prioritizing crime victims  
16 when the federal government is abandoning them. We're  
17 doubling down on the benefits and values of cultural  
18 diversity, and we are increasing food assistance at a  
19 time when Trump and his allies in Congress are  
20 threatening to diminish help for hard-working  
21 Americans.

22 The successes in this year's budget are the  
23 product of multi-year efforts built upon a foundation  
24 of relentless advocacy by New Yorkers across our  
25 city. While there is more work ahead, this shows that

1 together we can build a city where the budget  
2 reflects all of our needs, where families can afford  
3 not just to survive, but live and flourish here. We  
4 must expand investments to ensure the success of our  
5 greatest resources, the people of New York City. This  
6 budget belongs to all of us, and I thank my  
7 colleagues and everyone who fought alongside us to  
8 win a budget that makes a more just and equitable  
9 city possible for all New Yorkers. Thank you very  
10 much.  
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12 We have a few more things to celebrate, because  
13 July 4th is Independence Day, and I hope you all get  
14 a chance to spend meaningful time with your loved  
15 ones, your community, and your family for much-  
16 deserved time off.

17 We also want to wish a very happy birthday to  
18 Council Member Rafael Salamanca, who will be  
19 celebrating on July 2nd; Council Member Linda Lee,  
20 whose birthday is on the 3rd, and Majority Leader  
21 Amanda Fariás on the 9th! (APPLAUSE) Happy Birthday,  
22 everybody!

23 And finally, I want to acknowledge that we're  
24 joined today in Council Chambers by Kadeem Tiam, OSB,  
25 and all of the Black Male content creators who are



2 visiting City Hall for today's Stated Meeting.

3 Welcome to all of you. Thank you for your brilliance  
4 and presence.

5 ALL: (APPLAUSE)

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: And to Council Member Kevin  
7 Christian Riley (LAUGHS)...

8 ALL: (LAUGHTER)

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: for all that you do to uplift  
10 our young people, thank you so much, Council Member.

11 ALL: (APPLAUSE)

12 SPEAKER ADAMS: Yeah, we can do that. (APPLAUSE)

13 Now let's move on to the other items in our  
14 Stated Agenda.

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

17 The Coney Development, modifications to the  
18 City Map that will enable a proposed entertainment  
19 complex in the Coney Island Amusement District to  
20 apply for a State Gaming Facility License. If awarded  
21 by the State, the proposed development would include  
22 a casino, hotel, convention center, retail spaces, a  
23 food hall event, and a rooftop space, as well as a  
24 1,500-space parking lot in Council Member Justin  
25 Brannan's district.

1 Grace Houses will facilitate the development of  
2 a five-story, mixed-use building and a seven-story  
3 residential building, creating a combined 153  
4 affordable rental units and a community facility  
5 space for the Grace Baptist Church in Council Member  
6 Nurse's district.  
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8 Hallett's Point SCA sighting will facilitate  
9 the construction of a new approximately 547 to 754-  
10 seat K through 8 School in Council Member Cabán's  
11 district.

12 We will also vote on the following Finance  
13 items:

14 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by  
15 Council Member Justin, would approve the expenditure  
16 of payments in lieu of taxes to fund the development  
17 of infrastructure over the Western Rail Yards in  
18 support of the development of housing.

19 Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council  
20 Member Justin Brannan, approves the new designation  
21 and changes in the designation of certain  
22 organizations to receive funding in the expense  
23 budget.

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

2 Article XI Tax Exemption for one lot in Council  
3 Member Shaun Abreu's district.

4 Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council  
5 Member Justin Brannan, would establish a new 30-year  
6 extended partial Article X Tax Exemption for lots in  
7 Council Member Abreu's district.

8 Next, we will vote on the following

9 Resolutions:

10 Resolution 817, sponsored by Council Member  
11 Tiffany Cabán, calls upon the New York State  
12 Legislature to provide the necessary funds to ensure  
13 hospital and healthcare provider services for gender-  
14 affirming care remain accessible for all people in  
15 New York City. We thank our staff member, Christie  
16 Dwyer.

17 Resolution 931, sponsored by Council Member  
18 Sandy Nurse, would condemn the Trump Administration  
19 for disappearing immigrants to prisons in other  
20 countries. Thank you to our staff members Rebecca  
21 Barilla and Nicole Catá.

22 Today, we will also vote on the following  
23 Legislation:

24 Introduction 1296-A, sponsored by Council  
25 Member Carlina Rivera, would expand the allowable

1 color of sidewalk shed parapet panels to include  
2 approved or alternative artwork through the City  
3 Canvas program. This change would make city buildings  
4 eligible to utilize capital funding to participate in  
5 the program. Thank you to our staff members, Austin  
6 Malone, Jose Conde, Andrew Bourne, and Dirk Spencer.  
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8 Introduction 1281-A, sponsored by Council  
9 Member Eric Dinowitz, would postpone the natural gas  
10 alarm requirement of Local Law 157 of 2016 to no  
11 earlier than January 1, 2027. Thank you to our staff  
12 members, Francis O'Rourke, Austin Malone, Jose Conde,  
13 Andrew Bourne, and Dirk Spencer.

14 Introduction 9-B, sponsored by Council Member  
15 Nantasha Williams, would require the Department of  
16 Transportation to establish overnight parking areas  
17 in industrial business zones for commercial vehicles.  
18 The bill would also require DOT to conduct outreach  
19 to commercial entities in the area, as well as truck  
20 drivers operating in the city, to inform them of  
21 these new areas. Thank you to our staff members Mark  
22 Chen and Samuel Breitbart.

23 Introduction 3-A, sponsored by Shaun Abreu,  
24 would specify that the Department of Sanitation is  
25 the agency responsible for the removal of all

1           derelict vehicles from the street. Under state law, a  
2           vehicle is derelict if it is abandoned, does not have  
3           a license plate, and has a wholesale value of \$1,250  
4           or less. Thank you to our staff member, Morgan  
5           Barrett.  
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7           Introduction 857-B, sponsored by Council Member  
8           Rafael Salamanca, would require the Department of  
9           Sanitation to, within 24 hours of receiving a report  
10          of an abandoned vehicle, determine whether the  
11          vehicle qualifies as a derelict vehicle under state  
12          law, If DSNY cannot ascertain the vehicle  
13          identification number of any vehicle it determines to  
14          be derelict, it would be required to remove the  
15          vehicle from the street within 72 hours of it being  
16          reported as abandoned. Thank you to our staff members  
17          Mark Chen, Elliot Heisler, and Morgan Barrett.

18          Introduction 643-A, sponsored by Council Member  
19          Kevin Riley, would require that information be posted  
20          on the Park Department's website on how to access the  
21          Department of Education's indoor basketball courts  
22          when the weather does not allow for the use of  
23          outdoor basketball courts. The bill would also  
24          require DPR and DOE to conduct a study on how to  
25          improve overall access to indoor basketball courts.

1 Introduction 566-b, sponsored by Council Member  
2 Gale Brewer, would require the DOE, in consultation  
3 with the Parks Department, to create an annual report  
4 on how to expand public access to school playgrounds.  
5 The plan would need to prioritize playgrounds that  
6 are located in environmental justice areas and  
7 include, for the upcoming year, a list of at least 15  
8 school playgrounds that could be open to the public  
9 on weekends and after school hours. Thank you to our  
10 staff members Kris Satori and Patrick Mulvihill.

12 Introduction 205-A, sponsored by Council Member  
13 Shahana Hanif, would require the Department of  
14 Consumer and Worker Protection to conduct outreach  
15 about common fraudulent schemes committed by  
16 providers of Immigration Legal services and how to  
17 avoid them. The bill would also require DCWP to  
18 report annually on its outreach and education  
19 efforts, as well as complaints and inspections  
20 related to providers of immigration assistance  
21 services. Thank you to our staff members Rachel  
22 Cordero, Natalie Meltzer, and Sarah Swaine.

23 Introduction 980-A, sponsored by Council Member  
24 Julie Won, would increase civil penalties for  
25 immigration assistance service providers that do not

1  
2 comply with applicable regulations. The bill would  
3 also clarify that immigration assistance service  
4 providers who advertise services must post or include  
5 with the ad a legally required notice of the services  
6 they are not authorized to provide. Thank you to our  
7 staff members Natalie (sic) (\*Nicole) Catá, Rebecca  
8 Barilla, Margaret Lyford, Robert Calandra, and Rachel  
9 Cordero.

10 Introduction 47-B, sponsored by Council Member  
11 Shaker Krishnan, would remove all misdemeanor  
12 criminal penalties for general vendors and mobile  
13 food vendors. Vendors who operate without a license  
14 could be subject to a violation and a fine or a civil  
15 penalty. Vendors who violate any other street vending  
16 laws would be subject to a civil penalty.

17 Introduction 30-B, sponsored by Council Member  
18 Oswald Feliz, would establish safety requirements for  
19 powered bicycles when used by contracted delivery  
20 workers, including meeting local standards for the  
21 sale of such devices, which includes certification by  
22 an accredited testing laboratory. Responsibility for  
23 compliance with these provisions would fall on the on  
24 the delivery service. Thank you to our staff members,  
25 Rachel Cordero, Natalie Meltzer, and Sarah Swaine.

2 Thank you very much for your attention. Now, I  
3 turn it back over to our Majority Leader.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Speaker  
5 Adams.

6 We will now move into Discussion of General  
7 Orders, and I'd like to first recognize Majority Whip  
8 Brooks-Powers, followed by Council Members Won, and  
9 then Riley.

10 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you.

11 From the moment the fiscal Year 26 Preliminary  
12 Budget was released, we knew this would be another  
13 challenging year with rising costs, ongoing fiscal  
14 pressure, and deep uncertainty around federal  
15 support. But being fiscally responsible doesn't mean  
16 walking away from New Yorkers; it means protecting  
17 the essential services they depend on.

18 This year's budget delivers meaningful progress  
19 for working families across New York City. I'm  
20 especially proud that we secured \$25 million to  
21 expand the Fair Fares Program, raising eligibility to  
22 150% of the federal poverty level, a critical step  
23 that will make public transit more affordable and  
24 accessible for thousands of struggling New Yorkers.



1           As a mother, I know firsthand how vital  
2 affordable childcare is to families. That's why I'm  
3 proud this budget includes \$25 million to expand  
4 full-day, full-year early childhood education and  
5 extended day programs, investments that working  
6 parents desperately need.  
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8           We also secured \$1 billion in housing capital  
9 to build and preserve affordable homes with expanded  
10 pathways to home ownership and preservation programs  
11 that are especially important in South East Queens.  
12 And we've invested \$2 billion in infrastructure,  
13 including long-overdue upgrades to sewer, stormwater  
14 systems, and public spaces. In my district, I'm proud  
15 that this budget includes \$300,000 to move forward  
16 with the Far Rockaway Trauma Center, a life-saving  
17 facility our community has long fought for. I thank  
18 all of my colleagues and the Administration for their  
19 support in this endeavor. And I'm encouraged by the  
20 inclusion of a new initiative to combat gender-based  
21 violence, a meaningful investment in safety, dignity,  
22 and justice for survivors across our city.

23           While this budget reflects progress, we know  
24 the work must continue, including urgent repairs to  
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1 critical infrastructure such as our roads, health  
2 facilities, and firehouses.

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4 Finally, I'm disclosing--do you want me to  
5 disclose now? Finally, I'm disclosing on the record  
6 of the Council proceedings that the (TIMER) Queen's  
7 Alumni chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority  
8 Incorporated is funded by in the budget we are  
9 adopting, and I am associated with that organization;  
10 and that the YMCA is funded in the budget we are  
11 adopted, and my family and I are associated with that  
12 entity; the New York City Department of Education,  
13 Edge School of the Arts and Community Youth Care  
14 Services Incorporated are funded in the budget we are  
15 adopting, and my child is associated with those  
16 entities.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you so much,  
18 Majority Whip.

19 I just want to give a flag for members to  
20 refrain from naming your disclosures until you vote,  
21 so that you can save yourselves some time.

22 I will now recognize Council Member Kevin  
23 Riley, followed by Council Member Brewer, then  
24 Council Member Feliz.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you...

1 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: My apologies, Council  
2 Member Won first, followed by Council Member Riley.  
3 Sorry about that.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Thank you, Majority Leader.

5 Today we're voting on my bill, Intro 980-A,  
6 which increases existing penalties to deter bad  
7 actors from misleading immigrants who are seeking a  
8 pathway to citizenship in the United States. These  
9 violations include "notarios" who were unauthorized  
10 to practice law or who threaten to report their  
11 customers to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.  
12 These violations will double penalties from existing  
13 ranges of \$3,750 from \$5,000 to \$7,500 to \$10,000 for  
14 the first violation and successive violations from  
15 the existing \$9,000 to \$10,000 to \$18,000 to  
16 \$20,000—so double the penalties.

17 I proposed this law in direct response to  
18 several constituents who visited my office as they  
19 were victims of predatory immigration service  
20 providers and were scammed out of thousands of  
21 dollars.

22 In Intro 980-A, we will crack down on  
23 unlicensed scammers, preying on the vulnerable, and  
24 increase transparency for all clients, greatly  
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1 enhancing the security of our immigrant communities.

2 And with this bill, I will ensure that immigrants are  
3 given the help that they were promised during these  
4 alarming times.

5 I urge all my colleagues to vote in support of  
6 980-A, ensuring our new migrant neighbors have a  
7 clear pathway to citizenship. Thank you so much.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council  
9 Member Riley, followed by Council Member Brewer, then  
10 Council Member Feliz.

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

13 The Indoor Hoops Act was inspired directly by  
14 the voices of our youth and community basketball  
15 leagues, who told me loud and clear that when the  
16 weather is bad, they're forced to sit the game out  
17 with nowhere safe to play or stay engaged.

18 In neighborhoods like mine in the Bronx and  
19 across our city, basketball is more than just a  
20 game—It's mentorship, it's safety, it's structure—  
21 and too many communities have faced real barriers to  
22 indoor recreational access.

23 This bill requires NYC Parks to make  
24 information about indoor courts public and  
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2 accessible. It also directs a study on improving  
3 access by simplifying the permit process, expanding  
4 public school usage during school closures, and  
5 partnering with the DOE.

6 I want to thank my colleagues who co-sponsored  
7 this legislation. With your support, we are listening  
8 to our communities and responding with action. I ask  
9 my colleagues to vote for the Indoor Hoops Act for  
10 the future of our young people. It is vital that no  
11 matter the weather, no matter the neighborhood, this  
12 council and our city are committed to opening doors,  
13 creating safe spaces, and investing in their growth.  
14 Thank you, Majority Leader.

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council  
16 Member Brewer, followed by Council Member Feliz, and  
17 Council Member Abreu.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much.

19 I'm speaking about 566-B, which is a law that  
20 would mandate that there be more schoolyards open to  
21 the public. We all know that children need outdoor  
22 recreation, it is good for their mental, physical,  
23 and social well-being.

24 In New York City, there are 945 school  
25 buildings with an outdoor yard; 288 of them, or about

1 30%, are open to the public outside of school hours.

2 And that would include trust with the public land and  
3 those that are jointly operated by DOE and Parks. And  
4 they are packed with families all the time when  
5 they're open.

6 My bill would grow that number by at least 15  
7 schoolyards per year, prioritizing low-income  
8 communities with the least access to outdoor open  
9 space.

10 This particular bill is supported by a lot of  
11 organizations, and they include: the New York League  
12 of Conservation Voters, Randalls Island Park  
13 Alliance, Riverside Park Conservancy, Open Plans,  
14 Trust for Public Land, Wellness in the Schools, New  
15 York City H2O, RPA, Transportation Alternatives, and  
16 New York Restoration Project, New Yorkers for Parks,  
17 Local Nature Hub (sic)(\*Lab), the IBO, and thanks  
18 BetaNYC for the map. And hope they all pass. There  
19 are 25 co-sponsors of this law. Thank you very much.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council  
21 Member Feliz, followed by Council Member Abreu, then  
22 Council Member Krishnan.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Thank you, Majority  
24 Leader.  
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1           Today, I'm proud and honored to have  
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3 legislation before us, the first in the country,  
4 which will require that delivery companies provide  
5 safe E-bikes to their workers, so that we can finally  
6 resolve the fire safety crisis posed by the defective  
7 E-bikes and the threats.

8           The threats posed by unsafe E-bikes continue to  
9 grow. This year, we've already had 116 fires through  
10 the end of June. This is actually the most amount of  
11 fires that we've ever had due to E-bikes.

12           The threats related to E-bikes, uh, defective  
13 E-bikes continues to grow, and have shown time and  
14 time again that this is an issue that will not  
15 resolve itself on its own. Last week, for example, in  
16 the Bronx, we had another 5-alarm fire that injured  
17 15 people, including a firefighter, a threat that  
18 continues to grow.

19           Since day one, as we all know, we've given this  
20 issue unequivocal attention. We passed legislation,  
21 and we have made some progress. Compared to last year  
22 and the year before, we've seen less deaths, less  
23 injuries—less deaths, less injuries, but the amount  
24 of fires is still high, much higher than any other  
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2 year, which shows that the problem has not been fully  
3 resolved.

4 We're in a fire safety crisis, and we need to  
5 make sure that delivery workers who work hard have  
6 access to safe equipment, so that while supporting  
7 our city and their families, they're not going to  
8 have to put their lives at risk.

9 These fires are dangerous, they're destructive,  
10 they escalate fast, and they're difficult to  
11 extinguish. And we've had too many of these fires.  
12 This is a crisis that can and must be resolved, and  
13 everyone must help, including and especially the  
14 delivery companies, which have their biggest market  
15 right here in the city of New York.

16 By requiring that the safety bikes be provided  
17 by the companies, we're going to make sure that only  
18 the safety bikes are used. Workers will no longer  
19 have to risk their lives while working hard to  
20 support our city and make a living.

21 So, I just want to thank everyone who helped  
22 make this possible, including and especially Speaker  
23 Adams and your entire team. Thank you so much.

24 We've had 160 fires this year already, the most  
25 ever, and we're going to continue to give this issue



1 attention until we get that number to zero. Thank you  
2 so much. (TIMER) Vote 'yes', everybody.

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council  
4 Member Abreu, followed by Council Member Krishnan,  
5 then Council Member Salamanca.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Madam Majority  
7 Leader.

8 I'm proud to vote in support of the Fiscal Year  
9 2026 Budget. Budgets are moral documents, and this  
10 one makes clear that we're choosing to invest in the  
11 people of New York City. We secured key investments  
12 that reflect the day-to-day realities of working-  
13 class neighborhoods like mine—funding for  
14 supplemental cleaning organizations like ACE and CEO  
15 that keep our streets livable and dignified, and  
16 support for community composting and public  
17 education, as we move forward towards a more  
18 sustainable and more just city. And we protected and  
19 expanded the core services our communities rely on  
20 every day— libraries, afterschool programs, and  
21 childcare. These aren't luxuries, they're lifelines.

22 I've heard from families across my district  
23 that the lack of afterschool options and limited  
24 access to childcare have forced them to make  
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1 impossible decisions. This budget begins to change  
2 that, with historic funding for afterschool and a  
3 pilot for universal childcare that reflects what our  
4 families need and deserve.

5 We also secured funding for immigrant legal  
6 services, because in communities like ours, where  
7 immigrants are deeply woven into the fabric of our  
8 daily life, this is personal.

9 And of course, none of this would have been  
10 possible without the leadership of our Speaker,  
11 Adrienne Adams. On this final budget of her  
12 speakership, I want to offer my heartfelt thanks for  
13 her steadfast commitment to equity, not just in words  
14 but in action. When a 100-year-old swimming pool in  
15 my district had been languishing for decades, despite  
16 a vibrant school community and a neighboring NYCHA  
17 development that had long relied on it, Speaker Adams  
18 made it a priority. She understood that access to  
19 swimming isn't a luxury—it's safety, it's equity,  
20 and especially in communities like mine where those  
21 opportunities have too often been denied. She didn't  
22 just talk, she showed up and got it done. Her  
23 leadership made a difference, and our communities are  
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2 better off because of it. Thank you so much. I  
3 encourage my colleagues to vote 'aye'.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing Council  
5 Member Krishnan, followed by Council Member Rafael  
6 Salamanca, then Council Member Williams.

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

9 On a day when Senate Republicans are passing a  
10 horrific budget bill that adds 10,000 ICE officers to  
11 the federal government, further criminalizing  
12 immigrants across America, we in New York City are  
13 protecting our immigrant communities. That's why I'm  
14 proud that we are passing historic legislation today  
15 with Intro 47-B, which will decriminalize street  
16 vending in the city.

17 Street vendors are our city's smallest  
18 businesses; they provide us with coffee on our way to  
19 work, tacos on a quick lunch break, and ice cream on  
20 a hot summer day. However, because of a broken  
21 vending system, street vendors could face jail time  
22 for simply trying to support their families. No  
23 vendor—no person— should face jail time in criminal  
24 charges for simply trying to feed and support their  
25 family and pay for childcare.

1           With the federal government's horrific  
2 immigration policies, the consequences of vending  
3 violations have become even more stark for a  
4 workforce with street of vendors that is 96%  
5 immigrant, and it is clear the disastrous immigration  
6 consequences that criminal charges can have as well.

7           It is more important than ever that we protect  
8 our immigrant communities, most affected by the  
9 criminalization of street vending across our city.

10 Intro 47-B is a common-sense measure that was agreed  
11 upon by a diverse set of stakeholders, including  
12 enforcement agencies, street vendors, and business  
13 advocates. The bill supports a clear, fair, and  
14 regulated vending system that is organized and  
15 enforceable. It removes criminal liability for  
16 vendors, ensuring that our city's smallest business  
17 owners do not face criminal charges or jail time  
18 simply for trying to earn money to support their  
19 families.

20           The passing of Intro 47 represents just the  
21 first step in many that the City Council is actively  
22 considering to create a clear, fair, comprehensive,  
23 well-regulated, and enforceable vending system that  
24 our city definitely needs, especially at this moment.  
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2 I want to again thank Speaker Adams, my  
3 colleagues who are champions of the street vendor  
4 reform package, Council Members Sanchez and De La  
5 Rosa, Majority Leader Fariás, and Public Advocate  
6 Williams, (TIMER), and my other colleagues who have  
7 signed on in support.

8 And I want to give a special shout-out to the  
9 team at the Street Vendor Project for their tireless  
10 advocacy to reform our city's broken vending system,  
11 as well as to our...

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member, your  
13 time has...

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: committee staff,  
15 Sarah Swain, and my legislative staff, Greg Clark,  
16 thank you, and urge my colleagues to vote 'yes'.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Now recognizing Council  
18 Member Salamanca, followed by Council Member  
19 Williams, then Council Member Dinowitz.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you, Majority  
21 Leader.

22 Today we're voting on Intro 857-B. It requires  
23 the Department of Sanitation to tow vehicles that are  
24 identified as encumbering our city streets within 24

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2 to 72 hours of notification by city agencies,  
3 Community boards, elected officials, or 311 claims.

4 This legislation is not just about tidying up  
5 our curbs. It's about reclaiming public space,  
6 ensuring safety, and restoring fairness in how our  
7 streets are used. Every day, abandoned and inoperable  
8 vehicles clog our neighborhoods. They block bike  
9 lanes, bus stops, fire hydrants, and curbed spaces  
10 desperately needed for everything from commercial  
11 deliveries to parking for residents. These abandoned  
12 vehicles turn out streets into graveyards for zombie  
13 cars and are a source of constant frustration for all  
14 of our constituents.

15 This legislation sets a clear, reasonable time  
16 frame for action. It empowers the Department of  
17 Sanitation to act swiftly, but fairly. It brings  
18 much-needed accountability to a system that too often  
19 lets inaction persist.

20 Clean, safe, and accessible streets are not a  
21 luxury. They're a basic necessity in a city of over  
22 eight million people. Let's not allow the bad actors  
23 who abandon vehicles to hold entire blocks hostage.

24 I would like to thank my colleagues who have  
25 already signed on as co-sponsors for this common-

1 sense legislation. With intro 857-B, we are putting  
2 our public space back to public use.

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4 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Now recognizing Council  
5 Member Williams, followed by Council Member Dinowitz.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you.

7 I celebrate the budget we passed today, but for  
8 three years under this mayor, we have had to fight  
9 for restorations instead of more investments.

10 Something has to change. We need real reform that  
11 rebalances power and gives the Council the tools to  
12 do its job and to protect our communities from  
13 political games. There is still much more important  
14 work ahead, supporting the Commission on Human  
15 Rights, the Commission on Racial Equity, and standing  
16 with working-class homeowners.

17 While the budget provides essential funding to  
18 city agencies, legislation like Intro 99 ensures  
19 those resources are used effectively by establishing  
20 clear guidelines and requiring community engagement  
21 around commercial truck parking.

22 For years, our residents have raised concerns  
23 about trucks parked overnight on residential blocks,  
24 blocking sidewalks, narrowing streets, and creating  
25 safety hazards, especially for children and seniors.

1           NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING           48  
2       This isn't just a Southeast Queens problem; it  
3       impacts neighborhoods across the city.

4           Speaker Adams and Majority Whip Selvina Brooks-  
5       Powers, who also represent parts of Southeast Queens,  
6       have heard these concerns firsthand. That's why a few  
7       months ago, I stood with Majority Whip Brooks-Powers,  
8       local leaders, and community members at the  
9       (INAUDIBLE) Truck Parking Rally calling for safer,  
10      fairer, and more effective overnight truck parking  
11      policies, especially since Southeast Queens was  
12      excluded from the City's initial pilot despite being  
13      heavily affected.

14          Intro 99-B creates designated overnight truck  
15      parking areas in industrial business zones and  
16      requires the Department of Transportation to engage  
17      community boards, council members, businesses, and  
18      truck drivers.

19          Passing budgets and advancing legislation like  
20      Intro 99-B are important steps towards a more  
21      accountable and responsive city government. I want to  
22      thank the Truck Association, Mark from the  
23      Legislative Division, and, of course, Speaker  
24      Adrienne Adams for her leadership and partnership in  
25      passing this bill and the budget. Thank you.



2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: (TIMER) Recognizing  
3 Council Member Dinowitz.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Look what good timing  
5 she had. That was good.

6 Thank you, Madam Majority Leader.

7 Today, the Council will be voting on my bill  
8 Introduction 1281-A, which amends Local Law 157 of  
9 2016.

10 This local law required that natural gas  
11 detectors be in residential buildings, a law passed  
12 in response to deadly gas explosions in 2015,  
13 including one at JFK High School campus, which is  
14 where I actually worked.

15 Local Law 157 is an important law requiring gas  
16 detectors that are vital for public safety, but right  
17 now, the law's mandate is impossible to meet. The  
18 reality is that devices required by the bill are not  
19 available, even for New Yorkers who ordered these  
20 devices months ago. Faulty devices coupled with  
21 supply chain issues have ensured that most cannot  
22 meet the standards set by Local Law 157. This  
23 includes those who managed to order the device while  
24 it was available but have had their orders delayed.

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2 New Yorkers will be unfairly fined for something that  
3 is out of their control.

4 Introduction 1281 would postpone the natural  
5 gas alarm requirement and would instead provide that  
6 natural gas alarms to be required no earlier than  
7 January 1st, 2027. DOB would also be required to  
8 submit to the Mayor and the Council, by July 1st,  
9 2026, a determination on whether the Department has  
10 been able to identify four distinct manufacturers of  
11 battery-powered natural gas alarms. If such a  
12 termination finds an insufficient number of alarms,  
13 DOB could extend the compliance date to January 1st,  
14 2029.

15 As it has now been almost two months since the  
16 compliance deadline, it is urgent that we pass the  
17 bill today so New Yorkers will not be punished for  
18 failing to meet impossible requirements. This law  
19 ensures we uphold critical safety standards without  
20 unfairly burdening New Yorkers.

21 I want to thank Speaker Adams, Chair Sanchez,  
22 and my staff, including Adam Staropoli and Council  
23 Members Bottcher and Holden, for their partnership on  
24 this, and I urge all of my colleagues to sign on and  
25 vote 'yes'. Thank you.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Seeing no one else  
3 signed up to speak, Reports of Special Committees?

4 CLERK: None.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Reports of Standing  
6 Committees?

7 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Consumer and  
8 Worker Protection, Intro 30-B, safe delivery devices.

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

11 CLERK: Intro 47-B, general and food vendors?

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

14 CLERK: Intro 205-A, immigration services.

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

17 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance,  
18 Preconsidered Resolution 959, organization funding?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

20 CLERK: Intro 960, excuse me, Reso 960, Western  
21 Rail Yards?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

23 CLERK: Preconsidered Resolutions 961 and 962,  
24 base proportion and base percentage?

25 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

2 CLERK: Preconsidered M 149 and Preconsidered  
3 Resolution 971, and Preconsidered M 150 and  
4 Preconsidered Resolution 972, budget modification?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

6 CLERK: M 128 and Preconsidered Resolutions 973  
7 and 974, Expense Revenue Contract Budget, Fiscal Year  
8 2026?

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

10 CLERK: M 129 and Preconsidered Resolutions 975  
11 and 976, Executive Capital Budget Fiscal Year 2026?

12 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

13 CLERK: M 147 and Preconsidered Resolution 977,  
14 community development program?

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

16 CLERK: M 154 and Preconsidered Resolution 978,  
17 tax fixing resolution?

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled On General Orders.

19 CLERK: Preconsidered LU 318 and Reso 979, and  
20 Preconsidered LU 319 and Reso 980, tax exemption?

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

22 CLERK: M 91 through M 133, various budget  
23 documents?

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled to be filed.

2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Housing and  
3 Buildings, Introductions 1281-A and 1296-A, building  
4 code and construction sites?

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

7 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Immigration,  
8 Intro 980-A, immigration assistance services?

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

11 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use, LUs  
12 294 to 296, One45 For Harlem?

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: LU 297 and Resolution 981, The Coney  
17 development?

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

19 CLERK: LUs 298 to 316, various applications?

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

23 CLERK: LU 320 and Reso 982, school facilities?

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Parks and  
3 Recreation, Intros 566-B and 643-A, playgrounds and  
4 basketball courts?

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

7 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Sanitation  
8 and Solid Waste Management, Intro 3-A, derelict  
9 vehicles?

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

12 CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
13 Transportation and Infrastructure, Intros 99-B and  
14 857-B, truck parking and abandoned vehicles

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

17 CLERK: On the General Orders Calendar, LU 287  
18 and Reso 983, and LU 288 and Reso 984, Grace Houses?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

20 CLERK: Resolution appointing various persons as  
21 Commissioner of Deeds?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

23 I now ask that the Clerk take a roll call vote  
24 on all of the items coupled on today's General Order  
25 Calendar.

2 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

3 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

4 CLERK: Thank you.

5 Council Member Abreu?

6 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

7 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

8 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

9 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

10 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: I am disclosing on the  
11 record of the Council proceedings that one, AHRC is  
12 funded in the budget that we are adopting, and my  
13 partner is associated with that organization. Two,  
14 Health + Hospitals and the New York City Parks  
15 Department, Department of Parks and Recreation, are  
16 funded in the budget that we're adopting, and my sons  
17 are associated with these organizations. And I vote  
18 aye.

19 CLERK: Thank you.

20 Council Member Banks?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

22 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye.

24 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Permission to explain  
3 my vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Permission granted.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: I just wanted to take a  
6 second to thank the Council Finance Division for all  
7 their hard work over the past four years. When you're  
8 fighting with the Mayor, time flies. We appreciate  
9 all your hard work. I want to shout out our Finance  
10 Director, Richard Lee, and our Managing Director,  
11 Jonathan Rosenberg...

12 ALL: (APPLAUSE)

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Deputy Directors Emre  
14 Edev, Chima Obichere, Paul Simone, Eisha Wright;  
15 Assistant Director, Liz Hoffman; our Chief Economist,  
16 Assistant Director Dilara Dimnaku; Supervising  
17 Economists Paul Sturm, William Shermatang, Andrew  
18 Wilbur; The Unit Heads Aliyah Ali, Julia Haramis,  
19 Florentine Kabore, Jimmy Reyes, Jack Storey; Finance  
20 Council, Nicholas Connell, and especially a big thank  
21 you to the CFO, the Deputy Chief of Staff, to the  
22 Speaker, Tanisha Edwards for your leadership and  
23 thank you all very much.

24 ALL: (APPLAUSE)

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Thank you. I vote aye.



1 CLERK: Thank you.

2 For disclosures, Council Member Avilés?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Thank you, and actually,  
4 can I have permission to explain my vote? I was  
5 clearly in another place.

6 So, I am disclosing on the record of the  
7 Council proceedings that the New York City  
8 Departments of Education, Youth, and Community  
9 Development are funded in this budget that we are  
10 adopting, and my child is associated with these  
11 entities. Also, the New York City Parks Department is  
12 funded in the budget that we are adopting, and my  
13 sibling is associated with that entity.

14 And permission to explain my vote, Majority  
15 Leader?

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: You can explain.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Thank you. Thank you so  
18 much. Apologies.

19 First, I just want to express my gratitude to  
20 the Speaker, the Budget Negotiating Team, and all of  
21 my colleagues who worked on this budget.

22 While the federal government attacks cities  
23 like ours who are actively resisting their fascist  
24 and racist agenda, we will always be a proud  
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2 immigrant city. We believe it is not only our moral  
3 obligation as leaders, but best in our interest to  
4 uphold the rights, safety, and dignity of all  
5 working-class New Yorkers, (BACKGROUND NOISE) but  
6 particularly our immigrant neighbors.

7 I'm proud of the wins we have landed,  
8 especially for our immigrant communities.  
9 Particularly, this body has secured an additional  
10 \$33.6 million for Immigration Legal Services, \$24.6  
11 million for the New York Family Unity Project, and  
12 \$16.5 million to support unaccompanied minors.

13 Though the Adams Administration continues to  
14 fail to recognize the crisis of violence and mass  
15 deportation before us, this Council has stepped up  
16 and demanded more. I express my profound gratitude to  
17 Faiza N. Ali and Megan Lynch. The Progressive Caucus  
18 has championed and won historic public safety  
19 programs, including tens of millions of dollars for  
20 mental health response teams, and strengthened the  
21 supports for survivors of gender and domestic  
22 violence and a mental health pilot program for EMS  
23 workers. A lot more needs to be done to achieve pay  
24 parity for EMS workers.

2 These will bring us one step closer to true  
3 public safety, where we can care for our fellow New  
4 Yorkers first, addressing head-on the public safety  
5 concerns we face, rather than just plastering another  
6 band-aid over them.

7 We are bringing to fruition gains that will  
8 help to make New York City more livable and  
9 affordable for working-class New Yorkers. So this is  
10 the first time I will be voting yes on this budget,  
11 because we have finally surpassed the bare minimum,  
12 not just restoring Eric Adams' cruel and unnecessary  
13 budget cuts once again. We made gains. And while the  
14 document before us is not perfect, it is clear we  
15 must engage in structural reform to make our  
16 processes more transparent, democratic, (TIMER) and  
17 equitable.

18 I vote aye on all, except for LU 297 and  
19 accompanying Resolution 981, for which I vote no.  
20 Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: And while we are  
22 tallying, a friendly reminder to folks to please give  
23 your disclosures before your vote.

24 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I vote aye.

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I am disclosing for the record in the Council proceedings that Columbia Presbyterian Hospital is included in the budget we are adopting, and my child is associated with this entity.

And I vote aye on all.

I also wanted to send a special thank you to all the OGs who are termed-out and leaving the Council. Thank you for teaching us how to get this budget done in the right way. We really appreciate your service. Thank you.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Banks?

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Madam Majority Leader, I am disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings that the Department of Parks and Recreation and Juvenile Justice are funded in the budget we are adopting, and my brothers are associated with these entities. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: And your vote, Council Member?

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Brewer?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I am disclosing on the  
3 record of the Council proceedings that the City  
4 University of New York is funded in the budget we are  
5 adopting, and I am associated with that entity.

6 I, too, want to thank the folks from the  
7 Finance staff, you mentioned certainly Richard Lee  
8 and Jonathan Rosenburg, I want to add Vanessa Diaz-  
9 Lopez and also Faiza Ali.

10 I want to thank you, particularly for providing  
11 food for the pantries, the cultural centers, the  
12 clubhouses, the libraries, and much more. We still  
13 have to work on oversight; OMB doesn't seem to want  
14 to have too much oversight of the Administration. We  
15 are not able to get funding for more of that; that's  
16 a challenge.

17 From my office, I want to thank Cynthia Hornig  
18 and certainly the Van Fellow, Miller Schulman  
19 (phonetic), who spent a great deal of time on the  
20 budget.

21 And just in terms of 566-B, the school yards,  
22 thanking Cynthia, Shulamit Puder, and the amazing  
23 staff from the Parks Committee, Kris Satori, Patrick  
24 Mulvihill, Michael Sherman, and Ann Driscoll.

2 And I also want to mention that in terms of the  
3 amazing challenge that we have for federal budget  
4 cuts, as we heard earlier from Chair Brannan and the  
5 Speaker, hopefully the rainy day fund, and that kind  
6 of funding will help us prevent any major impacts on  
7 New York City. However, the fact that the federal  
8 government is able to make these cuts is atrocious,  
9 and we have to fight them every bit of the way. Thank  
10 you very much.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: And your vote?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye.

13 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.

14 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Permission to explain my  
16 vote?

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you.

19 Thank you to Speaker Adams, Finance Chair  
20 Brannan, the entire Finance team, and my colleagues  
21 for your work on this budget.

22 Today I am voting yes. I'm proud of the  
23 Council's fight against this Mayor's unnecessary  
24 cuts, clawing back what we could to stop the bleeding  
25 and protect New Yorkers. The truth is sobering. This

1 budget, like those before it, overinvests in  
2 punishment and policing, starves public defenders of  
3 the resources they need, while underinvesting in  
4 life-affirming institutions that create true public  
5 safety. It is the culmination of four years of bad  
6 faith, undemocratic negotiations with a corrupt mayor  
7 who is beholden to corporate interests and  
8 blackmailed by Donald Trump. But it also marks the  
9 beginning of a new era: New Yorkers are clearly  
10 demanding a new kind of politics, one that  
11 prioritizes affordability for working people over the  
12 interests of the rich.

14 Today's budget sets us up to deliver for New  
15 Yorkers under a new administration that shares our  
16 values and commitments come January. And it contains  
17 urgent, critical protections for our immigrant and  
18 trans neighbors that the Mayor refused. Still, the  
19 Council demanded and secured historic funding for  
20 trans and gender non-conforming New Yorkers—for  
21 which a huge thanks goes to the New York City trans  
22 and queer provider Advocacy Coalition—crisis to  
23 care investments that move us toward public safety  
24 rooted in care, not punishment— thank you,  
25 especially to Progressive Caucus Director Emmet Teran

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2 and Council Member Nurse—the \$5 million investment  
3 needed for the ratty Boys and Girls Club of Astoria,  
4 a major step towards enriching the lives of young  
5 people in my district; a hard fought \$50 million to  
6 increase immigration legal services secured by the  
7 Council, including my colleague, Council Member  
8 Avilés, and advocates at NYIC and others after the  
9 Mayor proposed a devastating cut; and childcare  
10 expansions, including a pilot program for children  
11 under age two, a game changer for working families—  
12 thanks especially to Council Member Gutiérrez.

13 This budget is the floor, not the ceiling, with  
14 caution, with reservations, and a deep commitment to  
15 build on this momentum to deliver for New Yorkers.

16 I vote aye on all, with the exception of LU 297  
17 and the accompanying Resolution, on which I abstain.

18 Thank you. (TIMER)

19 CLERK: Thank you.

20 Council Member Carr?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Permission to explain my  
22 vote?

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Thank you, Majority  
25 Leader.



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2 I just want to say thank you so much to the  
3 Speaker for her support of the initiatives and  
4 programming that are so important to the  
5 neighborhoods and boroughs that I represent, as well  
6 as to my colleagues on the Budget Negotiating Team,  
7 ably led by our Deputy Speaker, Diana Ayala and our  
8 Finance Chair, Justin Brannan, and of course, the  
9 great team staffers we have here: Jeremy John, Faiza  
10 Ali, Tanisha Edwards, Richard Lee, and everyone in  
11 the Finance Division, who worked so hard to make  
12 budget adoption possible, as well as our friends in  
13 the Office of the General Counsel.

14 And, of course, I have to end with thanking my  
15 own team members, in particular, my Budget Director,  
16 Loren Centineo (phonetic), and my Chief of Staff,  
17 Giuseppe Deserio.

18 With that said, I would like to disclose on the  
19 record of the Council proceedings that the Italian  
20 Club of Staten Island, the Jewish Community Center of  
21 Staten Island, and the Garibaldi Meucci Museum are  
22 funded in the budget we are adopting, and I'm  
23 associated with those organizations.  
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1           And I will be voting no on Preconsidered  
2 Resolutions 961, 962, and 978, and M 154, and aye on  
3 all the rest. Thank you.

4           CLERK: Thank you. Council Member De La Rosa?

5           COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Permission to  
6 explain my vote?

7           MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

8           COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: I would like to  
9 first thank Speaker Adams, her leadership team, BMT,  
10 the Finance Division, and all of the staff here for  
11 their leadership and dedication in producing a budget  
12 for working people.

13           I would also like to thank my colleagues,  
14 especially those members of the Progressive Caucus  
15 and the Women's Caucus, and the various other  
16 coalitions that help push for our Crisis to Care  
17 budget campaign, which secured \$80 million for  
18 critical mental health services and supportive  
19 housing programs, as well over \$6 million to support  
20 new parents, promote gender equity, and provide  
21 domestic violence survivor support, as well as \$50  
22 million for immigrant legal services.

23           Time and time again, this Council faced a  
24 largely restorative budget. It was our grit that  
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1 enabled us to commit to clawing back austerity  
2 measures, resulting in seven-day library services—a  
3 program most New Yorkers wouldn't even understand—  
4 while also expanding investment in critical areas.  
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6 New Yorkers made their voices loud and clear  
7 and continue to do so. We need an affordable city.  
8 Affordability looks like universal childcare for  
9 working families driven out of our city by cost  
10 burden. Affordability looks like billions invested in  
11 preserving and developing truly affordable housing  
12 through City for All. Affordability looks like food  
13 access, equitable transportation, investments in CUNY  
14 and public schools, maternal health and mental  
15 health, and prioritizing immigrant services that  
16 protect vulnerable communities who make up the fabric  
17 of our city.

18 While there are still gaps, the Council will  
19 continue to fight to address these gaps. This \$115.9  
20 billion is a response to New Yorkers that we hear  
21 you, we see you, and we are fighting to make our city  
22 a more affordable and safe place for all.

23 I'd like to take a point of privilege to also  
24 thank my Deputy Chief of Staff, Kiana Diaz, who  
25 welcomed her first child into the world yesterday.

2 All: (APPLAUSE)

3 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: So we got a  
4 budget...

5 All: (APPLAUSE)

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: and a baby in  
7 District 10 and we are so excited.

8 I am also disclosing for the record of the  
9 Council proceedings that the New York City Department  
10 of Education, (TIMER) the Washington Heights Tennis  
11 Association, and Bameso USA are funded in this budget  
12 that we are adopting today, and my child is  
13 associated with these, and that the Fortune Society  
14 is funded in this budget we are adopting today, and  
15 my partner is associated with this entity.

16 I vote aye. Thank you.

17 CLERK: Thank you.

18 Council Member Dinowitz?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: That's fantastic, I  
20 only got a budget, no baby.

21 Permission to explain my vote?

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted, and  
23 if you have any disclosures, please state them first.

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1 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: I have no disclosures.  
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3 Sorry, I have nothing. Are you surprised? I got  
4 nothing.

5 I want to take a moment to thank Speaker Adams,  
6 and the whole team, Richard, Jeremy, Faiza, and  
7 Florentine, for fighting hard not just our values,  
8 but for a budget that makes sense. And if you compare  
9 our budget to whatever the heck they're doing in  
10 Washington, where they're cutting everything for the  
11 people who need it the most. You don't cut your way  
12 to prosperity— you invest, you make investments to  
13 protect people to keep them safe and to improve our  
14 economy. And even the investments we are making in  
15 CUNY, every study shows CUNY is ,you know, one of the  
16 best investments you can make, between \$3.00 and  
17 \$4.00 back to taxpayers for every dollar invested.  
18 Between \$7.00 and \$12.00 back to the students for  
19 every dollar we as taxpayers invest in CUNY. And part  
20 of those savings comes from students graduating,  
21 earning more money, and not needing to be on public  
22 assistance programs like Medicaid and food  
23 assistance, the very programs our federal government  
24 is trying to cut. You don't save money in our federal  
25 government by cutting the programs, you save money by

1 making good investments. And that is what this budget  
2 does. It does that while still protecting vulnerable  
3 communities like our immigrants, who are under attack  
4 —again—because of our federal government.  
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6 So despite how hard they try [in Washington]to  
7 make us less safe and make us poorer, the Council is  
8 making the right decision by investing in those who  
9 need the most help and by making smart fiscal  
10 decisions.

11 With that, I vote aye on all.

12 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: (UN-MIC'D) I vote-- I  
14 vote no on 47-B, Reso 961, 962, 978, and M 154.

15 I wanted to disclose that I have an association  
16 with Touro College, which is funded in this budget.  
17 In addition, my spouse is associated with BINA -  
18 Stroke & Brain Injury, and I have a sibling who is  
19 associated with Yeled V'Yalda, which is also funded  
20 in this budget.

21 I vote aye on all.

22 CLERK: Thank you.

23 Council Member Feliz?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: I would like to disclose  
25 on the record that I currently serve as an adjunct

2 professor in the CUNY system, specifically at Hostos  
3 College in the Bronx.

4 And, briefly, permission to explain my vote?

5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Permission to explain my  
7 vote?

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: I just want to  
10 congratulate everyone on a good budget.

11 We fully funded everything we possibly could,  
12 including education, immigration, sanitation, and the  
13 new containerization rules. We've fully funded our  
14 public safety systems, including our police  
15 department, and I'd like to extend my congratulations  
16 to everyone.

17 I vote aye on all.

18 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

20 CLERK: Thank you.

21 Council Member Gutiérrez?

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

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Thank you.

1 I am disclosing on the record of the Council  
2 proceedings that the New York City Department of  
3 Social Services is funded in the budget we're  
4 adopting, and my spouse is associated with that  
5 entity. The New York City Department of Education is  
6 funded in the budget that we're adopting, and my  
7 child is associated with that entity. And Maimonides  
8 Medical Center is funded in the budget we're  
9 adopting, and my sibling is associated with that  
10 entity.  
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12 Whew! Okay. And before I forget, I vote aye on  
13 all items, except for LU 291 with accompanying Reso.  
14 981. Thank you.

15 For the last four years, the Mayor has proposed  
16 cruel and cynical cuts to CUNY, to childcare, to  
17 parks, to mental health. Then, after months of public  
18 pressure, he reversed his course and threw himself a  
19 whole parade. But this Council has remained steady  
20 and worked to restore funds so that we can keep the  
21 City running and services reliable.

22 This year is no different; budget wins this  
23 year belong to this Council, to the advocates, to the  
24 people who fought back. We baselined 3K, mental  
25 health programs, secured new funding for syringe



1 services, legal aid, and support for survivors. We  
2 are investing in childcare for two-year-olds,  
3 additional funds for legally mandated preschool  
4 special education, and we are demanding immigration  
5 legal support programs that have been scaled back and  
6 could really transform our city.  
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8 A special, special thank you to Speaker Adams,  
9 who invested in the neighborhoods of Bushwick,  
10 Ridgewood, and Williamsburg by supporting funding for  
11 affordable housing for seniors, supporting repairs  
12 for affordable housing units, capital for our local  
13 schools, and upgrades to our health facilities, as  
14 well as funding AI education directly to our  
15 communities. On behalf of District 34, thank you,  
16 gracias for your vision, your quest for justice, and  
17 your steadfast commitment to equity for our city.

18 Next year, we'll fight for what this mayor  
19 won't: truly universal childcare, affordable housing  
20 dollars this admin left on the table, and the legal  
21 tools to take on big real estate.

22 This budget has some real victories, and I  
23 applaud Speaker Adams, Finance Chair Justin Brannan,  
24 my colleagues, and the Progressive Caucus. Shout out  
25 to Chairs Nurse, Hanif, and De La Rosa, and our

2 Director Emmett. And a huge thank you to the whole  
3 Finance team and the Speaker's leadership team, who  
4 have been going to bat for our neighborhoods time and  
5 time again.

6 We are ready to govern like the future depends  
7 on it, because it does. Thank you.

8 (PAUSE)

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: I'm so sorry, I am  
10 abstaining from LU 297 with accompanying Reso 981 to  
11 clarify, thank you.

12 CLERK: Thank you.

13 (PAUSE)

14 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Permission to explain my  
16 vote? I'm disclosing...

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Oh, sorry.

19 I'm disclosing on the record of the Council  
20 proceedings that the United Way of New York City and  
21 the Arab American Family Support Center are funded in  
22 the budget we are adopting, and my spouse is  
23 associated with those entities.

24 This budget is a direct rejection of Mayor  
25 Adams' austerity agenda and a victory for working-

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2 class New Yorkers. I'm proud of this Council for  
3 standing united and fighting back.

4 I'm so proud of the Progressive Caucus. Big  
5 shout out to our Director Emmett and our leadership,  
6 Council Members Nurse, Gutiérrez, and of course, De  
7 La Rosa.

8 As Co-chair of the Progressive Caucus, I'm  
9 thrilled that our Crisis to Care campaigns secured  
10 over \$32 million for public safety solutions rooted  
11 in care, including mental health, peer specialists,  
12 and home+ services for survivors of domestic  
13 violence.

14 Families have made it clear that universal  
15 childcare is essential to keeping this city livable.  
16 The budget takes meaningful steps with the \$10  
17 million pilot for children under two, and by  
18 continuing to fund PromiseNYC for undocumented  
19 families.

20 At a time when the Trump administration is  
21 ramping up attacks on immigrant and trans  
22 communities, this Council responded with over \$50  
23 million for immigration legal services, \$16 million  
24 for programs supporting trans New Yorkers, and  
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1           NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING           76  
2           increased funding for food access through the  
3           Community Food Connection Program.

4           With that said, it's not perfect. Housing  
5           preservation and development remains under-resourced  
6           to address the affordable housing crisis, our parks  
7           deserve greater investment, and we must do more for  
8           students, workers, and renters.

9           We also need long overdue reforms to this  
10          budget process. This Mayor has made a habit of  
11          forcing the Council to negotiate from a place of  
12          scarcity. That's not good governance. It's harm.

13          Thanks to the leadership of our Speaker and the  
14          Budget Negotiating team, we've made critical gains.  
15          I'm deeply grateful to the everyday New Yorkers whose  
16          advocacy helped deliver a better and more equitable  
17          budget for us all.

18          With new leadership ahead, I'm confident we are  
19          on our way to the safer, more just, more affordable  
20          city New Yorkers deserve.

21          I vote Aye on all, with the exception of LU 297  
22          and the accompanying (TIMER) Reso 981, for which I  
23          vote no.

24          CLERK: Thank you.

25          Council Member Hanks?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Permission to explain my  
3 vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

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

7 Firstly, I want to thank Speaker Adrienne  
8 Adams; the Finance staff, Chair Brannan, Richard Lee,  
9 Tanisha Edwards, Fazia Ali, and Jeremy John.

10 Finally, I wanted to give a special shoutout to  
11 our Delegation Chair, Council Member David Carr, for  
12 fighting for our small but mighty borough on the BMT.

13 I vote aye on all, with the exception of  
14 Preconsidered M 154 and Preconsidered Resolutions  
15 961, 962, and 978. Thank you.

16 (PAUSE)

17 CLERK: Thank you.

18 Council Member Holden?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all, except for  
20 Intro 47-B, LU 297 and Reso 981, and Resos 961, 962,  
21 978, and M 154, which I vote no.

22 CLERK: Thank you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member, your  
24 disclosures?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: (NO RESPONSE)

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Can you state your  
3 disclosures, Council Member Holden?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Well, my son is an  
5 adjunct lecturer at CUNY, and my other son works as  
6 HR for New York Presbyterian Hospital

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: To disclose on the  
9 record, thank you.

10 CLERK: Thank you.

11 Council Member Hudson?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: I'm disclosing on the  
13 record of the Council proceedings that the Brooklyn  
14 Museum, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and Brooklyn Academy  
15 of Music are funded in the budget we're adopting, and  
16 I'm associated with those entities. And that the  
17 Museum of the City of New York is funded in the  
18 budget we're adopting, and my spouse is associated  
19 with that entity. And that on Unlocal Incorporated is  
20 funded in the budget we are adopting, and my tenant  
21 is associated with that entity.

22 Permission to explain my vote?

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you so much.

25

2 Our city budget must reflect our moral values  
3 and meet the current political moment. Right now, our  
4 city is under attack from an authoritarian  
5 administration hellbent on destroying the civil  
6 liberties we hold dear. And this budget shows that  
7 New York will not stand idly by, but will fight back  
8 using every tool in our arsenal.

9 While the president, Supreme Court, and  
10 Republican extremists tell queer and trans youth they  
11 don't matter, we secure \$8.5 million for gender  
12 affirming care and LGBTQIA+ youth support services.

13 As our immigrant communities are targeted and  
14 citizenship questioned, we are investing nearly \$75  
15 million to defend immigrant New Yorkers.

16 And as the Trump administration slashes all  
17 sorts of public assistance, we are investing hundreds  
18 of millions to stabilize 3K and Pre-K, pilot  
19 universal childcare for kids age two and under, fund  
20 emerging food programs, and provide direct cash  
21 assistance to some of our vulnerability New Yorkers  
22 —not to mention the tens of millions of dollars for  
23 cultural institutions and libraries, which are some  
24 of our most democratic institutions.

1           This budget makes clear that New York City  
2 supports everyone. As Chair of the Committee on  
3 Aging, I'm proud that we fought back against the  
4 Mayor's proposed cuts and ensured our Older Adult  
5 Centers conserve our city's nearly 1.5 million older  
6 adults. And in light of the attacks on Social  
7 Security and Medicaid, I was proud to see NYC Aging's  
8 budget nearly fully restored earlier this year.

9           Congratulations to Chair Brannan on his last  
10 budget. This is also the final budget under Speaker  
11 Adrienne Adams, whose tireless leadership is the  
12 reason this Council restored tens of millions of  
13 dollars for our city's libraries and cultural  
14 institutions. She worked hard to stabilize our early  
15 childhood education system, and she secured billions  
16 of dollars for affordable housing to meet our city's  
17 housing crisis head-on.

18           Thank you to the indefatigable staff, Finance  
19 staff who worked tirelessly and answered calls and  
20 texts at all hours, and to the advocates who held our  
21 feet to the fire to ensure our city protects and  
22 supports our most marginalized communities. I look  
23 forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in  
24 this room, and to those who will join us to secure an  
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1  
2 even stronger budget that makes New York City more  
3 affordable for everyone and funds the programs and  
4 services that advance the principles of equity and  
5 justice that guide this body.

6 (TIMER) Thank you.

7 ALL: (LAUGHTER)

8 (PAUSE)

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: And with that, I vote  
10 aye.

11 CLERK: Thank you.

12 Council Member Joseph?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: I am disclosing on the  
14 record of the Council proceeding that the New York  
15 City Public Schools and Brotherhood Sister Sol are  
16 funded in the budget we are adopting, and my child is  
17 associated with this entity.

18 Permission to explain my vote?

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you.

21 As a forever educator and advocate for our  
22 youth and working families, I'm proud to stand here  
23 today in support of a budget that puts our youngest  
24 New Yorkers first. For far too long, infant and  
25 toddler care has been overlooked, treated like an

1  
2 afterthought when they should have been the  
3 cornerstone of our early childhood system. Today,  
4 with a \$10 million investment in early childhood  
5 education, along with funding to support preschool  
6 special education, we are finally righting that  
7 wrong.

8 We're building what was dismantled. We're  
9 restoring what our families have needed for years,  
10 and we're doing it in a way that centers equity by  
11 prioritizing the neighborhoods that have historically  
12 been left behind.

13 This is more than numbers and a spreadsheet;  
14 this is about giving working families, especially  
15 Black and brown families, and immigrant families, the  
16 resources and support they need to thrive. It's about  
17 meeting parents where they are and honoring the full  
18 scope of their child's development from birth through  
19 the earliest years.

20 This budget does not stop at early childhood;  
21 it delivers to our immigrant communities with renewed  
22 support for legal services and community-based  
23 resources. It invested in affordable housing,  
24 infrastructure, and prioritized health, education,  
25

2 and our parks, because we know that the city invests  
3 in a whole person and the whole community.

4 From District 40 and the communities I  
5 represent across New York City, this budget shows  
6 that this is a City Council that believes in bold  
7 progress. It's a declaration in the face of austerity  
8 and fear. We choose care. We choose equity. We choose  
9 to fight for a city where all New Yorkers, no matter  
10 their zip code, status, or income, have the chance to  
11 succeed. This is a city where we're working to build  
12 one that is compassionate, inclusive, and rooted in  
13 opportunity. And today, with this budget, we take a  
14 powerful step toward making the vision real.

15 Lastly, I want to thank our Speaker, Adrienne  
16 Adams. Under your leadership, you believed in bold  
17 ideas. You listened to members of this body. You've  
18 been unwavering in your commitment to deliver for our  
19 New York City youth. Thank you. Thank you. It's been  
20 an honor (TIMER) to serve with you.

21 And with that, I will vote aye-- I vote aye but  
22 no on LU 297 with accompanying Reso 981. Thank you.

23 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Permission to explain  
25 my vote?

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: I am disclosing on the  
4 record of the Council proceedings that the New York  
5 City Department of Education, Commonpoint NYC, and  
6 the YMCA are funded in the budget we are adopting,  
7 and my children are associated with those entities.

8 This year's budget delivers big wins, not just  
9 for Jackson Heights, Elmhurst, and Woodside, Queens,  
10 but all boroughs. From a \$50 million increase in  
11 immigration, legal services, securing a universal  
12 childcare pilot, and permanent funding for 3K and  
13 Pre-K, and funding for the first ever Asian American  
14 curriculum in our schools, which is historic.

15 Our families and communities are supported in  
16 this budget. Our City Council, as always, has placed  
17 our parks and Parks funding as a top priority, as we  
18 do every year. We've added new worker positions, but  
19 we are fighting against an administration that, while  
20 paying lip service to our parks, has not done nearly  
21 enough to support them. This administration needs to  
22 do far more. We are adding more resources to our  
23 Parks Department, but the Administration still places  
24 a hiring freeze on the agency, which prevents them  
25 from filling those vacant positions. I urge this

1 Administration to finish the job for our Parks  
2 workers and actually stand up for our parks.

3 That being said, we cannot be more clear-eyed  
4 about the struggle in front of us. During a time when  
5 Donald Trump and (INAUDIBLE) Republicans are failing  
6 our communities and working for the wealthiest  
7 Americans to pass tax cuts for them—that are paid  
8 for by slashing funding for food assistance and  
9 healthcare—I am proud that we together in this  
10 Council, with the leadership of Speaker Adams, worked  
11 together to secure necessary investments for our  
12 schools, for immigrants, and for working class New  
13 Yorkers across this city.

14 I want to thank the Speaker's Office, my  
15 colleagues, my staff, the Finance staff, and all of  
16 our colleagues together for a budget we've passed  
17 today that invests in our communities at such a  
18 perilous time.

19 I vote yes. Thank you

20 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Permission to explain my  
22 vote?

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: I am disclosing on the  
2 record of the Council proceedings that the New York  
3 City Department of Education is funded in the budget  
4 we are adopting, and my children are associated with  
5 that entity. And that New York City Health +  
6 Hospitals is funded in the budget we are adopting,  
7 and my spouse is associated with that entity.

8 And I just wanted to say very quickly, thank  
9 you so much, to Speaker Adams, and our amazing  
10 Finance team, because I cannot tell you, I think it's  
11 been so long since we've invested this much money  
12 into mental health services. And I'm just so proud.  
13 I'm getting a little emotional, but I'm very proud of  
14 the fact that we are putting in this much investment,  
15 because these services will save lives; they really  
16 will. The preventative services, the 988, the JISH  
17 (Justice Involved Supportive Housing), the ACTs  
18 (Assertive Community Treatment), the IMTs (Intensive  
19 Mobile Treatment Teams). Smaller clubhouses, we got  
20 you. Okay? We have your back.

21 This will provide many life-saving services.  
22 Although it doesn't come close to the decades of  
23 disinvestment in our mental health system, it brings  
24

2 us just a bit closer, and I'm proud that this Council  
3 is doing that.

4 Thanks to Speaker Adams, as well as Chair  
5 Justin [Brannan]. And I just want to say a special  
6 shoutout to the Finance Team, Richard Lee, my Korean  
7 brother from another mother, and of course, we have  
8 Chima and Florentine.—We have the best staff,  
9 Valeria, you guys rock, and you are awesome, and I  
10 just want to say, thank you.

11 And with that, I vote aye on all.

12 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I am disclosing on  
14 the record of the Council proceedings that the New  
15 York City Board of Elections is funded in the budget  
16 we are adopting, and my spouse is associated with  
17 that entity.

18 I vote aye on all with the exception of Intro  
19 47-B, Reso 961, Reso 962, 978, and M 154, I vote no.

20 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: I am disclosing on the  
22 record of the Council proceeding that the Fortune  
23 Society is funded in the budget we are adopting, and  
24 my brother is associated with that entity, and that  
25 (INAUDIBLE) Body Production is funded in this budget

2 we're adopting, and my brother is associated with  
3 that entity.

4 I vote aye on all except LU 297 and Reso 981,  
5 for which I abstain. Thank you.

6 (PAUSE)

7 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote no on LU 297 and  
9 Reso 981, and Intro 47-B, and I vote aye on all the  
10 rest.

11 And I want to thank the Speaker for all that  
12 she has done, and the Finance staff —Chima, I love  
13 you. I also want to thank Ms. Edwards for all that  
14 she has done during this budget season.

15 And I vote aye on all again, thank you.

16 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Permission to explain my  
18 vote?

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: I'm disclosing on the  
21 record of the Council proceedings that the National  
22 September 11th Memorial and Museum is funded in the  
23 budget we are adopting, and I'm a board member of  
24 this not-for-profit.

25



2 I also want to take time to thank Speaker Adams  
3 for her hard work and leadership, and the whole  
4 Finance team, as well as my colleagues, who I know  
5 have fought tooth and nail to fight back against the  
6 Mayor's draconian cuts. And I'm particularly proud of  
7 the investments in childcare and education, as well  
8 as in vital social service programs, that are helping  
9 our most vulnerable.

10 And with that, I proudly vote aye. Thank you.

11 CLERK: Council Member Morano?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Permission to explain my  
13 vote?

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: This is my first budget  
16 as a council member, and it's been an interesting  
17 experience. Thank you. And it's really quite  
18 something to come into the City Council right in the  
19 midst of a budget process. It's something that I  
20 don't think if you've never been a council member and  
21 never worked on the budget, you can ever truly  
22 understand or explain. And that's why I really want  
23 to thank Speaker Adams and her staff, not only for  
24 the incredible patience and the incredible guidance  
25 you were kind enough to give me throughout this

2 process, but I want to thank the Speaker for, unlike  
3 a lot of other legislative bodies around the country  
4 and around the state, not penalizing my constituents  
5 because they chose to elect a Republican. And we have  
6 a lot of new school auditoriums and a lot of new  
7 playgrounds that are going to be built because of  
8 that. So thank you to the Speaker.

9 I also want to thank the Speaker's entire  
10 staff, but especially Jeremy John, who's been a great  
11 partner during this budget process. I want to thank  
12 all of my colleagues who could not have been more  
13 welcoming, more generous with their advice. And I  
14 especially want to give a shout out to the members of  
15 the Common Sense Caucus, especially my brother and  
16 mentor, David Carr, who, if I had to hire as either a  
17 therapist, a tutor, or an advisor, would bankrupt six  
18 times over.

19 I have to thank my staff, especially my Budget  
20 Director, Briana Nasti, and my Chief of Staff, Frank  
21 Rapacciuolo.

22 And some very, very good news for one of my  
23 constituents today, Lucy the Pig and the Gannone  
24 family, we got the news that Lucy will not be  
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2 separated from her family. Thank you to Mayor Adams  
3 for keeping this family together.

4 And someone who has no business following pig,  
5 I have to give a special shoutout and acknowledgment  
6 to someone here in the gallery today, former City  
7 Council Member, former Finance Chair, Domenic M.  
8 Recchia, Jr., who has worked on 12 budgets, and  
9 always throws the best budget parties.

10 And thank you to everybody. (TIMER)

11 With that, I vote aye on all with the exception  
12 of Intro 47-B, Resos 961, 962, 978, and M 154.

13 (PAUSE)

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Council Member Morano,  
15 your disclosures?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: I have nothing to  
17 disclose.

18 CLERK: Thank you.

19 Council Member Moya?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye on all, uh...

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Please...

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: with the exception of  
23 Intro (INAUDIBLE)...

24 UNKNOWN: (INAUDIBLE)

25 CLERK: Quiet, please, quiet, please!

2 Council Member Moya, my apologies, could you  
3 repeat that?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Okay, I vote aye on all,  
5 with the exception of Intro 47, where I abstain.

6 And I have nothing to disclose.

7 CLERK: Thank you.

8 (PAUSE)

9 CLERK: Council Member Morano?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: I beg the Majority  
11 Leader's pardon. I am disclosing on the record of the  
12 Council proceedings that Victory Voiceless is funded  
13 in the budget we are adopting, and my spouse is  
14 associated with the entity. My apologies to my wife,  
15 Rachel, for forgetting about that. Thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: (LAUGHS) Okay, your  
17 pardon is begged, no problem.

18 CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I want to disclose on  
20 the Council proceeding that my partner works for NYU,  
21 which is funded in the budget, but as a doctor, not  
22 in administration, just so that's clear.

23 Permission to explain my vote?

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you.

2 This is the real beautiful city, because we are  
3 very diverse with real, beautiful budget. Not  
4 perfect, but we worked hard together to strike a  
5 balance in our city that we love.

6 Thank you to Madam Speaker, you have been  
7 amazing, Adrienne Adams, Diana Ayala, Jeremy John,  
8 Faiza, Richard Lee, Tanisha Edwards, Ayesha, Chema,  
9 Florentine, and the whole Finance team. Thank you for  
10 listening to me when I have my complaints.

11 Thank you to my beautiful Budget Director, Saye  
12 Joseph, and all of my beautiful staff. This is  
13 beautiful New York City.

14 Today, we cast our vote on a budget that  
15 reflects our sheer commitment to the people of New  
16 York City. It shows that we prioritize the people who  
17 make this city great, our families, our students, our  
18 workers, and our seniors. We have fought hard to  
19 ensure that critical investments in affordable  
20 housing, education, healthcare, and public safety  
21 remain at the forefront of our city's future.

22 The budget addresses the pressing needs of our  
23 communities and provides the resources necessary to  
24 build a healthier, safer, and more prosperous New  
25 York City that everyone loves.

2 I want to thank Speaker again, Finance Chair  
3 Brannan, and all of my colleagues for their  
4 unwavering commitment to this goal and the city of  
5 New York that we love.

6 As we move forward, we will continue our work  
7 to ensure that every neighborhood in the city  
8 receives the attention and support it deserves

9 I proudly stand in favor of this budget, and I  
10 look forward to seeing the positive impacts this  
11 investment will have on our city for decades to come.

12 Thank you again, Adrienne Adams. You have done  
13 it. And I am so proud to work with you.

14 Thank you, Madam Majority Leader, (TIMER) I  
15 appreciate you, and I vote aye, thank you.

16 CLERK: Thank you.

17 Council Member Nurse?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you. I hope I am  
19 forever after you, Council Member Narcisse.

20 Permission to explain my vote?

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I want to first  
23 congratulate everyone here on our final budget  
24 together. Thank you, Speaker Adams, for your  
25 leadership over the years. It's good to see that it

1 feels like all of us are getting there together. But,  
2 once again, it just seems like this budget is  
3 reflecting the goodwill of the Council, and not from  
4 the Mayor, and the hard work of Council Finance and  
5 all the staff here.  
6

7 Over the last three years, our administration  
8 has failed to address the root causes of the many  
9 public safety concerns that New Yorkers have  
10 repeatedly discussed and asked us to address, such as  
11 their very challenging and complex issues of  
12 substance use, mental health, and homelessness, which  
13 have remained underfunded in our city's services. And  
14 that's why this year the Progressive Caucus launched  
15 the Crisis to Care budget campaign to invest in real  
16 care. And I just want to thank Speaker Adams and many  
17 of the colleagues outside of the caucus who supported  
18 this effort. We got very, very critical wins, \$53  
19 million for intensive mobile treatment teams; \$4.5  
20 million for peer specialists, thanks to Council  
21 Member Linda Lee for that; \$3 million for lifesaving  
22 syringe redemption services, thanks to Deputy Speaker  
23 Ayala, \$2.5 million for crisis respite centers; and  
24 a first of its kind, \$1 million pilot for EMS  
25 Wellness and Peer Support program to support the

1           NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING           96  
2           mental health of our EMS frontline workers. In total,  
3           our efforts helped secure \$34 million in new  
4           investments and \$46 million in baseline funds for  
5           mental health and substance use treatment and support  
6           for our frontline healthcare workers.

7           And while the Mayor has spent the last three  
8           years causing chaos, sowing corruption, and really  
9           having contempt for this Council (TIMER) holding  
10          programs hostage, I'm just grateful that we've been  
11          able to fight back together and come together to a  
12          pretty resounding consensus this year. So, thank you  
13          to my Speaker, my colleagues, and everyone else.

14          Thank you, Majority Leader. I vote aye. I don't  
15          have any disclosures. I vote no on LU 297 and Reso  
16          981.

17          CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

18          COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Permission to explain my  
19          vote?

20          MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

21          COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I commend Speaker Adams,  
22          Finance Chair Brannan, and the entire Finance team,  
23          and BMT for their expert navigation on this budget  
24          process, protecting funding for critical programs and  
25          institutions.



1           The Council has done its best each year to  
2 negotiate a budget that works for the people of New  
3 York, but each year we have had the same foil, the  
4 second worst mayor of my lifetime, Mayor Eric Adams.

5           This Mayor uses a budget as a political tool to  
6 reward his friends and punish his opponents. This  
7 would be bad enough if he didn't try to punish the  
8 working families who just happened to live in his  
9 opponents' district in our city.

10           This is a mayor who has spent four years  
11 putting politics over people. We all suffered the  
12 consequences of his self-serving style, and enough is  
13 enough. I cannot wait for next year when the Council  
14 no longer needs to play defense against a Mayor's  
15 relentless assaults on hard-working New Yorkers, on  
16 vulnerable New Yorkers, on all of us.

17           In the meantime, I vote aye on the best budget  
18 this Council could get. But the days of us scrambling  
19 for scraps will soon be over, and our city will once  
20 again be able to dream.

21           I vote aye on all except for LU 297, for which  
22 I am in no.

23           CLERK: Council Member Paladino?  
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2 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: I vote aye on all  
3 except for Intro 47-B, Reso 961, Reso 962, Reso 978,  
4 and M 154. I vote aye on everything else.

5 CLERK: Thank you.

6 Council Member Powers?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. I'm just  
8 disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings  
9 that Mount Sinai Hospital is funded the budget we're  
10 adopting, and my mother is associated with that  
11 entity.

12 Just a minute to say a few words?

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Go ahead.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: This, for many of us, is  
15 our final budget, our eighth budget. I think  
16 (INAUDIBLE) is doing nine here. And I think this is  
17 one that we got right.

18 I congratulate the Speaker and her whole team,  
19 our senior leadership for four years of sticking in  
20 the fight and making sure that New Yorkers got  
21 budgets that actually reflected our values, not  
22 capitulating to another side of an administration  
23 that did not believe in libraries or cultural funding  
24 or 3K or many other programs, and delivering a budget  
25 this year that many of us have talked about

1  
2 delivering—early childcare in a more expansive way,  
3 which I am certain will create a pathway to a much  
4 larger program here in the future.

5 Our Finance Chair, Justin Brannan, named a  
6 whole lot of names that need to be congratulated  
7 here. He left off one, and that is our Chair of the  
8 Finance Division, Justin Brannan. I think we should  
9 give him a big round of applause as well.

10 ALL: (APPLAUSE)

11 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: If nothing else, because  
12 he had to sit through months of meetings over the  
13 last few years, but did it with such grace and did an  
14 amazing job of it.

15 Thank you to our senior staff. Thank you to our  
16 fearless leaders here in the Finance Division.

17 I proudly vote aye on a budget I think we can  
18 all be proud of. Thank you

19 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I'm paying attention.

21 UNKNOWN: (INAUDIBLE)

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I know, I sit next to  
23 nice people.

24 I would like to disclose on the record of this  
25 Council proceeding that the Mercantile Library

2 Association of the City of New York, better known as  
3 the Center for Fiction, and the Brooklyn Heights  
4 Association are funded in this budget, and my mom  
5 serves on the board of both organizations; they are  
6 great organizations.

7 I would like to vote aye on all with the  
8 exception of LU 297, for which I abstain.

9 This budget reflects some real wins for New  
10 Yorkers, and I want to thank Speaker Adams and our  
11 Finance Chair, Justin Brannan for going to bat for  
12 our communities again and again and again.

13 And I'd like to thank their wonderful team, our  
14 wonderful team, Jeremy, Faiza, Mandela, Richard  
15 Tanisha, the whole Finance Division. You all do a  
16 phenomenal job.

17 In an election year, Mayor Adams has agreed to  
18 restore many of his most egregious cuts to early  
19 childhood education and libraries and more. Thanks to  
20 our council leadership, we pushed for investments  
21 that reflect the values of our city and our  
22 communities. We're standing up to the Trump  
23 administration by dramatically expanding immigrant  
24 legal services. We're tackling the affordability  
25 crisis by making record affordable housing

2 investments stemming from City for All —I'd like to  
3 shout out our Housing Chair, Pierina Sanchez—and  
4 investing in working families by providing 60,000  
5 additional childcare vouchers for working families,  
6 thanks to an increased investment in the state and  
7 city budget. And we're taking a bold step to invest  
8 in the future by piloting a new, free childcare model  
9 for zero to two-year-olds. I look forward to working  
10 with our next Mayor, Zohran Mamdani, to expand this  
11 program in the very near future.

12 As pending federal cuts loom, we know that they  
13 will be absolutely devastating for working people and  
14 vulnerable populations in our city. We're talking  
15 about a 17 million Americans losing their health  
16 care, a \$15 billion hole in the state budget as a  
17 result of the Republican reconciliation bill that's  
18 moving through the Senate now.

19 I'm glad that this budget will force more  
20 transparency from City Hall and OMB on the impacts of  
21 federal funding cuts, and we need to continue to push  
22 for a real plan and adequate reserves to weather this  
23 pending storm.

24 Ultimately, we can't pass a perfect budget with  
25 Eric Adams across the hall. We need a real partner at

2 City Hall to achieve the truly affordable city that  
3 we deserve. More funding for parks, (TIMER)  
4 guaranteed 3K for all. But this Council never stopped  
5 fighting for New Yorkers, and I'm grateful to be a  
6 part of this team. I'd just like to thank my staff,  
7 especially Molly and Sophie, for doing a great job.

8 I am proud to vote aye.

9 And a special thanks to our Speaker. I think  
10 there could be no better reflection on her term as  
11 leader, which sounds to me like a unanimous budget  
12 for her final one. Thank you so much.

13 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I am disclosing on the  
15 record of the Council proceeding that the  
16 Metropolitan College of New York, The Bronx Public  
17 Administrator's Office, the New York City Department  
18 of Education, Girl Scouts of Greater New York, The  
19 YMCA, the New York City Administration for Children's  
20 Services, Mount Sinai, and Maximo Evolution are all  
21 being funded in the budget, and either myself,  
22 children, wife or sibling and business associates are  
23 associated with those entities.

24 I vote aye on all.

25 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you. I am  
3 disclosing... Oh, Permission to explain my vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you so much.

6 I'm disclosing on the record of the Council  
7 proceedings that New York City Health + Hospitals is  
8 funded in the budget we are adopting, and my children  
9 are associated with that entity.

10 I also want to acknowledge that I couldn't be  
11 as effective as I am without my Budget Director and  
12 Chief of Staff, Katie Loeb. She's been with me since  
13 2017, and she is smart, sincere, and a public servant  
14 whom I love and respect very much. Thank you, Katie,  
15 and thank you to the Finance Team. It's been a wild  
16 ride.

17 It's been the honor of a lifetime to serve in  
18 this body, to support the communities that raised me,  
19 to stand with my neighbors and colleagues in fighting  
20 for New York, where all families can build a good  
21 life for themselves.

22 It's certainly been a challenging eight years  
23 of troubling administrations, a global pandemic that  
24 I Chaired Hospitals and our Census Task force through  
25 economic instability, all while leading a city that

2 is never short on opinions, but always in agreement  
3 that we are the best city in the world and remain  
4 undefeated in how we celebrate that.

5 I think you can see that pride in the budget  
6 that we're passing today. This budget puts working  
7 families first and addresses our city's most pressing  
8 challenges.

9 I want to thank Speaker Adams for always  
10 negotiating investments that are necessary, timely,  
11 and rooted in compassion. We secured critical  
12 investments in affordable housing, food access,  
13 immigration services, programming for our queer and  
14 trans community, and arts and culture that defined  
15 who we are as New Yorkers. I'm very proud as the  
16 Chair of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and  
17 Libraries. These are places that open doors for every  
18 generation, just like they did for me growing up on  
19 the Lower East Side and now for my own children.

20 And this budget also protects vital services  
21 for youth and seniors, strengthens public schools and  
22 parks, expands early childhood education and  
23 universal childcare for zero to 2-year-olds, and is  
24 really against the harmful cuts that threaten the  
25 well-being of our communities.



2 I'm proud to vote yes on this budget, my  
3 eighth, Katie's eighth budget. I am proud of  
4 everything we have accomplished together.

5 I want to thank all of the staff, our exemplary  
6 Speaker, and, of course, my colleagues. I think our  
7 work has been defined (TIMER) by our commitment to  
8 build a New York City that leaves no one behind.  
9 Thank you.

10 CLERK: Thank you.

11 Council Member Salaam?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Permission to explain my  
13 vote?

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Permission granted.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I'm disclosing on the  
16 record of the Council proceedings that the YMCA is  
17 funded in the budget we are adopting, and that I and  
18 my immediate family are associated with that entity,  
19 and that Youth Represent is funded in the budget that  
20 we are we are adopting, and my child is associated  
21 with that entity.

22 I want to thank you so much, Madam Majority  
23 Leader, and I want to thank you so much, Madam  
24 Speaker, Adrienne Adams, for your guidance and your  
25 leadership. This was my first time completing my

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first administration, and it's really, really been an honor to be here in the room with you.

I want to thank you, Council Member Justin Brennan, Jeremy John, Faiza Ali, and everyone in the Finance Division for your attention in working so hard to deliver a robust budget that brings much-needed funding to our great city.

New Yorkers are feeling the immense pressure of the rising cost of living in this city. At a time when so many are facing homelessness, struggling with affordability, and bracing for a potential federal budget cut out of D.C., it is critical that we as a city step up and help ease that burden. I'm honored to stand with a city government that is funding food programs, launching a free childcare program, and putting programs in place that provide legal services and support for our most vulnerable, including immigrants, older adults, and children, as part of our \$116 billion budget.

Thank you for going above and thank you for going beyond.

On that, I vote aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I'm disclosing on the  
3 record of the Council's proceeding that the YMCA is  
4 funded in the budget we are adopting, and I, along  
5 with my immediate family, am associated with this  
6 entity. The Castle Hill Little League is funded in  
7 the budget we are adopting, and my child is  
8 associated with that entity. The New York City Parks  
9 and Recreation is also funded in the budget we are  
10 adopting, and my spouse is associated with that  
11 entity.

12 I would like to tell the Finance Division, job  
13 well done.

14 I vote aye on all.

15 CLERK: Thank you.

16 Council Member Sanchez?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I'm disclosing on the  
18 record of the Council proceedings that CUNY is funded  
19 in the budget that we are adopting, and my sibling is  
20 associated with that entity.

21 Permission to explain my vote?

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you, Majority  
24 Leader.

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2 First Speaker Adams and colleagues, thank you  
3 for securing critical services in this budget. For  
4 three years, this Council has fought to restore what  
5 should never have been cut: funding for CUNY,  
6 childcare, education, and libraries.

7 I'm proud of the wins we secured this year: \$75  
8 million in legal assistance for immigrants, \$16  
9 million in Crisis to Care, investments for mental  
10 health, substance use and treatment, and public  
11 safety that is rooted in community.

12 Speaking as a mom, a mom of a zero-to-two-year-  
13 old and a six-month-old, \$10 million for the  
14 childcare pilot brings us closer to universal  
15 childcare than ever in the city. Very proud.

16 We also have \$4 billion, *billion with a B*, in  
17 City for All investments reflected in this budget—  
18 the other billion came from the state. And there's  
19 new funding for supportive housing.

20 But let's be clear, the budget process as a  
21 whole is broken, and we need reform that empowers the  
22 Council to protect New Yorkers more and not just play  
23 defense.

24 Second, I want to congratulate Council Member  
25 Krishnan. By eliminating misdemeanor criminal

2 penalties for vending, Intro 47 allows vendors to  
3 continue providing for their families without fear.  
4 But there is more work to be done, particularly for  
5 unlicensed vendors. This is why it is critical to  
6 pass the full Street Vending Reform Package: Intros  
7 431, 24, 408, 1251. This can still be the council  
8 that reforms the vending system to one that is fair  
9 and effective, where vendors and brick and mortars  
10 coexist, and where access to opportunity is made  
11 available to all of our city's small businesses. I  
12 look forward to moving the remaining bills in this  
13 package.

14 Thank you, Speaker, and thank you, Chair  
15 Brannan. I will truly miss you. I also want to thank  
16 Tanisha, Richard, and the entire Finance Division, as  
17 well as all the OGs, who, as Althea mentioned, have  
18 been instrumental in guiding us new members over the  
19 last two cycles. Thank you for everything that you  
20 have done for us, Jeremy, Faiza, and the whole team.

21 I also want to do a special shoutout to Carla  
22 Dominguez, my Legislative Fellow (TIMER), who's just  
23 a boss. Speaker, you keep giving us excellent  
24 Fellows, and we don't let them go. Thank you, Carla,  
25 thank you, Gerard, and thank you to my whole team.

2 With that, I vote aye on all, except for Land  
3 Use 297 and its accompanying Resolution, for which I  
4 vote no.

5 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Permission to explain  
7 my vote?

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: I'm disclosing on  
10 record Council proceedings that the Office of the  
11 Mayor of the City of New York is funded in the budget  
12 we are adopting, and my sibling is associated with  
13 that entity.

14 I want to thank and congratulate the Speaker  
15 and her staff, with a special shoutout to Jeremy and  
16 Faiza, and the Finance staff, who've been amazing,  
17 led by Richard Lee, and answered all the complicated  
18 questions that staff had.

19 I want to give an extremely special shoutout to  
20 my Chief of Staff, Jonathan Boucher, and my Budget  
21 Legislative Director, Kevin McAleer, who really kept  
22 it together and were instrumental in some of the  
23 successes we've had in the district.

24 When I started out in politics, a wise lyrical  
25 mentor said to me, "Even when facing a budget

2 deficit, you can't cut; you have to invest." And  
3 invest is what this council did with education,  
4 immigration, and housing as three major examples.

5 I have worked on many budgets both as a city  
6 council staffer and council member, and don't recall  
7 any being as robust and inclusive as the budget we  
8 are passing today.

9 For FY26, the Council was able to baseline  
10 nearly \$700 million in funding, beyond anyone's  
11 expectations, for libraries, public schools, CUNY,  
12 older adults, gender-based violence, culture and the  
13 arts, housing, HIV/AIDS, composting, parks,  
14 sanitation, and so much more. These baselined items  
15 will now become a permanent part of the budget in  
16 future years.

17 While there are many details you will hear  
18 about in the days to come, I want to especially point  
19 out the over one-billion, with a B, dollar investment  
20 in education from Pre-K to 3K, with funds carved out  
21 for preschool special education students, all the way  
22 up to our public higher education institutions.

23 I am proud of the efforts we have made in this  
24 budget, and look forward to continuing to work with  
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2 the Speaker and my colleagues on building a better  
3 Queens and a better city for all New Yorkers.

4 And with that, I vote aye on all.

5 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Yes, I have one more  
7 disclosure. Gotham Health is funded in this budget,  
8 and my spouse sits on the board of this entity.

9 CLERK: Thank you.

10 Council Member Ung?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: I want to thank Speaker  
12 Adams' entire team for their leadership in passing a  
13 budget that truly delivers to all of New York.

14 I want to express my deep appreciation to Chair  
15 Brannan and the Finance staff, with a big shoutout to  
16 Richard.

17 With that, I vote aye on all, except 47-B, for  
18 which I abstain, thank you.

19 CLERK: Thank you.

20 Council Member Vernikov?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Permission to explain  
22 my vote?

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Thank you.

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2 Today we vote for a budget that, like all  
3 budgets, is imperfect. Yet, like in the past, my  
4 commitment to public safety, community needs, and  
5 enhancing quality of life for my constituents compels  
6 me to vote yes, despite much we do not approve of.

7 However, I am unequivocal on Land Use item 297,  
8 Coney Island de-mapping action for proposed casino  
9 development in Coney Island. This de-mapping makes  
10 the casino application and proposed development more  
11 likely to take place. Therefore, I must vote against  
12 it, as over the past many months, and at this point  
13 years, it has become clear that the majority in the  
14 community do not want a casino in Coney Island. For  
15 those at least 20,000 residents who signed the  
16 petition clearly saying no to the Coney, I have heard  
17 you, agree with you and I will keep fighting for you.

18 Today's setbacks do not mean that the battle is  
19 lost. Economic development needs to take place  
20 throughout the area, but this is not it. It should  
21 not come at the expense of public safety,  
22 infrastructure, and our quality of life.

23 With that, I vote aye on all, with the  
24 exception of Intro 47-B, Resos 961,962, 978, Ms 154,

2 817, 931, and LU 297 with accompanying Resolution  
3 981. Thank you.

4 CLERK: Thank you.

5 Council Member Williams?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you.

7 I am disclosing on the record of the Council  
8 proceedings that the Children's Rescue Fund, which is  
9 funded in the budget we're adopting, and my sibling,  
10 who is affiliated with this nonprofit. CUNY, which we  
11 are also funding, I am still affiliated with CUNY,  
12 (UNINTELLIGIBLE) chapter of Delta Sigma Theta  
13 Sorority, Incorporated, and I am associated with that  
14 nonprofit.

15 I also wanted to thank Speaker Adams, Chair  
16 Brennan, Jeremy, Faiza, Richard Lee, Tanisha,  
17 Jonathan, Chima, Florentine, Ali, and the entire-- I  
18 know I missed people-- the entire Finance Division  
19 for all their hard work.

20 And with that, I vote aye.

21 CLERK: Council Member Won?

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

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Permission granted.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: The Learning Experience is  
3 funded in the budget we are adopting, and my child is  
4 associated with that entity.

5 Thank you so much to Speaker Adams, colleagues  
6 on the Negotiation Team, Chair Brannan, and all of  
7 the Finance staff.

8 We have so much to celebrate this year, with  
9 all the new additions and the fact that we're nearing  
10 \$116 billion in this budget. Some of the highlight  
11 that we have heard about from many of our colleagues,  
12 \$10 million to launch a new childcare program for 2K;  
13 \$2.5 million for the AAPI curriculum; \$2 million to  
14 bring back seven-day library services, about 10  
15 additional branches; \$74.7 for immigration legal  
16 services; \$10.2 million additional parks, staff, and  
17 more.

18 As Chair of Contracts, I want to celebrate the  
19 funding allocated to the Mayor's Office of Contract  
20 Services, the agency that plays a vital role in  
21 ensuring that all funded items are paid out to those  
22 delivering essential services, especially our  
23 nonprofit providers.

24 So, this year, since adoption, the total is  
25 going to be over \$12 million to boost the Contracts

2 Committee for investments in PASSPort, OTPS, as well  
3 as baselining funding for the Nonprofit Help Desk. We  
4 want to ensure that the Mayor's Office of Contracts  
5 continues to receive resources and that providers are  
6 not delayed or left unpaid; additionally, we aim to  
7 prevent programs from being shut down. We want to  
8 ensure that these investments help keep vital  
9 services, such as our shelters, food pantries, mental  
10 health providers, and many others, going.

11 So, thank you to everybody on the Finance Team  
12 who worked really hard to negotiate this budget. I  
13 look forward to four more years of negotiations with  
14 you all. Thank you.

15 CLERK: Thank you.

16 (PAUSE)

17 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Oh, wait, sorry, and I want  
18 to say that I vote aye on this budget, except for  
19 Intro-- LU 297, and Reso 861 (sic), thank you.

20 (PAUSE)

21 CLERK: My apologies, Council Member, what was  
22 the Reso that you said?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (NO RESPONSE)

24 CLERK: Can you repeat that? My apologies.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Yes, one second, I'm  
3 pulling it back up, uh, 861 (sic).

4 (PAUSE)

5 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Oh, sorry, 981 the  
6 accompanying Reso.

7 CLERK: And you are voting, no, right?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Yes.

9 CLERK: Thank you, my apologies, thank you.  
10 Council Member Zhuang?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: I want to disclose on  
12 the record of the City Council proceedings that the  
13 New York City Department of Education and the Marks  
14 Jewish Community House are funded in the budget we  
15 are adopting today, and my children are associated  
16 with those entities.

17 Can I explain my vote?

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Our colleagues already  
20 thanked our Speaker, and also everyone involved in  
21 the budget negotiations. I want to thank everyone who  
22 worked so hard on this budget. And I also want to  
23 give a special shoutout to our Speaker, who is  
24 actually the one who helped my community. For the  
25 first time, we will have the restorative justice

2 service in my area. This is the first time. Our  
3 community doesn't even know what restorative justice  
4 means. So this year, we have enough funding for  
5 training the community leaders to help our  
6 communities.

7 I vote yes, aye, on the budget, except I want  
8 to abstain from Intro 47-B, LU 297, Reso 981, Resos  
9 961, 962, 978, and M 154.

10 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Thank you.

12 (PAUSE)

13 CLERK: One moment.

14 Council Member Ariola?

15 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I am disclosing on the  
16 record for the Council proceedings that the New York  
17 City Department of Sanitation is funded in this  
18 budget that we are adopting, and my son is associated  
19 with that entity.

20 I'd just like to take a moment to give my  
21 condolences to the firefighters who lost their lives  
22 in Idaho, and those who are fighting for their lives.

23 Permission to explain my vote?

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Permission granted.

25 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Thank you.

2 Speaker Adams, we go back a very long time.  
3 During that time, you have always acted with dignity  
4 and grace, and to your last budget you did it right  
5 to the end. So, I want to thank you for that. I want  
6 to thank your entire team; you saw me through many  
7 things, becoming a council member and becoming Chair  
8 of Emergency Management. And I want to thank my  
9 colleagues who funded Fire Department projects. You  
10 helped me and guided me through so many things; You  
11 made my transition to Minority Leader so seamless. I  
12 loved working with your team. I love working with  
13 Jeremy, Faiza, and Jeff Becker, who, despite never  
14 knowing when I'm going to call, always pick up. So,  
15 thank you for that. Thank you to the entire Finance  
16 team.

17 I can be proud to vote on this budget, because  
18 it really does address the initiatives that mean the  
19 most to my district and the district of the council  
20 members and the Minority Caucus that I represent like  
21 roadways, schools, parks, sanitation, education,  
22 public safety, CBOs like ACE and CEO, because of the  
23 draconian cuts to litter basket and lot cleaning by  
24 the Mayor's Office, I really appreciate that.

2 I also agree with immigration services like  
3 CUNY Citizenship Now, which operates out of my office  
4 every Monday and does a great job helping people  
5 become citizens.

6 Congratulations, Frank, on your first budget.

7 I would not be able to do this without my  
8 dream team of Peter Spencer and Phyllis Inzerillo.  
9 People just shake when they see them coming, as well  
10 as my Budget Director, Ciara Grace Donley.

11 Majority Leader, I want to thank you for your  
12 leadership, as well as the Majority Whip. I know  
13 she's not here, but we work very well together.

14 On that note, I look forward to talking to the  
15 people who will be leaving us. Whether we agreed or  
16 not, we learned from each other along the way, and  
17 that's how I feel. And minds were changed along the  
18 way, and I think that's great.

19 And I can speak for my delegation, and I think  
20 for most of the new people coming in, and those who  
21 are remaining, we are going to take that, pay-it-  
22 forward way, and just pay that forward to the new  
23 people coming. So I look forward to that.

24 I will now vote. I am an aye on all, with the  
25 exception of Intro 47-B, Resolutions 961, 962, 978



2 with accompanying Resolution 154. I am eye on all the  
3 rest. Thank you.

4 CLERK: Thank you.

5 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: No, wait...

6 CLERK: Oh...

7 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I have a few seconds  
8 left? I want to thank my Minority Whip, Vickie  
9 Paladino, Kristy Marmorato, and Frank for sticking it  
10 out with me. But, my Minority Whip, we're side by  
11 side, we fight together, we fight for what's right  
12 for our delegation, and thank you for always hearing  
13 us. I appreciate it.

14 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS Thank you. I'd like to  
16 just give a quick and huge thank you to Richard,  
17 Tanisha, Chima, Florentine, and all of the Finance  
18 Division for their hard work. Speaker Adams,  
19 obviously, for your leadership, and the Speaker's  
20 team, our Budget Negotiation Team, our Finance Chair,  
21 Justin Brannan, and all of my colleagues in the  
22 Progressive Caucus.

23 Additionally, thank you to OGC, Public  
24 Integrity Unit, led by Fran Dellavecchia, Alycia  
25 Vassell, and the rest of the PIU team for their hard

2 work in vetting the countless nonprofits included in  
3 this budget, and lastly, my Chief of Staff, Rebecca  
4 Nieves, for holding it down this budget cycle.

5 And with that, I vote aye on all.

6 CLERK: Thank you.

7 Speaker Adams?

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: I am disclosing on the record of  
9 the Council proceedings that the Pearls & Ivy  
10 Foundation of Queens is funded in the budget we are  
11 adopting, and I am associated with that entity, and  
12 that that the Fire Department of the city of New York  
13 is funded in the budget we are adopting, and my dear  
14 daughter is associated with that entity.

15 This is budget number eight, and I sincerely  
16 thank my colleagues for their hard work. And Council  
17 Member Powers was absolutely right, we have not  
18 thanked my general, Justin Brannan, nearly enough  
19 today as we should for all of his marathon work, and  
20 all of the hearings. Justin, I've watched you ascend  
21 into an amazing Financial Chief over the years.

22 ALL: (APPLAUSE)

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: (CLAPPING), and you still got  
24 change. That went over some people's heads, but  
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2 anyway—mad respect for you and the work that we have  
3 done together.

4 For my colleagues who will be on their eighth  
5 budget, this is for us, for we started this journey  
6 together in 2017. What an amazing journey we have  
7 been on. It has been my honor to serve with all of  
8 you. Althea called us OGs as well, okay. (LAUGHS)  
9 I'll take it, I'll take it. It has been marvelous  
10 serving with all of you, seeing all of the things  
11 that we have seen through this Council. I say hooray  
12 and congratulations to us on passing a phenomenal  
13 budget for the city of New York. I believe that we  
14 have unanimously passed this budget today.

15 ALL: (LONG APPLAUSE)

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: I applaud all of you colleagues.  
17 And I do indeed vote aye.

18 (PAUSE)

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All items on today's  
20 General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 51 in  
21 the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0  
22 abstentions, with the exception of:

23 LU 297 and Resolution 981, which was adopted by  
24 a vote of 36 in the affirmative, 11 in the negative,  
25 and 4 abstentions.

2 Introduction 47-B, which was adopted by a vote  
3 of 40 in the affirmative, 8 in the negative, and 3  
4 abstentions.

5 Resolutions 961 and 962, which were adopted by  
6 a vote of 41 in the affirmative, 10 in the negative,  
7 and 0 abstentions.

8 M 154 and Resolution 978, which was adopted by  
9 a vote of 41 in the affirmative, 10 in the negative,  
10 and 0 abstentions.

11 We will now move into Introduction & Reading of  
12 Bills.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: (NO RESPONSE)

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Madam Speaker, we are  
15 moving into the Introduction & Reading of Bills.

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: I got so excited, oh, my gosh,  
17 okay.

18 All bills have been referred to committees as  
19 indicated on today's Agenda.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. We will now  
21 move into the Discussion of Resolutions, and I would  
22 like to recognize Council Member Nurse.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you, Majority  
24 Leader, (BACKGROUND NOISE) I know we have one more  
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2 thing to do, we are almost done. It's a serious one,  
3 though.

4 Resolution 931 is a moral statement that  
5 condemns the Trump administration's white nationalist  
6 agenda to kidnap and disappear immigrants from our  
7 city and send them to foreign prisons, some of which  
8 they may never come out of. People are being ripped  
9 from their homes, they're being deported without any  
10 preceding and sent to places that they have no  
11 relationship with. I am just really grateful that we  
12 are able to advance this at the last minute. It is  
13 just really alarming to think about this pig in the  
14 city that somehow gets to stay with a family, while  
15 young people, pregnant women, mothers, and high  
16 schoolers are being ripped from their families  
17 without the same level of support. So, I urge an  
18 affirmative vote on Resolution 931. (TIMER) Thank  
19 you, Majority Leader.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Seeing no one else  
21 signed up to speak, we will now have a voice vote on  
22 today's Resolutions.

23 If you wish to vote against or abstain from any  
24 of today's Resolutions, please notify the Legislative  
25 Documents Unit by email or by approaching the dais.

2 I will now read today's Resolutions into the  
3 record:

4 Resolution 817 calls upon the New York State  
5 Legislature to provide the necessary funds to ensure  
6 hospital and healthcare provider services for gender-  
7 affirming care remain accessible for all people in  
8 New York City.

9 Will all those in favor say aye?

10 ALL: Aye

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

12 ALL: (SILENT)

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

14 ALL: (SILENT)

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

16 Resolution 931 condemns the Trump  
17 Administration for disappearing immigrants to prisons  
18 in other countries.

19 Will all those in favor say aye?

20 ALL: Aye

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

22 ALL: (SILENT)

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

24 ALL: (SILENT)

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

2 We will now move into General Discussion, and I  
3 would like to recognize Council Member Riley,  
4 followed by Council Member Brewer, Council Member  
5 Sanchez, and then Council Member Narcisse.

6 (BACKGROUND NOISE)

7 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Folks, we are not done yet.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Hey...

9 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet on the floor...

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Council Members...

11 SERGEANT AT ARMS: We're not done yet.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Please, quiet in the  
13 Chambers.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you. I will be  
15 really quick. Thank you, Majority Leader.

16 Today, I'm proud to introduce 2 Resolutions  
17 that celebrate and support Black men and Black boys  
18 in our city.

19 First, I'm partnering with Council Member Chris  
20 Banks to introduce Resolution 969, which will make  
21 October Black Boy Joy Month in New York City. Too  
22 often, Black boys are seen only through struggle, but  
23 they are leaders, creators, and joyful. I know, as I  
24 was once a boy a very long time ago. This resolution  
25 is about showing them that this city sees their

2 strength and believes in their future. It was  
3 inspired by the young men of One Strong Brotherhood  
4 who are here today: Khadim, Osman, Musa, Solomon,  
5 James, Shamar, Kingsford, Isaiah, Ishmael, and Abukar  
6 (\*Names spelled phonetically), who created a platform  
7 where Black boys can be curious, expressive, and  
8 proud. From Pilates to voting, they've redefined the  
9 narrative and really are inspiring change.

10 The second resolution I'm introducing is 968,  
11 which supports the Center for Fatherhood legislation  
12 from S.5528/A.9811 by Senator Jamal T. Bailey and  
13 Assemblyman Landon Dais.

14 I urge my colleagues to support these bills to  
15 uplift boys and fathers of color to strengthen our  
16 families and communities. Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council  
18 Member Brewer.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much.

20 Two things: Reso 963 talks about the issue of  
21 Penny the Chihuahua and the individual dogs that have  
22 bitten the Chihuahua. This has created a lot of  
23 havoc. I had no idea that biting one dog and another  
24 is not legal. So, it is mostly focused on Albany, but

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2 I wanted to say that we have to do something about  
3 it.

4 Number two, great interns, Diago Figueroa from  
5 City College, from the Colin Powell School; Ignacio  
6 Hale Brown from Columbia University; Eliza Mack  
7 (phonetic) from The Brearley School; and Lindsay  
8 (phonetic) Jones from Richmond Hill High School,  
9 Amelia Cervantes from Packer Collegiate Institute,  
10 Miller Schulman, who is a wonderful Van Fellow, from  
11 Seton Hall; and Ahmed who is a Harvard University  
12 Student; Alex Hayes, Middlebury; Nicola Jerika  
13 (phonetic) City College, Eric Allah (phonetic)  
14 Middlebury; and Olivia Sohn from Washington  
15 University. Thank you, interns, for all of your  
16 support. Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing...

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: They are all here today,  
19 thank you.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council  
21 Member Sanchez.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I just want to thank  
23 District 14 for your support last Tuesday. I love  
24 you, community.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council  
3 Member Narcisse.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you, Madam  
5 Chair.

6 The bill I have in front of me is 1331, which  
7 pertains to the jail population. So, please read up  
8 on it. We need to know statistics and what is going  
9 on in our jails in New York City.

10 What I have learned today in this Chamber is  
11 that things can be difficult, people can be  
12 difficult, but life is a full circle. We could not be  
13 on the same page for many things, but today is a  
14 beautiful day for New York City. We got on the same  
15 page for the New York City budget. It's not perfect,  
16 but it's a beautiful budget for the beautiful people  
17 of New York City.

18 Life is a journey. If you are from New York  
19 City, it's like a train: people come and go. It's  
20 also like a book — you turn many pages, learn, and  
21 keep turning the pages. Sometimes, you need to get a  
22 new book.

23 But today I want to say thank you to my Chief  
24 of Staff, who is leaving our office. I love her; she  
25 has been amazing. She is smart, strong, and, how can

2 I say it? She embodies all the beautiful things—  
3 she's a hardworking human being. I am forced to say  
4 goodbye, but I know she is going to do amazing things  
5 wherever she goes. So, I want to say, Saye Joseph,  
6 thank you for your leadership, and thank you for  
7 being the person you are. Congratulations. Whatever  
8 you do in life, you are going to be amazing. Thank  
9 you.

10 ALL: (APPLAUSE)

11 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I say congratulations,  
12 because people make (INAUDIBLE) in life. And it can  
13 be beautiful no matter what happens. So, I appreciate  
14 you, and thank you all for the budget. I love you,  
15 Madam Speaker, thank you!

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Okay, seeing no one  
17 else signed up to speak, I now formally declare that  
18 the Executive Expense Revenue Contract Budget, the  
19 Executive Capital Budget, and the Community  
20 Development Program for Fiscal Year 2026 have been  
21 hereby adopted as modified, in accordance with the  
22 Charter of the city of New York, as of 5:59 p.m. on  
23 this 30th day of June, 2025.

24 I will now call on Speaker Adrienne Adams to  
25 close today's Stated Meeting.

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SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Madam Majority Leader, for all of your wonderful guidance and leadership.

The Stated Meeting of June 30, 2025, is hereby adjourned.

**(\*TRANSCRIBER NOTE)**

**Vote Revision:**

Preconsidered Resolution 961: 41 affirmative, 9 negative, 1 abstention

Preconsidered Resolution 962: 41 affirmative, 9 negative, 1 abstention

M 154 & Preconsidered Resolution 978: 41 affirmative, 9 negative, 1 abstention

LU 297 & Resolution 981: 36 affirmative, 10 negative, 1 abstention

C E R T I F I C A T E

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



Date August 5, 2025