

CITY COUNCIL  
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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March 13, 2019  
Start: 1:55 p.m.  
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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: LAURIE COMBO  
Acting President Pro Tempore

COREY D. JOHNSON  
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne E. Adams  
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Antonio Reynoso  
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Deborah L. Rose  
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Rafael Salamanca, Jr.  
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Paul A. Vallone  
James G. Van Bramer  
Jumaane D. Williams  
Kalman Yeger

## A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

INVOCATION - Reverend Dr. Cheryl Anthony  
of Judah International Christian Center,  
Inc. located at 141 Rogers Avenue,  
Brooklyn, New York, 11216

2 [sound check] [pause]

3 [background comments/pause]

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: We're going to start.

5 Okay. [shushing for quiet]

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet in the Rotunda.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: We're going to start.

8 If the Council Members want to come up, we are very,  
9 very, very excited, very excited. No, no stand right  
10 up here Margaret. We're very excited that the New  
11 York City Council today is honoring an amazing public  
12 servant who has served our city [cheers/applause] for  
13 a long, long, long time. We are proud to honor NYPD  
14 Assistant Chief Juanita Holmes [cheers/applause]  
15 Commanding Officer of the Patrol Borough in Queens  
16 North for her outstanding service to our city for the  
17 past 32 years [background comments] serving the city  
18 of New York. She began her career with the NYPD in  
19 1987 where she patrolled the streets covering the  
20 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Precincts. My district has total  
21 (sic) of 13. So, thank you, and over the course of  
22 her incredibly distinguished career, Commanding  
23 Officer Holmes, Assistant Chief Holmes worked her way  
24 up the ranks to become Assistant Chief, Commanding  
25 Officer of the Patrol Borough of Queens North, and in

2 doing so, she was a trailblazer. She broke a glass  
3 ceiling. She was the first African-American woman to  
4 ever command a patrol borough in all of New York  
5 City, which is amazing [cheers/applause] and  
6 throughout her decades of service to our city, she  
7 demonstrated amazing leadership skills and worked  
8 tirelessly to strengthen police and community  
9 relations. So I want to ask my good friend and the  
10 Chair of our Public Safety Committee Council Member  
11 Donovan Richards to say a few words, and then we're  
12 going to have the clerk read the proc. So, Council  
13 Member Richards.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Thank you, Mr.  
15 Speake, and I think if we had one word to describe  
16 Chief Holmes, it would be fabulous, right. It is  
17 only fitting that we honor you and as we start  
18 Woman's History Month. Well, actually, what day are  
19 we in? Oh, we're midway through already. Geeze, the  
20 days are going fast, but what a trailblazer. Chief  
21 Holmes was not only a commanding officer, a Chief,  
22 she also ran the Domestic Violence Unit, something a  
23 lot of individuals don't realize. In 2016, as the  
24 Speaker said, she became the department's first Black  
25 female borough commander when she took over Patrol

2 Borough of Queens North. Queens in the house?

3 [cheers/applause] And she was someone that could  
4 bring everyone together. If that is—if there's no  
5 clearer sign, look at how many people came up today  
6 from proclamations from Queens from all over Queens.

7 She was the second black woman to be promoted to the  
8 rank of Assistant Chief, and she also served the  
9 people of New York City for more than three decades.

10 Although she only looks 25, and she had assignments  
11 not only in Manhattan, but in Queens, she served in  
12 the 111<sup>th</sup> and 113<sup>th</sup> and in Queens that's in Brooklyn  
13 the 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct, [applause] which is Rob Cornegy.

14 So, we just wanted to pay homage to you during  
15 Woman's History Month, and as we look at diversifying  
16 the ranks of the NYPD, may we not stop where she—  
17 where she left. She's doing very good for herself  
18 now. [laughter] I wish I was there, Councilman,  
19 but—but on another note, you know, we need to  
20 continue to push to make sure we amplify the voices  
21 of women especially within the Police Department, and  
22 I—it's an honor to be here to honor you for the work  
23 that you've done and the way you've served our city  
24 with dignity, with CPR and we're so appreciative of

2 you, and today is a small token of our appreciation.  
3 Thank you. [cheers/applause]

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you. So, we're  
5 going to ask the City-the City Clerk to please read  
6 the Proclamation honoring Juanita Holmes.

7 CLERK: Council, city of New York  
8 Proclamation. The New York City Council is proud to  
9 honor NYPD Assistant Chief Juanita Holmes the  
10 Commanding Officer of Patrol Borough Queens North  
11 upon her retirement in recognition of her  
12 trailblazing achievements, and her stellar service to  
13 the city of New York and to the community at large;  
14 and

15 Whereas, every hour of every day the men  
16 and women of the NYPD work together to enforce our  
17 city's laws, keep our neighborhoods safe and protect  
18 8.6 million New Yorkers. Whether safeguarding  
19 property or the public the public, they commit  
20 themselves to their daily duties, which often  
21 necessitate extraordinary risks that few others can  
22 fully comprehend. Assistant Chief Holmes has  
23 distinguished herself as one of New York's Finest for  
24 the last 32 years; and

2           Whereas, appointed to the NYPD in July  
3 1987, Officer Holmes began her career on patrol  
4 covering the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Precincts in Manhattan.  
5 In December 1995, she was promoted to the rank of  
6 sergeant and assigned to the 100—the 113<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
7 in Queens. In 1998, she was assigned to patrol  
8 Borough of Bronx's Investigation Unit, and two years  
9 later began working in the 111<sup>th</sup> Precinct; and

10           Whereas, over the decade she honed her  
11 expertise in a variety of assignments while moving  
12 steadily up the ranks from Lieutenant to Capitan. In  
13 June 2008, she became the Commanding Officer of  
14 Police Service Area No. 2 in Brooklyn giving her the  
15 opportunity to demonstrate her leadership skills  
16 while continuing to strengthen the relation ships  
17 between the police and the communities. In 2009, she  
18 was promoted to Deputy Inspector, and the following  
19 year assigned as the new Commanding Officer of  
20 Brooklyn's 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct. Within two years she was  
21 promoted to Inspector; and

22           Whereas, Inspector Holmes excelled in her  
23 efforts to improve community relations and reduce  
24 crime within the 81<sup>st</sup> Precinct. In recognition of her  
25 success she was designated the Executive Officer of



2 the Training Bureau where she oversaw numerous  
3 training units within the department. During this  
4 assignment she was promoted to Deputy Chief and  
5 designated the Commanding Officer of the Chief of the  
6 NYPD's Domestic Violence Unit where she used her  
7 expertise to oversee and combat domestic violence  
8 crimes throughout the five boroughs; and

9           Whereas, in September 2016, she was  
10 promoted her current rant of Assistant Chief and  
11 began serving as the Commanding Officer of the Patrol  
12 Borough Queens North making New York City history by  
13 becoming the first African-American woman to ever  
14 command a patrol borough. Upon her retirement she  
15 can be proud knowing that her incredible dedication  
16 and career will continue to inspire others in the  
17 year ahead.

18           Now, therefore, be it known that the New  
19 York City Council gratefully honors NYPD Assistant  
20 Chief Juanita Holmes for her outstanding service to  
21 the city of New York and to the community at large,  
22 and we wish her continued success in all of our  
23 future endeavors. Corey Johnson, Speaker for the  
24 Entire Council; Donovan Richards, Chair, Committee on  
25 Public Safety, Council Member 31<sup>st</sup> District, Queens;

2 I. Daneek Miller, Co-Chair Black, Latino and Asian  
3 Caucus; Ydanis Rodriguez, Co-Chair Black, Latino and  
4 Asian Caucus; Vanessa L. Gibson, Council Member 16<sup>th</sup>  
5 District, the Bronx; Jimmy Van Bramer, Council  
6 Member, 26<sup>th</sup> District, Queens; and Karen Koslowitz,  
7 Council Member 29<sup>th</sup> District, Queens. [pause]

8 JUANITA HOLMES: I get to say—I get to  
9 say a couple words.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Yeah, it's on.

11 JUANITA HOLMES: It's on. Okay. So, I  
12 want to say than you first of all to our Speaker and  
13 to Council Members, and thank you so much for  
14 honoring me here and everyone else that—that's here.  
15 I—I can't say enough about how much I've worked with  
16 a lot of you personally, and also just here sometimes  
17 testifying as a result of so many things, [laughs]  
18 but I want to say thank you. Thank you for all your  
19 support. You always continue to support the Police  
20 Department and--hi, how are you? And—and I'm  
21 [laughter] and I just want to say thank you on the  
22 behalf to the Police Department and the men and women  
23 I know as well as the committee of New York City all  
24 that you do, and your hard work doesn't go unnoticed,  
25 and these are some of the hardest working people I've

2 ever seen [laughs] and it's—it's really appreciated,  
3 but this moment here it says a lot, and maybe I'll  
4 come back as Police Commissioner one day. Let's see.  
5 [cheers/applause] Let's see, right, if I do it.  
6 Yes, and I—and I—and I have—

7 MALE SPEAKER: We want the Mayor too.

8 JUANITA HOLMES: Yes, and I have to  
9 thank my family because they're always coming out and  
10 supporting and friends as well, and a lot of them are  
11 members of NYPD. [cheers/applause] So, thank you so  
12 much. I really appreciate it. Thank you.

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Police Commissioner  
14 Holmes has a good ring to it. [laughter] So, whoever  
15 is running for Mayor should think about that.  
16 [laughter] Congratulations. Let's get a picture.  
17 [pause]

18 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Come to order, please.  
19 [background comments/pause] Okay. At this time, can  
20 we please clear the floor the Chambers, please. Can  
21 we please clear the floor of the Chambers, please.  
22 Thank you. [background comments/pause]

23 SPEAKER JOHNSON: You look good up there.  
24 [laughter/applause/pause]

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen,  
3 can I have your attention, please. All quiet on the  
4 floor please. All quiet on the floor. At this time  
5 please place all electronic devices, all electronic  
6 devices to vibrate. Will all non-Council employees,  
7 non-Council employees please leave the main floor of  
8 the Chambers. There is additional seating upstairs  
9 in the balcony. Thank you. Mr. Public Advocate.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: The Public Advocate  
11 Elect.

12 ACTING PRES PRO TEM WILLIAMS: Thank you.  
13 [laughter]

14 CLERK: [gavel] Would everyone please  
15 rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. [Pledge of  
16 Allegiance] [pause]

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: Roll  
18 call.

19 CLERK: Adams.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

21 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel. Ayala, Barron.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

23 CLERK: Borelli.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Here

25 CLERK: Brannan.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

3 CLERK: Cabrera.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

5 CLERK: Chin.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

7 CLERK: Cohen.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

9 CLERK: Constantinides, Cornegy.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aqui.

11 CLERK: Deutsch.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aqui.

13 CLERK: Diaz.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Aqui.

15 CLERK: Dromm.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

17 CLERK: Espinal. Eugene.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.

19 CLERK: Gibson.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Here.

21 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

23 CLERK: Thank you. Gjonaj.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.

25 CLERK: Grodenchik.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: I'm here.

3 CLERK: Holden.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

5 CLERK: Kallos. King.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.

7 CLERK: Koo.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

9 CLERK: Koslowitz.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

11 CLERK: Lancman. Lander.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

13 CLERK: Levine.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

15 CLERK: Maisel.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

17 CLERK: Menchaca.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

19 CLERK: Miller.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Here.

21 CLERK: Moya.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here.

23 CLERK: Eugene.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.

25 CLERK: Perkins.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Presente.

3 CLERK: Powers.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

5 CLERK: Reynoso. Gibson.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Here.

7 CLERK: Kallos.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

9 CLERK: Richards.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

11 CLERK: Rivera.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

13 CLERK: Constantinides.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Here.

15 CLERK: Rodriguez. Ayala.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

17 CLERK: Rose.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

19 CLERK: Rosenthal.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

21 CLERK: Salamanca.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

23 CLERK: Torres. Treyger.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

25 CLERK: Ulrich. Vallone.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

3 CLERK: Van Bramer.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

5 CLERK: Williams.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

7 CLERK: Yeger.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

9 CLERK: Matteo.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

11 CLERK: Cumbo, Speaker Johnson.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Here.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: Thank you  
14 and good afternoon everybody. Again, welcome to the  
15 Stated Meeting of March 13, 2019. [cheers/ applause]  
16 This is a bit of a different view. [laughter] So, we  
17 all are going to get through this together. I didn't  
18 bring my list of who supported me or not so I'm going  
19 to treat everybody equally [laughter] at least for  
20 today. And now we will have the invocation, which  
21 will be delivered by a pretty phenomenal Reverend in  
22 the Borough of Brooklyn who I know very well,  
23 Reverend Dr. Cheryl Anthony of Judah International  
24 Christian Center, located at 141 Rogers Avenue in  
25 Brooklyn



2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise. [pause]

3 REVEREND ANTHONY: Well, first let me say  
4 that it is an honor and a privilege to have been  
5 asked to deliver the invocation on this afternoon.  
6 Let us pray. Eternal God our father, the father,  
7 the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of  
8 Pharaoh, Rebecca and Leah, the God of Rehab, Ruth,  
9 Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, Golda Meir, Sonya  
10 Sotomayer, Ruth Ginsburg, Carline Rivera, Vanessa  
11 Gibson, Alicka Ampry-Samuel, Karen Koslowtiz, Inez  
12 Barron and Laurie Cumbo. We acknowledge the  
13 greatness in these women and those little girls yet  
14 unborn. We pause, pray and invoke the presence and  
15 power as the City Council gathers to conduct the  
16 business of your children. We thank you for our  
17 grace and mercy that you have extended to us today.  
18 Your word says that this is the day you have made.  
19 We shall rejoice and be glad in it. Yes, there are  
20 many issues in our city that need attention and care.  
21 Thank you for blessing us with these men and women  
22 that have been placed in office to do our bidding.  
23 Oh, Lord, give them the wisdom, knowledge and  
24 understanding needed to bring healing to our city and  
25 wholeness to the broken. Let-let them ever be

2 mindful that they represent various communities:  
3 Staten Island, the Bronx, Manhattan, Queens and yes  
4 even Brooklyn, but ultimately it is not the voters  
5 that have put them in office, but they have answered  
6 your call. Let them not be weary in their well doing  
7 for they will reap a harvest if they faint not.  
8 Teach them to trust in you with all their heart and  
9 lean not to their own understanding. If in all their  
10 ways they acknowledge you, you promised to direct  
11 their path. As we gather to address the business of  
12 the city, you handle their business, their families,  
13 their finances, their future. Bless their families,  
14 keep them day-by-day. We lift up our city, New York  
15 City up to you. Make us a city that cares for its  
16 people, the seniors sharing diabetic needles because  
17 they must choose between food and medication, the  
18 homeless, the working family that lost their home and  
19 now live in the shelter. The young man who can't  
20 find employment and thinks nobody cares, and  
21 contemplates homicide and suicide, for the teenager  
22 who is still struggling to find his place in the  
23 world. Meet every need according to your riches in  
24 glory and we will continue to honor and reverence  
25 you. We pray this prayer in the name of the teacher,

2 the rabbi, the prophet, the Messiah and the King. God  
3 bless this City Council, God bless New York City, and  
4 God bless America, God bless you.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: Thank  
6 you, Reverend Anthony, and for the prayer and for all  
7 the work that you do throughout the city. I'd like  
8 to call on Council Member Cornegy to spread the  
9 invocation on the record.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Good afternoon.  
11 Before I read my prepared remarks, I want to say  
12 thank you Dr. Anthony for providing me and so many  
13 like me with comfort and support from phone calls  
14 and attending your church services, but I just want  
15 to make sure that I did not mistakenly hear you pray  
16 only for women. [background comments]

17 REVEREND ANTHONY: [off mic] Absolutely.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: I believe  
19 that is correct. Alright. Thank you. Than you.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Alright, thank  
21 you, thank you. The Reverend Dr. Cheryl Gwen Anthony  
22 is anointed woman of God who has been called into the  
23 kingdom to serve her generation through the power of  
24 God. She possesses the unique ability of gracefully  
25 and skillfully mixing professional ethics, business

2 acumen, political and cultural activism in order to  
3 proclaim a living gospel. As an artisan and  
4 visionary, Dr. Anthony is the founder and CEO and  
5 Pastor of the renown and awarded Judah International  
6 Christian Center in Brooklyn, New York. Established  
7 in 1996, Judah and Reverend Dr. Anthony are  
8 celebrating 20 years of victorious ministry, a 30-  
9 year veteran committed to human and community  
10 development, Dr. Anthony and Judah have been  
11 nationally recognized by former President Bill  
12 Clinton as well as President George Bush as the  
13 progressive and cutting edge leader of an outstanding  
14 organization in a faith-based community addressing  
15 holistic faith-based development and empowerment. An  
16 energetic leader of this diverse and multi-faceted  
17 urban community ministry, Dr. Anthony employs a  
18 holistic approach to serving people. This commitment  
19 for advancing people is need-in need as translated by  
20 her ongoing active service and membership on several  
21 wide ranging national and international boards. A  
22 visionary leader, Dr. Anthony is the creative force  
23 behind the holistic approach to Community Wellness  
24 Program, a nationally faith-based best practice  
25 model, which assists religious leaders, government

2 and representatives and community stakeholders  
3 grappling with social challenges. WACW has garnered  
4 national praise and recognition in both media and  
5 national forums including ABC's This Week with Sam  
6 Donaldson and George Stefanopolis. The New York  
7 Times Congressional quarterly the cover story you'll  
8 see in this magazine the White House Empowerment  
9 Conference and the New York State Governors Dr. King  
10 Interface Summit. Dr. Anthony has earned two masters  
11 degrees in theology and religious education as well  
12 as a doctoral degree in sacred theology. She is an  
13 alumnus of Harvard University Divinity School  
14 Leadership Institute and Cornell University. Family  
15 Development Train the Trainer, DCYD, Dr. Anthony is a  
16 much sought after preacher, keynote speaker,  
17 consultant and ecumenical liaison. She's a proud  
18 mother of two sons Keon Anthony and Kayan Zaia (sp?)  
19 and grandmother of five darling girls: Tiffany,  
20 Diamond, Alicia, Adia, and Camorra, and grandson Kian  
21 Anthony Shepherd, II. Thank you so much, Dr.  
22 Anthony. I'd to spread this invocation upon the  
23 record.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: Thank  
3 you. Now we have adoption of minutes by Council  
4 Member Dromm.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you. A  
6 motion to spread the minutes of the Stated Meeting of  
7 January 24, 2019 be adopted and printed.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: Messages  
9 and papers from the Mayor.

10 CLERK: None

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS:  
12 Communication from the City, County and Borough  
13 Offices.

14 CLERK: [coughs] Excuse me. M144 and  
15 M145 New York City Comptroller Reports.

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

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: Petitions  
19 and Communications.

20 CLERK: None.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: Land use  
22 Call-Ups.

23 CLERK: M 146.

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you, and at this  
25 time I'd ask for a roll call vote on all of today's

2 Land Use Call-Ups. We are just voting on Land Use  
3 Call-Ups

4 CLERK: Adams.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I vote aye.

6 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL I vote aye.

8 CLERK: Ayala.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

10 CLERK: Barron.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

12 CLERK: Borelli.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

14 CLERK: Brannan.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

16 CLERK: Cabrera.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

18 CLERK: Chin.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

20 CLERK: Cohen.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

22 CLERK: Constantinides,

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

24 CLERK: Cornegy.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

2 CLERK: Deutsch.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

4 CLERK: Diaz.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Aye.

6 CLERK: Dromm.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

8 CLERK: Espinal. Eugene.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

10 CLERK: Gibson.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye.

12 CLERK: Gjonaj.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye.

14 CLERK: Grodenchik.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

16 CLERK: Holden.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

18 CLERK: Kallos.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Permission to  
20 vote on all Land Use Call-Ups and General Orders?

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS:

22 Permission granted.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

24 CLERK: King.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Permission to vote  
3 on all Call-Ups and all items on the General Order  
4 Calendar today.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS:  
6 Permission granted.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: I vote aye.

8 CLERK: Koo.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

10 CLERK: Koslowitz.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWTIZ: Aye.

12 CLERK: Lancman.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

14 CLERK: Lander.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

16 CLERK: Levin.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

18 CLERK: Levine.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

20 CLERK: Maisel.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

22 CLERK: Menchaca.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye.

24 CLERK: Miller.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

2 CLERK: Moya.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye.

4 CLERK: Perkins.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye.

6 CLERK: Powers.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

8 CLERK: Reynoso. Richards.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

10 CLERK: Rivera.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

12 CLERK: Rodriguez.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

14 CLERK: Rose.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

16 CLERK: Rosenthal.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

18 CLERK: Salamanca.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye.

20 CLERK: Torres.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye.

22 CLERK: Treyger.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

24 CLERK: Ulrich. Vallone.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

2 CLERK: Van Bramer.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

4 CLERK: Yeger.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

6 CLERK: Matteo. Cumbo. Speaker Johnson.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye. [pause]

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: Today's  
9 Land Use Call-Ups are adopted by a vote of 43 in the  
10 affirmative and zero in the negative. Alright and  
11 we'll now have communications from the Speaker, but  
12 first I know there's been a lot of confusion. So, I  
13 just want to confirm that you are the Speaker of the  
14 City Council.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I am still the Speaker  
16 and the acting Public Acting Public Advocate. Thank  
17 you, Public Advocate Elect.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: No  
19 problem. Thank you.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thanks for being here.  
21 Good afternoon. Thank you all for being with us this  
22 Wednesday. We have a busy agenda ahead of us.  
23 Before we begin I'd like to remember some of those  
24 that we've lost in the last couple of weeks since our  
25 last Stated Meeting. 27-year-old Kanu Gandhinou was

2 taken from us earlier this month. Kanu was a for-hire  
3 vehicle driver, and he was out picking up a late fare  
4 in the Bronx when he was stabbed to death. This act  
5 of violence breaks my heart. I know it breaks the  
6 city's heart, and we are sending our love and support  
7 to his friends, and to his wife and his two-year-old  
8 son during this painful time. I also want to  
9 acknowledge the passing of Labor Leader Kevin Lynch.  
10 Kevin committed his life to the Labor Movement and  
11 fought tirelessly for working women and men in New  
12 York City. Kevin leaves behind his wife Queens  
13 Supreme Justice Bernice Siegel and his daughters  
14 Rebecca and Sarah Lynch. Since our last Stated  
15 Meeting [coughs] we have lost three more 9/11 first  
16 responders to illnesses they developed from serving  
17 down at the pile. We lost Paramedic Lasandro Rios  
18 who was NYU Downtown Hospital on 9/11. We lost  
19 Police Officer Kevin Birdy Joyce from the 52<sup>nd</sup>  
20 Precinct, and we lost East Hampton Marine Patrol  
21 Member Frank Kennedy. The entire city, myself  
22 included, will be forever grateful to these men for  
23 their bravery and service. It's important to  
24 remember them and the sacrifices they made, and that  
25 we keep their families and loved ones in our hearts.

2 I continue to urge Congress to take action to honor  
3 the heroes who served our city in the aftermath of  
4 9/11 by fully funding the 9/11 Victims Compensation  
5 Fund and I ask that we now take a moment of silence  
6 in honor of Kanu Ghandinau, Kevin Lynch, Losandro  
7 Rios, Officer Kevin Joyce and Frank Kennedy. [moment  
8 of silence] Thank you. Before we start on today's  
9 agenda, I want to make note that today is our first  
10 meeting in Women's History or we should say Herstory  
11 Month. The New York City Council is such a strong  
12 body because of the women who are on this Council to  
13 the impressive and inspiring members of the Women's  
14 Caucus and also the brilliant and hard-working women  
15 on all of our staffs. I would like to say thank you,  
16 and acknowledge the vital role that you all play here  
17 in this Council and throughout our-our city.

18 Recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of  
19 women is important, and for far too long this city  
20 has failed in doing so, and we are changing that at  
21 City Hall. We need more women in this body, but we  
22 are changing that on the walls of City Hall. To kick  
23 off Women's Herstory Month, we unveiled eight new  
24 portraits of history making women that now hang on  
25 the walls downstairs on the Council side of City

2 Hall. These trailblazing women Antonia Patolla,  
3 Dorothy Lee, Shirley Chisholm, Beverly Sills,  
4 Zuramiel (sp?) Herston, Frances Perkins, Alice Austin  
5 and Dorothy Day all hold their rightful place on all  
6 walls as part of our history. There is still so much  
7 of Women's Herstory Month. We have lots to  
8 celebrate, and I'm excited for the Council's  
9 celebration tomorrow evening, and I'm excited to see  
10 what the women of this body will continue to  
11 accomplish in the days, months and years to come. So,  
12 I want to thank you all, and I want to give a round  
13 of applause for the women who are on the Council and  
14 the women who work here at the City Council for  
15 Women's History Month. [applause] It was said  
16 earlier, but it's important to say again I have one  
17 last shout-out before we start today's Stated  
18 Meeting. As everyone can see, our colleague and  
19 Public Advocate Elect Jumaane Williams is in the big  
20 chair today. Jumaane has said it at the last Sated  
21 Meeting, and I'll say it again. You're going to be a  
22 powerful voice [coughs] for New Yorkers as Public  
23 Advocate, and I can't wait to continue to work with  
24 you, and look at you up there Jumaane. You look good  
25 up there on that deas, the Captain America Chair

2 really suits you as Public Advocate Elect.

3 [applause] So, Congratulations. Now, let's dive into

4 today's agenda. The Council will vote on the

5 following Land Use Items: Douglaston Parkway

6 Rezoning will facilitate two developments resulting

7 in affordable housing units in Council Member

8 Vallone's district. We'll vote to approve 570 Fulton

9 Street in Majority Leader Cumbo's district. The

10 Council will vote on Williamsbridge rezoning in

11 Council Member Mark Gjonaj's district, and we'll vote

12 on the Botansas V-1 a NYCHA application in Council

13 Member Diana Ayala's district for a 15-story mixed-

14 use building and 100 affordable housing units. The

15 Council will vote on the following property tax

16 exemptions: 6769 Saint Nicholas Avenue in Council

17 Member Perkins' district; 3234 Putnam Cluster in

18 Majority Leader Cumbo and Council Member Cornegy's

19 districts and East Village Homes in Council Member

20 Carlina Rivera's district. The Council will vote on

21 a home rule message sponsored by Council Member and

22 Chair of our State and Federal Relations Committee

23 Council Member Andy Cohen, which will authorize the

24 State Legislature to pass a bill that will allow the

25 city to deploy up to 750 speed limit enforcement

2 cameras in school safety zones across the city.

3 Speed cameras have been shown to significantly slow

4 vehicular speeds and save lives. The bill would

5 improve the city's ability to collect fines for speed

6 zone violations. You all know that last summer when

7 the State Legislature adjourned and did not act on

8 expanding the Speed Camera Program, the City Council

9 stepped in working with the de Blasio Administration

10 and Governor Cuomo to enact a bill that would ensure

11 that the speed cameras would be turned on before the

12 first day of school. I am proud the Council took

13 action that, and I want to thank, as I always do, and

14 pay tribute to the women and men of Families for Safe

15 Streets who are here today who have been the real

16 advocates pushing for this and fighting for this.

17 They're here with us today in the balcony today, some

18 of the leaders, and I want to thank them for their

19 presence as always. [applause] It's good to see you

20 all. Thank you for being here Amy and Mary Beth and

21 think you very much Joan, and thank you all, Debbie,

22 thank you all very much. Moving on the Council will

23 vote on the following legislation: [coughs]

24 Introduction 877 sponsored by Council Member Robert

25 Cornegy would require certain city agencies to



2 provide materials regarding lead hazards including  
3 information on how to obtain a blood lead screening  
4 to the parents or guardians of a child under seven  
5 years of age when such parents or guardians seek  
6 service from certain city agencies. This entire  
7 package of bills we're doing today is to strengthen  
8 our lead laws in New York City. Introduction 709  
9 sponsored by Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer will  
10 require the Department of Environmental Protection to  
11 provide an online interactive map with information  
12 regarding the know lead water service lines and make  
13 best efforts to identify all lead water service lines  
14 including privately owned service lines. It will  
15 also require the department to provide information to  
16 users about lead contamination prevention, lead water  
17 test kits and how to replace lead service lines. The  
18 department must replace any known lead water service  
19 line that's owned by the department no later than  
20 December 31, 2025. Introduction 1063 sponsored by  
21 Council Member Bob Holden will require notice be  
22 given to the Council Board or local Council Member  
23 within five business days of discovering or becoming  
24 aware of a hazardous level of lead in soil. There  
25 was an issue in Council Member Holden's district just

2 before he took officer after he had already elected,  
3 and I also want to say today is his first bill that  
4 he's passing as a Council Member, and I want to  
5 congratulate Council Member Holden on the passage of  
6 this bill today. [applause] Great job, Bob. [coughs]  
7 Next, we're looking at Introduction 1117 sponsored by  
8 Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo, which will require  
9 certain city agencies to provide materials describing  
10 among other things building owners' responsibilities  
11 under the city's Lead Laws. These agencies would  
12 also be required to inform parents or guardians when  
13 they seek services that they can obtain without cost  
14 or payment an inspection of their dwelling unit for  
15 peeling paint, a deteriorated subservice or an  
16 underlying defect by calling 311 and a lead testing  
17 kit for drinking water from the Department of  
18 Environmental Protection. We'll vote on the  
19 following two bills by Council Member Danny Dromm:  
20 Introduction 881 will require the Department of  
21 Health and Mental Hygiene to establish an education  
22 outreach program to increase awareness of childhood  
23 lead poisoning prevention and Introduction 464, which  
24 would require the Department of Health and Mental  
25 Hygiene investigate potential sources of elevated

2 blood lead levels in children including the  
3 inspection of any dwelling where a child with and  
4 elevated blood lead level spend more than 10 or more  
5 hours per week. This bill would also require  
6 building owners to investigate and remediate lead  
7 hazards when a child spends 10 or more hours per week  
8 in one of their units. Introduction 918 sponsored by  
9 Council Member Ritchie Torres would span reporting  
10 requirements under the city's existing lead laws for  
11 the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the  
12 Department of Housing, Preservation and Development.  
13 This legislation would also strengthen the city's  
14 auditing of landlords to ensure compliance with the  
15 requirements under the city's Lead Laws.

16 Introduction 871 sponsored by Council Member Joe  
17 Borelli would require that any testing of water for  
18 lead that is required by law include a first draw  
19 sample from the such source. Introduction 920  
20 sponsored by Council Member Mark Treyger would extend  
21 current requirements for daycares to test for lead  
22 paint annually to other facilities with children  
23 under the age of six including pre-schools, nursery  
24 schools, and where applicable elementary schools.

25 And Introduction 865, which I sponsored would reduce

2 the minimum lead threshold the city uses when testing  
3 for presence of lead contamination. This has to do  
4 with dust and paint. It puts us at the level that  
5 Federal Standards are asking for, and I want to thank  
6 the amazing staff. The staff worked really, really,  
7 really hard on these bills for almost two years. So,  
8 I want to thank Terzah Nasser, Megan Chin, Ze-Emanuel  
9 Hailu, Austin Branford, Samara Swanston, and Nadia  
10 Johnson [coughs] for their incredible work on this.  
11 I want to give a big round of applause for the staff  
12 for their great work. They're right in the back over  
13 there. [applause] Thank you all very, very much. We  
14 are so lucky to have such incredible staff here at  
15 the Council, and I want to say before turning it back  
16 over to the Public Advocate, folks should feel,  
17 Council Members should feel very, very proud of this  
18 package of bills we're voting on today. For far too  
19 long too many children in New York City have been  
20 poisoned by lead, and city agencies have not done the  
21 necessary enforcement based off of previous  
22 legislation that was passed under then Speaker  
23 Gifford Miller, Council Member Perkins was a key  
24 leader in passing that legislation when he was in the  
25 Council in his previous time here. Too many children

2 predominantly children of color, predominantly in  
3 low-income neighborhoods, predominantly in the South  
4 Bronx and Upper Manhattan and Central Brooklyn, and  
5 Southeast Queens, have been poisoned, poisoned  
6 affecting them for the rest of their lives,  
7 behavioral issues, developmental issues, unable to  
8 attain their dreams that they have had or their  
9 parents have had for them, and today the City Council  
10 this package of bill we're passing is the most  
11 expansive, wide ranging, far reaching lead  
12 legislation in the entire country, in the entire  
13 United States of America this package of bills that  
14 we are voting on today. I am sorry that it's taken  
15 so long for us to do this not in this Council but as  
16 a city because so many young people, so many children  
17 have suffered and people think this is just children  
18 in NYCHA when actually 80% of the children that have  
19 been poisoned are children that are in private  
20 residential buildings in New York City. And so,  
21 today we are passing laws to be a leader for the  
22 city, but to be a leader for the entire country to  
23 show what can be done, to show what's possible, to  
24 show and hopefully blaze a path for what other  
25 municipalities can do to protect children across our

2 country. But make no mistake, this package of bills  
3 while it is an important package, a great package, a  
4 ground breaking package, it is only as good as the  
5 enforcement that is done. And so, the Department of  
6 Buildings and the Department of Housing, Preservation  
7 and Development and the Department of Health and  
8 Mental Hygiene these agencies must step up now and  
9 must enforce these laws in a stringent and  
10 comprehensive way to protect children and their  
11 families across New York City. So, today is a great  
12 day for this body because of the work that all of us  
13 have done collectively on this, and today is a great  
14 day for the future of children in New York City. I  
15 am very proud of all of you that have worked so hard  
16 on all this, and I'm very proud of the staff who have  
17 worked hard on this and I ask all of us to  
18 enthusiastically support this package of bills. That  
19 concludes our agenda for today's Stated Meeting. I  
20 look forward to proceeding with today's votes. Thank  
21 you, Public Advocate Elect, Jumaane Williams.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: Please  
23 don't forget the elect until I say. (sic) Thank you  
24 Speaker and congratulations on this body for the  
25 package that's going to pass. When I was an early

2 organizer I believe it was called Local Law 1 and  
3 that was one of the first bills I learned about and  
4 really saw come to fruition from people organizing.  
5 So, I'm sorry as well it took this long, but I'm  
6 proud that this body is moving forward on this  
7 package of legislations. We will now move into  
8 discussion of General Orders. Seeing none, we'll  
9 call our special committees.

10 CLERK: None. Excuse me. None.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: Reports  
12 of standing committees.

13 CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
14 Environmental Protection, Intro 709-A and 1063-A lead  
15 water service lines and soil contamination.

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
17 General Orders.

18 CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
19 Health, Intros 865-A through Intro 1117-A on page 3,  
20 Lead re-excuse me-remediation.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
22 General Orders, and I was remiss, Mr. Clerk in not  
23 acknowledging during my prepared remarks that the  
24 Chair of our Health Committee worked very, very hard  
25 no this package of bills, and for a long time has

2 been a leader on this issue. His district is a  
3 district that has seen a disproportionate amount of  
4 lead paint poisoning amongst children. He did a  
5 fabulous job conducting the hearings and working with  
6 all of the colleagues and the staff here on the  
7 passage of today's bills. So, I want to thank the  
8 Chair of our Health Committee Mark Levine for his  
9 work on this, and this package under the Health  
10 Committee is amended and coupled on General Orders.

11 CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
12 Housing and Buildings, Intro 464, Lead-Based Paint  
13 Hazards.

14 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
15 General Orders.

16 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land  
17 Use, LU 330 and Reso 782 through LU 332 and Reso 784,  
18 Douglaston Parkway Rezoning and Saint Nicholas  
19 Avenue.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General  
21 Orders.

22 CLERK: LU 335 through LU 337, Fulton  
23 Street Rezoning.

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with  
25 modifications and referred to the City Planning



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2 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70-b of the Rules of  
3 the Council and Section 197-d of the New York City  
4 Charter.

5 CLERK: Excused me. LU 342 and Reso 785  
6 through LU 344 and Reso 787 Tax Exemption.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General  
8 Orders.

9 CLERK: LU 345 and Reso 788 through LU  
10 349 and Reso 790 Williamsbridge Road Rezoning in East  
11 Village Homes.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General  
13 Orders.

14 CLERK: LU 350 and 351 Botansas V-1.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with  
16 modifications, and referred to the City Planning  
17 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70 (b) of the Rules of  
18 the Council, and Section 197-d of the New York City  
19 Charter

20 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Stated  
21 and Federal Legislation Preconsidered SLR-1 Speed  
22 cameras.

23 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General  
24 Orders.

25

2 CLERK: On the General Order Calendar  
3 Intro 720 Site Safety Training.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Laid over.

5 CLERK: LU 335 and Reso 791 through LU  
6 351 and Reso 795 approved modifications.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General  
8 Orders.

9 CLERK: Resolution appointing various  
10 person s commissioners of deeds.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General  
12 Orders, and at this time I'd ask for a roll call vote  
13 on all of the items on today's General Order  
14 Calendar.

15 CLERK: Adams.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I vote aye on all.

17 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Ayala.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Barron.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Permission to  
23 explain my vote.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS:

25 Permission granted.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. I  
3 vote aye on all with the exception of [pause] 343 and  
4 344 and those are the Amendments for 570 Fulton  
5 Street and the accompanying resolutions 342, 344-342,  
6 343 and 344, and the accompanying resolutions. I  
7 think we've heard--heard recently that about 70%--my  
8 number might be a little high of the city lists at or  
9 below the median income, and until we can match the  
10 number of apartments that we are putting online and  
11 calling--calling affordable to the number that exists  
12 or somewhere close to that, we're not going to  
13 address the housing crisis that we are facing. Thank  
14 you.

15 CLERK: Borelli.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all  
17 except SLR-1.

18 CLERK: Brannan.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: [off mic] Aye.  
20 (sic)

21 CLERK: Cabrera.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

23 CLERK: Chin.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Permission to  
25 explain my vote.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS:

3 Permission granted.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I just wanted to  
5 take this opportunity to thank the Speaker and my  
6 colleagues for this strong package of leg-  
7 legislation. This is a major step in really working  
8 towards protecting our children. I know there are  
9 more lead bills to come But this is truly a strong  
10 leap, and I vote aye on all. Thank you.

11 CLERK: Cohen.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

13 CLERK: Constantinides,

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: With  
15 congratulations to the Speaker and to all my  
16 colleagues on the passage of the bills today, I vote  
17 aye on all.

18 CLERK: Cornegy. Deutsch.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye on all.

20 CLERK: Diaz.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Permission to  
22 explain my vote.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS:

24 Permission granted.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Thank you, Mr.  
3 Public Advocate Elect. Today I'm taking this  
4 opportunity to congratulate you on your election, and  
5 to let you—let you know that that I'm pretty sure you  
6 know that this Council and in the past eliminated a  
7 committee called For-Hire Vehicle Committee. I used  
8 to work fighting for the taxi industry. Maybe you as  
9 the Public Advocate could use your influence because  
10 Uber for many years was allowed to function as a  
11 black car even though it was a taxi company, the  
12 Yellow Taxi Industry was destroyed by a medallion  
13 that used to have a value of \$1,500--\$50--\$1.5  
14 million now just worth \$200,000. Nine taxi drivers  
15 have taken their lives because of the situation,  
16 which they were put through for and let—for many  
17 years. I hope that you use your new position to  
18 really advocate for the taxi industry, and use your  
19 influence to bring back that committee. That  
20 committee was a mistake to—to eliminate that  
21 committee. That committee was functioning, and I'm  
22 pretty sure that as the Public Advocate you could use  
23 your influence and your—your—to advocate for the taxi  
24 and bring that committee back. That committee was a  
25 good committee, and I think it was a mistake to

2 disbanded that committee. Thank you, Mr. and I vote  
3 yes.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: Thank  
5 you.

6 CLERK: Dromm.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

8 CLERK: Espinal. Eugene.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

10 CLERK: Gibson.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: With my warmest  
12 congratulations to all of our colleagues that led the  
13 way and the staff in creating this extremely  
14 comprehensive and important package related to lead-  
15 based paint certainly will have a profound impact on  
16 my district in the Bronx and protecting families and  
17 children. I'm so proud to support this measure, and  
18 certainly New York City being a lead in making sure  
19 that we continue to protect our families in the city,  
20 Congratulations to all of my colleagues and to Chair  
21 Levine. I vote aye on all. Thank you.

22 CLERK: Gjonaj.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: [off mic] I vote  
24 aye.

25 CLERK: Grodenchik.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: I just want  
3 to add my voice to that of my colleagues who've  
4 spoken already on the lead package. It is an outrage  
5 that we are still dealing with this matter at this  
6 date and time. I want to thank the Speaker, my  
7 colleagues who drew up this legislation, Chair  
8 Levine, and all of us today who are voting on this.  
9 The time is way past due, and I vote aye on all.  
10 Thank you.

11 CLERK: Barron.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Yes, I just want  
13 to make a correction. The numbers that I'm voting no  
14 on are Land Use 343, 344, 345 and Land Use 335, 336  
15 and 337. Thank you

16 CLERK: Holden.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Permission to  
18 explain my vote.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS:  
20 Permission granted.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Thank you. I  
22 want to thank the Speaker, Speaker Johnson, Council  
23 Member Constantinides and certainly Mark Levine for  
24 their leadership on this lead bill, the package, and  
25 all my colleagues in the City Council for their

2 support of the package. This is my first bill, as  
3 the Speaker said, and I want to thank my staff and  
4 Legislative Director especially Daniel Cazena, who  
5 led that, and Jeff Baker and the City Council staff  
6 including new daddy Jason Goldman. Alright, thank  
7 you very much. [pause]

8 CLERK: Koo.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Koslowitz.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

12 CLERK: Lancman.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

14 CLERK: Lander.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Request

16 permission to explain.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS:

18 Permission granted.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you, Public  
20 Advocate Elect. Very good to see you up there. This  
21 is really good a day to be in the Council for  
22 protecting the lives of kids, and expanding  
23 opportunity for the future of our city. So, I just  
24 want to give a props to the Speaker and Chair Levine  
25 and all the sponsors of the lead paint bills, and



2 also, of course, say—just express enormous gratitude  
3 to the Families for Safe Streets that are up in the  
4 balcony because quadrupling the number of speed  
5 cameras is one more way we are truly going to save  
6 the lives of children in the city, and it's because  
7 of people like you. I vote aye on all.

8 CLERK: Matteo.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: No on SLR-1, aye  
10 on the rest.

11 CLERK: Levin.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I want to  
13 congratulate all of the bills' sponsors, and I want  
14 to thank Families for Safe Streets for all of their  
15 tireless advocacy, and a special congratulations to  
16 Council Member Holden for his first bill, and with  
17 that, I vote aye on all.

18 CLERK: Levine.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: [coughs] Thank  
20 you, Mr. Public Advocate Elect. Permission to very  
21 briefly explain my vote.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: Very  
23 briefly, yes.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: [laughs] Okay, I  
25 promise. I'll follow your lead on that. I—

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: You're in  
3 trouble then, right.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: [laughs] We miss  
5 you here in the back row, by the way. I-I just want  
6 to compliment my colleagues who are passing bills in  
7 this sweeping package to protect children from lead  
8 poisoning. When we passed landmark legislation in  
9 2004, there was wording in the bill, which made a  
10 promise to the people of the city that we would  
11 eradicate this epidemic by the Year 2010, and here we  
12 are nine years later with an average of 4,000  
13 children a year diagnosed with lead poisoning. We  
14 have failed in that promise that we made, and I am  
15 glad we're taking a decisive step today towards  
16 righting that wrong with a sweeping package of bills,  
17 and I want to complement-complement my colleagues who  
18 have bills that came to the Health Committee  
19 including, of course, Speaker Johnson, Council Member  
20 Torres, Council Member Cornegy, Council Member Dromm,  
21 Council Member Cumbo, Council Member Borelli and  
22 Council Member Treyger, and I will be pleased to be  
23 voting aye on all. Thank you.

24 CLERK: Maisel.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: [off mic] I vote  
3 aye. (sic)

4 CLERK: Menchaca.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Miller.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I vote aye

8 CLERK: Moya.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Perkins.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Permission to  
12 explain my vote.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS:

14 Permission granted

15 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: I just want to  
16 briefly express my appreciation of this very  
17 comprehensive, aggressive long overdue approach to  
18 lead paint poisoning, and so, once again, I'm very  
19 happy to support this legislation and, therefor, vote  
20 aye on all.

21 CLERK: Powers.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all, and I  
23 want to congratulate my friend Council Member Holden  
24 on his first bill. I see he's wearing the New York  
25 colors today. So, congratulations to him. Thanks.

2 CLERK: Reynoso. Richards.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Permission to  
4 explain my vote.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS:  
6 Permission granted.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: So, I want to  
8 congratulate my colleagues on this package of bills,  
9 and certainly thank the Speaker for his leadership on  
10 this, and this is one of those days when—when you  
11 start to really understand how significant the work  
12 we do day in and day out is. It affects communities,  
13 and I was trying to not speak, but felt I had to  
14 speak because the damage that has been done to many  
15 black and brown, and we need to call it for what it  
16 is, black and brown children in this city who will  
17 never recover from lead hazards is significant.  
18 Also, the need for extensive services for many of  
19 these children who've been affected by lead as well  
20 is something that we have to continue to monitor and  
21 take serious. You know, when you talk about  
22 communities who seem to deal with every disparity  
23 that there is whether it's in the Criminal Justice  
24 System, whether it's a lack of access to healthy  
25 foods, but then to compound lead on top of that. You

2 look at their IEP numbers in a lot of our schools and  
3 how some of our communities have an overwhelming  
4 abundance of those IEPs that is all the culmination  
5 of the environment that seems to be sustained in  
6 communities of color. So, this—this is very  
7 emotional to see this happen with a 3-year-old  
8 because I—as a parent now I can understand the  
9 ramifications that many of these children will have  
10 on them for the rest of their lives. I'm grateful  
11 for this in passing this significant package of bills  
12 and to all colleagues who—who led on this, but, you  
13 know, God willing we won't have to be back here again  
14 today to ask for our quality of life back. [bell] As  
15 many other communities have. So, with that I vote  
16 aye. Thank you.

17 CLERK: Rivera.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

19 CLERK: Rodriguez.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

21 CLERK: Rose.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Mr. Public

23 Advocate, for all of the times that you asked to  
24 explain vote, I'm going to ask to explain my vote.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: I was  
3 usually pretty quiet if I remember to my  
4 recollection. Permission granted.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you. On  
6 behalf of all the youth in New York City I want to  
7 thank my colleagues for this very strong and  
8 comprehensive package of bills, and I do so with the  
9 hope that this will mitigate the scourge of lead  
10 poisoning and that we will no longer have to use  
11 resources from New York City to serve and to help  
12 young people that—that could have avoided this—this  
13 unfortunate health hazard. Thank you and I vote aye.

14 CLERK: Rosenthal.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: With  
16 congratulations to Council Member Holden in New York  
17 City blue and orange, I want to see if he stands up  
18 again, and aye on all.

19 CLERK: Salamanca.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Torres.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: Treyger.

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

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS:

3 Permission granted.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Thank you,  
5 Public Advocate Elect. Today, we're voting on my  
6 legislation Intro 920 that will extend current lead  
7 paint testing and remediation requirements for  
8 daycare facilities operating in structures erected  
9 before January 1, 1978 to other facilities serving  
10 children under six including pre-schools, nursery  
11 schools and schools when applicable. The most common  
12 cause of lead poisoning is exposure to lead paint.  
13 My legislation will take common sense regulations  
14 about testing and remediation for hazardous lead  
15 paint at daycare facilities and apply them to other  
16 facilities that serve all children under six  
17 including schools, preschools and nursery schools.  
18 This bill is a measure to help us meet our  
19 responsibility to protect the health of every child  
20 in our city. We have to make sure that our children  
21 are protected from unnecessary and avoidable harm to  
22 their health. I'm proud that this legislation is  
23 part of the Council's comprehensive approach towards  
24 fighting back against lead poisoning, and I thank the  
25 Speaker really for not just shepherding this through,

2 but pushing back against the pushback that we  
3 received over and over again. Speaker Johnson's  
4 leadership was unwavering, and I really do appreciate  
5 him and all the sponsors of all their bills, and I  
6 also—I give a shout-out and thanks to Jason Goldman,  
7 Jeff Baker, Laura Popa, Ze-Emanuel Hailu. I want to  
8 thank my staff Anna Scaife, Vanessa Ogle, and Eric  
9 Feinberg as well, and with that, I vote aye on all.

10 CLERK: Ulrich.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye.

12 CLERK: Vallone.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on all.

14 CLERK: Van Bramer.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Permission to  
16 briefly explain my vote?

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS:

18 Permission granted.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Than you very  
20 much. First of all, I just want to say thank you to  
21 Speaker Johnson for his amazing leadership on this  
22 lead package, but also on safe streets in his State  
23 of the City Address and with the Home Rule passing  
24 today, he is really leading the way, and making sure  
25 that our streets are safe for everyone, and I just



2 want to thank him for his courage in taking us in a  
3 very, very strong positions. With the lead package  
4 today, I'm proud to be a part of something that I  
5 know we all are proud of, something that's going to  
6 dramatically change lives for the better, and our  
7 piece of this package, Intro 709 is one that came  
8 tome from constituents who wondered if the water  
9 their children were drinking in schools and in parks  
10 were safe, and they helped to craft our particular  
11 piece of legislation, which is requiring and  
12 unprecedented death when transparency in reporting  
13 lead poisoning by creating an interactive map on the  
14 city's website to identify all know lead water  
15 service lines in New York City, one that's accessible  
16 and searchable and would publicly report the  
17 locations of all know lead water service lines.  
18 People can search based on their address, their zip  
19 code and other identifying notes. And the DEP is  
20 also going to be required to engage in outreach to  
21 educate the public on lead contamination prevention,  
22 lead water test kits and how to replace service  
23 lines. So, I'm proud of this package. I'm proud of  
24 our small piece of it, and I want to thank my staff  
25 Matt Wallace, and my Chief of staff who has worked on

2 this for quite some time Jack Bernaovitz (sp?) and  
3 all of those, and Bob Holden who has been a real fun  
4 colleague to serve with, and I-I really enjoy  
5 learning more about him all the time in hearings in  
6 the committees that we share. Congratulations,  
7 Council Member Holden, and I vote aye on all. I'm  
8 not sure I said that.

9 CLERK: Yeger.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Mr. President, may  
11 I be excused to explain my vote?

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: You said-  
13 you said I was the President.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Yes.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: [laughs]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: I'm very formal  
17 with the titles.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: I don't  
19 know about that, but the permission granted.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Is that a yes.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: Yes.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Alright, thank  
23 you, sir. It's good to see you up there, and I will  
24 miss you on the -on the border that we share, and my  
25 parents have to get a new Council Member now, but

2 you're looking good up there, and I'm very proud of  
3 you. Mr. President, I want to congratulate my  
4 colleagues, of course, Mr. Speaker and the chair of  
5 the committees Chairman Constantinides, the Committee  
6 I'm proud to serve, Chairs Levine, Cornegy and all  
7 the Council members who have brought forward these  
8 wise measures that will save lives, and it's not a  
9 hyperbole that we will change generations in the  
10 future by these res-by these measures that we're  
11 passing today, and I'm proud to cast my vote in favor  
12 of all of them. Aye on all with the exception of  
13 SLR-1. Thank you.

14 CLERK: Cumbo. [pause] Speaker Johnson.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: [pause]

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: With  
17 congratulations to everyone on the bill today. A  
18 special congrats to Council Member Holden for passing  
19 his first bill. All items on today's General Order  
20 Calendar are adopted by a vote of 47 in the  
21 affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions with  
22 the exception of LUs 343, 344, 345 with accompanying  
23 resos, which is adopted by a vote of 46 in the  
24 affirmative, 1 in the negative and 0 abstentions, and  
25 LUs 335, 336, 337, and accompanying resos, which is

2 adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 1 in the  
3 negative and 0 abstentions and SRL-1, which is  
4 adopted by a vote of 44 in the affirmative, 3 in the  
5 negative and 0 abstentions. The Revised Land Use  
6 Call-Ups votes are 47 in the affirmative and 0 in the  
7 negative. [pause] Introduction and Reading of the  
8 Bills.

9 SPEAKER JOHNSON: All bills have been  
10 referred to committees as indicated on the Agenda,  
11 and before I know, Mr. Public Advocate we get to  
12 general discussion, only one member has signed up for  
13 general discussion which great. [laughter]  
14 [applause] So, if no one else wants to sign up—no  
15 one else wants to sign up, we're going to—we're going  
16 hear from that one great member and then hopefully  
17 we'll be out of there. So, hopefully, no one else  
18 signs up. Thank you, Mr. Public Advocate.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: No  
20 questions, no questions. [background comments/pause]  
21 Alright, there are no resolutions to be voted on  
22 today. We will not move into General Discussion. We  
23 will begin and maybe end with Council Member Barron.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Bannon. How did  
25 we know?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER: It's part of the show.

3 [laughter]

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. This  
5 is Women's Herstory Month. I'm going to be very  
6 brief. I just have a list of famous black women that  
7 I would like to share with you and, of course, being  
8 a teacher I put it in alphabetical order now you'll  
9 notice some of the letters are the first name, others  
10 are the last name. Marian Anderson, Ella Baker,  
11 Shirley Chisholm, Ruby Dee, Myrlie Evers, Aretha  
12 Franklin, Nikki Giovanni, Fannie Lou Hamer, Ida B.  
13 Wells because I couldn't the I. Mae Jemision,  
14 Coretta Scott King, Audre Lorde, Winne Mandella,  
15 Queen Ann Nzinga, Michelle Obama, Rosa Parks, Queen  
16 Mother Moore, Della Reese, Harriet Tubman, Abuwaba  
17 Lele Lassia (sp?) who's a Nigerian writer, Lyanla  
18 Vanzant, Ida B. Wells, Betty X, of course, Malcolm  
19 X's wife because I couldn't get the X. Yolanda  
20 Adams, and Zora Neale Hurston. Thank you very much.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: Thank  
22 you, and [applause] Council Member Rivera.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Oh, hey,  
24 everyone. [laughter] I-I-

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: It's Women's history  
3 Month.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I want—I just  
5 want to take a moment. I just want to take a moment.  
6 That's for you all that was mean to me just now.  
7 That was—that was just being—So, no, I—I realize that  
8 what I should do is say, Permission to explain my  
9 vote, and then say everything I have to say in  
10 General Discussion then and then it's usually  
11 accepted. But sarcasm aside, I just want to tell  
12 everyone that today I was at two different housing  
13 rallies. One was for tenants who are first  
14 generation—they're immigrants, and there continues to  
15 be intimidated and harassed by their landlord, and  
16 the other one was along with my colleagues about  
17 enforcement for Stand—Stand for Tenant Safety, and I  
18 say all that because we're in a housing crisis and  
19 the last Stated I did not stand up for sake of time,  
20 and talk to—a little bit about the—the bills that  
21 Keith Powers and I introduced as a—as a package of  
22 legislation on broker's fees and on security  
23 deposits. So, I want to ask you all to seriously  
24 consider signing onto 1423, 1424, 1431, 32 and 33 and  
25 to please help us as we try to address the housing

2 crisis specifically as it comes to people in the  
3 rental market. Thank you very much. I appreciate  
4 your patience. Have a great weekend everyone.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECT WILLIAMS: That was  
6 worth it. That was worth it. I do want to say this  
7 is my-my first Stated. It's pretty cool up here.  
8 [laughter] To go from a-a knuckle-headed kid from  
9 Brooklyn to a pretty rambunctious Council Member, I'm  
10 excited to be in the Captain Marvel or Captain  
11 America Chair, and I'm just proud to have done it in  
12 a way that folks said I could not. So, I just thank  
13 you to my colleagues, tot the Speaker, to everyone in  
14 the city. It was for posterity, right before we  
15 close I would like to take a selfie. [laughter]  
16 [background comments/pause] You could do that, but  
17 all come here. Alright. We will now call on the  
18 Speaker to close today's meeting.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: The Stated Meeting of  
20 March 13, 2019 is thankfully hereby adjourned.

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



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