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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

OF THE

STATED MEETING

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Thursday, August 14, 2025

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Jumaane Williams, *Public Advocate*

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

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A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION - Delivered by:
Reverend Eric A Thomas, Pastor,
Siloam Presbyterian Church, located at 260
Jefferson Street (***Transcriber note: Avenue**),
Brooklyn, NY 11216

1 SERGEANT PAYTUVI: This is a microphone check
2 for the Stated Meeting—recorded on August 14, 2025,
3 located in the Chambers by Nazly Paytuvi.
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5 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and Gentlemen, Please
6 place all electronic devices, all electronic devices
7 to vibrate.

8 Madam Majority Leader?

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

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

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

11 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: (NO RESPONSE)

13 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

14 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: (NO RESPONSE)

15 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Here

17 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Here.

19 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: (NO RESPONSE)

21 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

23 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

24 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Present.

25 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present.

3 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO RESPONSE)

5 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

7 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté.

9 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Present.

11 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: (NO RESPONSE)

13 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (NO RESPONSE)

15 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: (NO RESPONSE)

17 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: (ABSENT)

19 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

20 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: (UN-MIC'D) Here.

21 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: (UN-MIC'D) Here.

23 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.

25 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present.

3 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

5 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: (NO RESPONSE)

7 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Here.

9 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.

11 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here.

13 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.

15 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present.

17 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: (ABSENT)

19 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (ABSENT)

21 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here.

23 CLERK: Council Member Morano?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Here!

25 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: (MEDICAL)

3 CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present.

5 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: (ABSENT)

7 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present.

9 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

10 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Here.

11 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

13 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here.

15 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: (NO RESPONSE)

17 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

19 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present.

21 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here.

23 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: (ABSENT)

25 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

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

3 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.

4 Council Member Sanchez?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Did you hear me?

7 CLERK: I did, thank you, Council Member Felder.

8 Council Member Schulman?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

10 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here.

12 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present.

14 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)

16 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Present.

18 CLERK: Council Member Won?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (ABSENT)

20 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Here.

22 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present.

24 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

25 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Present.

2 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present.

4 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: (UN-MIC'D) Present.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Gennaro, you got
7 Gennaro?

8 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

10 CLERK: Thank you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. We will now
12 have today's Invocation, which will be delivered by
13 Reverend Eric Thomas, Pastor of Siloam Presbyterian
14 Church, located at 260 Jefferson Avenue, in Brooklyn.

15 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

16 REVERAND THOMAS: Good afternoon. I'd like to
17 thank Speaker Adams and Council Member Ossé for the
18 invitation and the entire body for the opportunity to
19 be with you today. Please know that my congregation
20 joins many communities of faith lifting you up weekly
21 in our worship for such times as these.

22 Let us pray. O gracious and merciful God, we
23 give you thanks for this day and for your many
24 blessings upon us. We ask that your presence is felt
25 at this meeting and with all who participate. Let us

1 be guided by your wisdom, creativity, and courage for
2 the betterment of our city and all who live in it—
3 especially those who are most vulnerable. Equip us to
4 carry out the change we wish to see. Surprise us with
5 the ability to act with compassion and with justice.
6 We ask these things with faith and with hope. Amen.

7 (BACKGROUND NOISE)

8 CLERK: Quiet, please!

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. I would now
10 ask Council Member Chi Ossé to spread the Invocation
11 on the Record.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Thank you, Reverend
13 Thomas, for spreading today's Invocation. Reverend
14 embodies what it means to live one's values with
15 dignity and unwavering compassion. His work stands as
16 a reminder of the power of service to uplift those in
17 need. We are grateful for his leadership and for
18 anchoring today's gathering and purpose. As the first
19 openly gay pastor of Siloam, he has led with immense
20 courage and conviction. Since 2017, he has modernized
21 the church through vital building repairs and the
22 launch of Siloam CDC (Community Development
23 Corporation) of Bed-Stuy, and by opening its parish
24 house to programs like the Bed-Stuy Kids Preschool of
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2 Business. He has given deeply to our community, and
3 for that, we are grateful.

4 Thank you, Majority Leader. And once again,
5 thank you, Reverend Thomas, for being a staple of
6 Bed-Stuy and all he has done. His contributions are
7 immeasurable. I make a motion for unanimous consent
8 to spread the Invocation in full upon the Record.

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. We will now
10 ask Council Member Bob Holden for the Adoption of
11 Minutes.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I make a motion that the
13 Minutes of the Stated Meetings of June 30th, 2025,
14 and July 14th, 2025, be adopted as printed.

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Messages and Papers
16 from the Mayor?

17 CLERK: M 156 through M 158, Mayoral Veto?

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Consumer and Worker Protections.

19 CLERK: M 159, Mayoral Veto?

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

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

24 CLERK: M 160, OMB Report?

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

4 CLERK: M 161, Commissioner of Elections
5 recommendations?

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

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Petitions and
9 Communications?

10 CLERK: None.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Land Use Call-ups?

12 CLERK: M 162 through M 166.

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

16 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

17 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

18 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

19 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

20 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

21 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye.

22 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

24 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Aye.

2 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

4 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: (UN-MIC'D) Aye.

6 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

7 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Aye.

8 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.

10 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO RESPONSE)

12 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

14 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

16 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Aye.

18 CLERK: Thank you, I heard that.

19 Council Member Feliz?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

23 CLERK: Thank you.

24 Council Member Gutiérrez?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: (ABSENT)

2 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

4 CLERK: Thank you.

5 Council Member Hanks?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye.

7 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

9 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

11 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

13 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

15 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

17 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

19 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye.

21 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: (ABSENT)

23 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (ABSENT)

25 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

3 CLERK: Council Member Morano?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Aye.

5 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: (MEDICAL)

7 CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.

9 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: (ABSENT)

11 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye.

13 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

14 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: (NO RESPONSE)

15 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

17 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

19 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: (NO RESPONSE)

21 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

23 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: (NO RESPONSE)

25 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

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COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: (UN-MIC'D) Aye.

CLERK: Thank you.

MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Thank you.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Sanchez?

COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I ask for permission to
vote for all items on today's Agenda.

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Ung?

COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)

CLERK: Council Member Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Won?

COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (ABSENT)

2 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

4 CLERK: Thank you.

5 CLERK: Council Member Salaam, Land Use Call-
6 ups?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

8 CLERK: Thank you.

9 Council Member Ariola?

10 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

11 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

13 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Today's Land Use Call-
16 ups are adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative
17 and 0 in the negative.

18 We will now have Communication for Speaker
19 Adrienne Adams.

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much, and good
21 afternoon, everyone.

22 Last month, four New Yorkers were killed in a
23 horrific shooting in Midtown Manhattan: NYPD

24 Detective Didarul Islam, Aland Etienne, Wesley

25 LePatner, and Julia Hyman. I know that our hearts are

1 with the victims, loved ones, and all those affected
2 by this tragedy, and I pray for a quick recovery for
3 those who were injured and traumatized. This tragedy
4 underscores our urgent and continued fight to end gun
5 violence, which has taken too many lives and
6 devastated our communities.
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8 Two more New Yorkers died on the job over the
9 past month. José Luis Moreno Ramírez, a construction
10 worker, and Diego Sandoval Nava, a worker at a
11 bodega. My thoughts and prayers are with their
12 families and loved ones as they mourn these tragic
13 losses.

14 Yesterday, we learned that Trump's ICE detained
15 yet another one of our students. Mamadou Mouctar
16 Diallo was taken after showing up for a routine court
17 appearance. The actions by ICE, including their
18 dangerous policy of targeting people attending court
19 hearings, *as they are told to do*, and routine check-
20 ins, stoke fear in our communities and undermine
21 public safety. And I join New Yorkers to demand
22 Mouctar's release and safe return to his community.

23 Throughout the month of August, we have many
24 important holidays to recognize:
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August is National Breastfeeding Month. The time when we promote the importance of lactation equity, including making lactation rooms more accessible in our workplaces and public spaces. The Council is proud of our commitment to ensuring accommodations for our nursing mothers.

August 3rd was Tisha B'Av, a day of fasting, prayer, and reflection observed by our Jewish communities.

August 6th was Jamaican Independence Day.

August 10th was Ecuadorian Independence Day.

Today is Pakistan Independence Day.

Tomorrow is Indian Independence Day and the National Liberation Day of Korea.

August 19th is Afghanistan Independence Day, and August 21st is National Senior Citizens Day. As I always have, I call our older adults the jewels of our communities, and I strive to be them. We appreciate all that our seniors have done for us.

August 24th is Ukraine Independence Day.

August 26th is Women's Equality Day, which was created thanks to the advocacy of former New York Congresswoman Bella Abzug.

1 And August 31st, it's not just my 36th wedding
2 anniversary, but it is Trinidad and Tobago
3 Independence Day. Cards, cards. We need cards.

4 New York City is home to so many diverse
5 communities that are essential to our culture and
6 economy. I hope that all who celebrate have a safe,
7 meaningful time spent with their loved ones and
8 community members.

9 I also want to wish a happy birthday to my
10 colleagues who were born in the month of August.
11 Minority Leader, this looks like half of your
12 conference: Council Member Marmorato on the 18th,
13 Council Member Carr on the 28th, Council Member
14 Vernikov on the 30th. And our Brooklyn Council
15 Member, Darlene Mealy, on the 31st. (APPLAUSE) And I
16 also want to shout out and say happy belated birthday
17 to our Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications, our
18 very own Mandela Jones. (APPLAUSE)

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

20 First, we'll vote on the following Finance
21 items:

22 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by
23 Council member Justin Brannan, would establish a new
24 40-year Article XI tax exemption for 14 four and
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five-story buildings in the districts of Council Members De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Sanchez, Feliz, Stevens, and Salamanca.

And a Preconsidered Resolution, also sponsored by Council Member Brannan, approving the new designation and changes in the designation of certain organizations to receive funding in the expense budget.

Next, we'll vote on the following Land Use Items:

47 Hall Street Rezoning will facilitate the redevelopment of a site containing 10 existing buildings in Council Member Hudson's District. The proposed redevelopment will include both new construction and renovation to provide approximately 611 housing units, with approximately a quarter of the units being permanently affordable under MIH option 1. It will also include over 280,000 square feet of commercial space and up to 60 accessory parking spaces.

347 Flushing Avenue will amend the Zoning Map to bring an existing commercial building into zoning compliance in Council Member Restler's District.

1 236 Gold Street Rezoning will facilitate the
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3 development of the new 14-story mixed-use residential
4 and commercial building with approximately 114
5 housing units, 29 of which will be permanently
6 affordable under MIH Option 1, also in Council Member
7 Restler's district.

8 42-11 30th Avenue Rezoning will facilitate the
9 redevelopment of a site containing an existing one-
10 story grocery store in Council Member Cabán's
11 district. The new 5-story mixed-use residential and
12 commercial building will provide approximately 28
13 housing units, up to eight of which will be
14 permanently income-restricted under MIH Options 1 or
15 3. It will also include additional commercial floor
16 space for the store.

17 An application to facilitate the redevelopment
18 and enlargement of Lenox Hill Hospital in Council
19 Member Powers' district, which has served the City
20 since 1869. It will include 475 single-bed patient
21 rooms, modernized operating rooms, and other clinical
22 spaces, and the creation of needed ambulance bays,
23 which will allow the hospital to provide optimal
24 patient care. The modified proposal reflects years of
25 community input and includes changes to reduce the

1 maximum building height. As part of the project, the
2 hospital will make significant investments to the
3 southbound entrance of the 77th Street subway
4 station, including for ADA accessibility.
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6 Midtown South Mixed-Use Plan, which is the
7 largest residential neighborhood rezoning in two
8 decades, and will deliver nearly 10,000 units of
9 housing, over 2,800 of which will be permanently
10 affordable in Council Members Bottcher and Powers'
11 districts. Through negotiation on the Rezoning, the
12 Council secured over \$448 million in economic
13 development investments to support the Garment
14 Districts, fashion and garment industry, as well as
15 community benefits and infrastructure improvements to
16 the Midtown South area.

17 New Yorkers are facing a citywide housing
18 crisis, and we must confront it by advancing housing
19 units and creating more homes, with a focus on
20 affordability. We are proud to pass another historic
21 Rezoning today that builds on our successful record.
22 The Council's partnership with the Department of City
23 Planning and Community stakeholders, including
24 Manhattan Community Boards 4 and 5, represents a
25 model of community planning and collaboration that

2 can advance housing solutions and community
3 investments that benefit all New Yorkers.

4 I want to thank Council Members Bottcher and
5 Powers for their leadership. I also want to thank our
6 Planning and Land Use Team, Perris Straughter, Brian
7 Paul, Anne McCaughey, Arthur Huh, Deborah Kerzhner,
8 Lyna Saad, and Caroline Antonelli and Dana Leventhal
9 for their engagement alongside the local council
10 members to help make this effort a success.

11 Today, we'll also vote on the following pieces
12 of legislation:

13 Resolution 986, sponsored by Council Member
14 Crystal Hudson, would recognize August 14th, 2025, as
15 the 90th Anniversary of Social Security and
16 commemorate August 14th annually as Social Security
17 Day in the city of New York. Thank you to staff
18 members Regina Paul and Chloë Rivera.

19 Introduction 422-A, sponsored by Council
20 Member Rivera, would require the Office of Technology
21 and Innovation to create a rooftop activity category
22 on the City's 311 website and 311 mobile device
23 application. Thank you, staff members Irene Byhovsky
24 and Erik Brown.

1 Introduction 1056-A, sponsored by Council
2 Member Crystal Hudson, would require physicians and
3 nurses employed by/contracted with the Department of
4 Health and Mental Hygiene and working in public
5 schools through the Office of School Health to
6 complete annual competency training on health
7 concerns related to sexual orientation, gender
8 identity, and gender expression and sex
9 characteristics. Thank you to our staff members,
10 Christopher Pepe, Sara Sucher, and Sahar Moazami.
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12 Next, we will vote on several bills to provide
13 information on patient rights for transgender
14 individuals:

15 Introduction 628-A, sponsored by Public
16 Advocate Jumaane Williams, would require the
17 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to design
18 signs describing the rights of transgender patients,
19 including information on an individual's right to be
20 referred by their preferred name, title, gender, and
21 pronoun, and to make such signs available to
22 hospitals in the City. DOHMH would also be required
23 to coordinate with the hospitals to identify the
24 services offered to meet the specific needs of
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2 transgender individuals, including gender affirming
3 health care.

4 Introduction 629-A, sponsored by Public
5 Advocate Williams, would require the DOHMH
6 Commissioner to report annually on training provided
7 by hospitals to medical staff regarding medical care
8 for transgender individuals. Thank you to staff
9 members Sara Sucher and Christopher Pepe.

10 Next, we will vote on several bills to improve
11 the safety of childcare programs. This legislation is
12 especially important after the death of one-year-old
13 Nicholas Dominici from a fentanyl overdose at a
14 daycare center in the Bronx. Nicholas's parents,
15 Zoila Domenici and Otoniel Felice, are here with us
16 today. Please stand so we can recognize you. Our
17 hearts are with you. We passed this legislation today
18 on behalf of your beloved baby. We thank you for your
19 courage, your strength, and your determination to see
20 this legislation through. God bless you. The tragic
21 loss of a child is something that no parents or
22 family should ever experience. Our hearts are with
23 you. As a Council, we remain committed to ensuring
24 the safety of our children, and we thank you so much

1
2 for your fierce advocacy and partnership on these
3 bills.

4 Resolution 563-B, sponsored by Council Member
5 Pierina Sanchez, calling upon the New York State
6 Assembly to pass, and the Governor to sign,
7 S.6225/A.3899A, which would tighten regulations,
8 enhance inspections, and provide training and
9 resources to day care providers and parents to ensure
10 the safety of children in child day care homes,
11 programs, and facilities across New York State. Thank
12 you to Joshua Newman.

13 Introduction 1041-A, also sponsored by Council
14 Member Sanchez, would require the Department of
15 Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) to conduct an
16 annual outreach campaign to inform parents and legal
17 guardians about their rights regarding their children
18 in child care programs in New York City.

19 And Introduction 1042-A, also sponsored by
20 Council Member Sanchez, would require the Department
21 of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) to annually
22 report on training provided to employees of DOHMH who
23 inspect child care programs. Thank you so much to
24 Sara Sucher and Christopher Pepe.

1 Introduction 998, sponsored by Council Member
2 Keith Powers, would codify New York City's Cooling
3 Center Program, requiring the Commissioner of the New
4 York City Office of Emergency Management to designate
5 cooling center locations when there is a heat-related
6 emergency and a designation at least seven cooling
7 centers per 100,000 residents. The determinations of
8 where to locate cooling centers would be required to
9 consider factors such as areas where vulnerable
10 populations reside. The bill would also require the
11 NYC Office of Emergency Management (NYCEM) to provide
12 information on how the public can submit feedback
13 about their experiences at cooling centers or report
14 any challenges accessing them. Thank you once again
15 to our staff members, Sara Sucher and Christopher
16 Pepe.

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18 And Introduction 1100-A, sponsored by Council
19 Member Carlina Rivera, would require the Department
20 of Social Services to amend eligibility criteria to
21 include any period of time detained in a city jail,
22 state prison, or residential mental health treatment
23 facility as a time a person has been homeless for the
24 purposes of qualifying for an existing supportive
25 housing program administered and wholly funded by the

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2 City. Supportive housing remains one of the most
3 effective solutions to provide stability for people
4 facing a range of challenges. Yet these barriers to
5 eligibility for justice-involved New Yorkers has
6 limited their access. This bill is a step towards
7 removing these barriers to housing, which is a
8 stabilizing force to make our city safer and ensure a
9 more successful reentry from the justice system. We
10 thank our staff members, Jeremy Whiteman and Natalie
11 Meltzer.

12 I would also like to recognize, which I did
13 not, that my interns from District 28 are here today,
14 and I welcome them into City Council Chambers for the
15 first time. Welcome, interns! There they are!

16 (APPLAUSE)

17 Thank you very much for your attention, and I
18 now turn it back over to our Majority Leader.

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Speaker
20 Adams. We will now move into Discussion of General
21 Orders, and I would like to first recognize Council
22 Member Sanchez, followed by Council Member Powers,
23 then Public Advocate Williams.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you, Majority
25 Leader. I'd first like to start with a short moment

1
2 of silence. I would like to use my time in that way
3 for Nicholas.

4 ALL: [MOMENT OF SILENCE]

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you. Nearly two
6 years have passed since the heartbreaking loss of
7 one-year-old Nicholas Feliz Dominici, a radiant,
8 joyful child whose life was stolen by fentanyl
9 exposure in a licensed daycare in the Bronx. Nicholas
10 should be here today. His parents, Zoila and Otoniel,
11 did everything right. They placed their trust in a
12 system meant to protect their son, but depraved
13 criminals exploited its weaknesses and their family's
14 world was shattered. The depth of their pain is
15 unimaginable, and our city continues to mourn.

16 Today, we honor Nicholas's memory through
17 action. The passage of Intros 1041 and 1042, shaped
18 by his family's courage, will help keep other
19 children safe.

20 Introduction 1041 will ensure parents are
21 informed of their rights in daycare facilities,
22 including that a parent can walk in at *any time* to
23 ask to see their child, and the facility—which this
24 family was denied.

2 And Introduction Intro 1042 requires public
3 reporting on inspector training, strengthening
4 oversight, and transparency. These steps move us
5 toward a future where no families face such a
6 tragedy. But because there is more work to do, we are
7 also passing Resolution 563, calling upon the New
8 State Legislator to pass, and the Governor to sign,
9 S.6225/A.3899A, by Assemblymembers George Alvarez and
10 State Senator Gustavo Rivera, my counterparts at the
11 State, respectively.

12 These pieces of legislation would further
13 strengthen inspections, improve training, and enhance
14 transparency. I thank you, Speaker Adams, Health
15 Chair, Council Member Schulman, and the prosecutors
16 whose work has already secured nearly 100 years of
17 prison time for those responsible.

18 Nicholas's light (TIMER) will never fade. In
19 his memory and in solidarity with his family, we will
20 keep working until every child is safe and no parent
21 has to bear this kind of loss. Thank you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
23 Member Powers.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. I'm excited
25 today that we are voting on two major Land Use items

1
2 in my district, as well as an important piece of
3 legislation to codify the New York City's Cooling
4 Centers Program.

5 First, I'm thrilled that we'll be voting on
6 Midtown South Mixed-Use Rezoning. The plan is a
7 reflection of a simple truth that we don't have
8 enough housing here in New York City. And because of
9 that, rents have been skyrocketing, especially in
10 Manhattan. The plan would create over 9,500 new units
11 of housing through office conversions and new
12 development, including more than 2,800 permanently
13 affordable homes. This is one of the largest
14 rezonings that we have done in this city for housing
15 in decades.

16 The plan also supports local schools, streets,
17 parks, and a brand new crosstown busway—dedicated
18 busway on 34th Street.

19 I'm appreciative of all the people who came
20 together to make this happen. I want to give a
21 shoutout to my colleague Eric Bottcher, to New York
22 City Planning Commission Dan Garodnick, to Ben and
23 Franklin, from my staff to the Land Use Division
24 here, and so many more.

2 Second, after many years of negotiations, I
3 think six years of negotiations, we're voting on a
4 plan to modernize Lenox Hill Hospital on the Upper
5 East Side.

6 After Beth Israel's recent closure, I believe
7 strongly that we can't risk losing another hospital.
8 The Lenox Hill Hospital treats 144,000 patients a
9 year, employs 5,000 healthcare workers, and serves
10 New Yorkers from all boroughs.

11 The renovation will expand the emergency
12 department, upgrade the operating rooms, and convert
13 patient rooms to single occupancy, offering patients
14 more privacy and reducing infection.

15 This project was originally proposed years ago
16 at a scale that we objected to, but we have worked
17 over the last years to get it to a better place, to
18 deliver more excellent healthcare at the same time
19 without cutting any beds.

20 We brought the height down from 516 feet to 370
21 feet and reduced the construction timeline by three
22 years. We have a new subway station coming onsite and
23 another subway investment coming across the street,
24 and \$7.5 million of community benefits.

2 I want to thank all the advocates in the
3 Community who have worked with us to improve the
4 plan, to Community Board 8, to Carolyn and Ben from
5 my staff, and all those who worked on this (TIMER)
6 over the years.

7 And just finally, I want to mention we're
8 voting on a bill today to codify the City's Cooling
9 Centers Program, which can be a lifesaving resource
10 during months like August. Every year, about 580 New
11 Yorkers die prematurely because of the hot weather.
12 We know the summers are getting hotter, and this is a
13 way to keep people safe. I want to recognize Council
14 Member Kalman Yeger, who is not here, but he was
15 carrying this bill, an earlier version of it. I also
16 want to thank Hayley Brundige for her work and
17 everyone who helped push this bill forward. Thanks to
18 everyone, and I hope you will vote aye. Thanks.

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Public
20 Advocate Williams.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: I thank you, Madam
22 Majority Leader, peace and blessings, love, and light
23 to everyone.

24 I want to thank Chair Schulman for her
25 leadership in the Committee on Health. And thank you,

1 Speaker Adams, for your leadership and for allowing
2 me to speak before you today.

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4 After years of carrying the bills I'll be
5 speaking about, it is with a lot of pride that I see
6 them finally brought to a vote from the City Council.

7 In a city with the diversity that we have, I
8 believe that Intro 628 and Intro 629 have been long
9 past due.

10 Intro 628 would require signage to be posted
11 detailing patient rights and hospital services for
12 transgender individuals. It's important to note that
13 it doesn't require any particular type of service. It
14 makes it clear what services are available.

15 Additionally, Intro 629 would require the
16 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report
17 annually on training provided by hospitals regarding
18 medical care for transgender individuals. Nurses and
19 physicians receive minimal training on providing
20 competent care to transgender and gender-non-
21 conforming, TGNC, individuals, with medical schools
22 reportedly allocating a median of five hours to
23 LGBTQIA+ care throughout the curricula. As a result,
24 many in the TGNC community have reported negative
25 experiences and face discrimination when interacting

1 with the healthcare system, leading many to avoid
2 hospitals and clinics altogether.

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4 Now more than ever, I hope everyone sees how
5 interconnected our ability to get resources and our
6 ability to have equity and justice are. I believe it
7 is important to support our LGBTQIA+ and TGNC
8 community and to state clearly the resources and
9 services available to them when so many other doors
10 and avenues are closing. I know that our healthcare
11 system, like many other civic and social
12 institutions, is facing a lot of uncertainty and
13 (INAUDIBLE) administrations, particularly this
14 administration, and I hope people all see the
15 importance of local government.

16 I also want to make sure I always point out my
17 own personal journey to give people permission to
18 join the journey, to make sure we're including
19 everyone. As a Black man, a man of Caribbean descent,
20 as a person of faith, 10 years ago, I likely wouldn't
21 have been the one sponsoring this legislation, but I
22 am proud, thanks to Kim Watson-Benjamin on my staff,
23 who I instructed, "You make sure I push past my
24 comfort." She has done that every single day. And I
25 am inviting everyone to push past their comfort zone.

2 That is the only way we are going to get through
3 this. So, thank you so much. I also just want to give
4 a shoutout to Veronica Aveis, Rosie Mendez, and
5 Elizabeth from my office as well. Let's get through
6 this together. Thank you so much.

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
8 Member Brewer, followed by Council Member Rivera,
9 then Council Member Hudson, and Council Member
10 Bottcher.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much. I
12 wanted to speak about the Garment Center and the
13 great work that's been going down in Midtown South.

14 So, when I served as borough president, I was
15 the one who put in money (INAUDIBLE) total of \$25
16 million over several years to improve the Garment
17 Center.

18 And also, we tried to make a purchase of a
19 building. We were not successful with that. The Pratt
20 Center was very helpful. Thanks to Council Members
21 Bottcher and Powers, I know that a lot of work has
22 gone into this, and I want to be clear on the money.
23 The good news, as I understand it, is that there'll
24 be an advisory group comprised of people from the
25 garment makers and from local electives and community

1 boards to make sure that money goes, in the future,
2 to support the Garment Center. Not just the programs
3 that are very unclear. Thank you very much for that.

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5 Number two, I hope that EDC will hire a staff
6 member to participate in this process oversight. And
7 I hope that the New York Fashion Workforce
8 Development Coalition will have nominations that are
9 taken very seriously and have a say in the hiring.

10 I'm very glad about the carve-out. I know that
11 Council Member Bottcher worked really hard and took a
12 lot of crap from people who should not have given it
13 to him, about the carveout. I really, really thank
14 him. The Garment Center is really important to our
15 city. I still hope we can buy a building for the
16 Garment Center. I was able to get \$20 million. It was
17 costing \$60 million and probably more now. This
18 Garment Center has Broadway as its customer. You
19 can't go to Brooklyn and the Bronx and get a button
20 when there's a button breaking in the middle of
21 production.

22 And, secondly, the individuals who work there
23 get paid very well—as they should. And I just want
24 to make sure that the Garment Center continues. I
25 know we'll have housing, but the Garment Center is

2 first and foremost on my list of centers that need to
3 be continued.

4 I really want to thank everybody, particularly
5 those from the Garment Center, FIT, and so on, who
6 came together. Thank you very much.

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Recognizing Council
8 Member Rivera.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Good afternoon. Today,
10 we will vote on my bill Intro 1100, a simple yet
11 powerful change that can help break the cycle of
12 homelessness and incarceration for thousands of New
13 Yorkers, and I'm urging your support.

14 Right now, if you're homeless and sent to
15 Rikers, the time doesn't count towards your homeless
16 history for supportive housing eligibility. The clock
17 resets, even if you were living on the street the day
18 before you were detained, or you have nowhere to go
19 once you're released.

20 Instead of getting stable housing and care, too
21 many are pushed back into shelters or on the streets.
22 My bill requires that time spent in jail, state
23 prisons, or a court-ordered mental health facility
24 will count toward the homelessness history
25 requirement for city-funded supportive housing if the

1 person was homeless before, and will likely be
2 homeless after release.
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4 The facts are clear: homelessness is 10 times
5 more common among formerly incarcerated people than
6 in the general public. And one-third of individuals
7 admitted to New York City jails were unhoused before
8 incarceration. Nearly 70% of people on Rikers who
9 could benefit from supportive housing are shut out
10 because of the chronic homelessness definition. It
11 costs over \$500,000 a year to incarcerate someone,
12 but supportive housing saves public dollars and
13 changes lives.

14 This bill makes sure that when individuals
15 leave jail, they can access the housing and services
16 they need to stabilize instead of returning to the
17 conditions that led them to jail in the first place.

18 I would like to thank colleagues from CSH
19 Supportive Housing Network of New York, Fortune
20 Society, and all those with lived experience for
21 their support through the legislative process over
22 the last year and a half. I ask you all to vote yes
23 on Intro 1100—my last bill. No pressure. Thank you.

24 (LAUGHTER)
25

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
3 Member Hudson.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you so much.
5 Today, I'd like to speak about Introduction 1056,
6 which will enhance support services for LGBTQIA+
7 young people in public schools.

8 Despite serving 915,000 children, our city's
9 public school system does not currently have any
10 requirement in place to ensure medical personnel,
11 such as school nurses or physicians, have training in
12 the unique needs of LGBTQIA+ people.

13 When young queer people have access to
14 healthcare professionals who understand and affirm
15 their identities, they are less likely to experience
16 severe mental health challenges and more likely to
17 receive care that directly meets their needs.

18 Intro 1056 would require physicians and nurses
19 employed by or contracted with the Department of
20 Health and Mental Hygiene who work in public schools
21 to complete an annual LGBTQA+ competency training,
22 which would focus on health concerns for the
23 community, like information related to gender
24 affirming care, healthcare, and a list of referrals

2 and resources to help medical personnel connect
3 students with such care.

4 This bill came out of the LGBTQIA+ Caucus's
5 policy agenda to address concerns that school
6 personnel were unfamiliar with new developments
7 facing LGBTQIA+ medical care.

8 I'd like to thank the many groups working with
9 young queer people, including the Ali Forney Center,
10 Transformative Schools, VNS Health, and NYCHRL
11 (phonetic), who helped improve and support this.
12 Legislation, and I urge you all to vote aye, thank
13 you.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
15 Member Bottcher.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: I want to start by
17 acknowledging the departure of one of my longest-
18 serving aides, Hannah Moses, who was actually my
19 Field Director in my campaign and is now my
20 Legislative and Budget Director, is sadly moving on.
21 But I want to thank Hannah for everything she's done
22 for me and our team and the people of Council
23 District 3. Thank you, Hannah. (APPLAUSE)

24 And today is a big, big day for Council
25 District 3, because we are passing a rezoning that

1 NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 44
2 will generate 9,535 new homes, including 2,842
3 permanently affordable apartments.

4 That's as many affordable homes as have been
5 built below 96th Street in Manhattan in the last five
6 years combined. It is the biggest neighborhood
7 rezoning in decades in New York City. And it's coming
8 along with big, big benefits for the community and so
9 many other ways.

10 In addition to the protections for the Garment
11 Industry and record investments in programs to assist
12 the Garment Industry, we're turning Broadway from
13 21st Street up to 42nd Street into a grand pedestrian
14 plaza that will rival the great public spaces of the
15 world in cities like Barcelona and Paris. That's
16 Broadway—34th Street busway, car-free busway.

17 We're going to have incredible investments in
18 schools, parks, and a new EMS station. We're honoring
19 the past with new landmark designations.

20 So this is what it looks like when people come
21 together to solve complex problems and really deliver
22 the housing and other benefits our city needs.

23 I want to thank my colleague, Keith Powers. I
24 want to thank Speaker Adams and her leadership, and
25 the whole team at Council Planning and Land Use.

2 Everyone on my staff (TIMER) as well as City Planning.
3 Thank you so much.

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

6 CLERK: None.

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Reports of Standing
8 Committees?

9 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Criminal
10 Justice Intro 1100-A, supportive housing?

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

13 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance,
14 Preconsidered Resolution 1013, transparency
15 resolution?

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

17 CLERK: Preconsidered LU 342 and Reso 1028, tax
18 exemptions?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

20 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Health, Intro
21 628-A and 629-A, care for transgender individuals?

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

24 CLERK: Intro 998-A, cooling centers?
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2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
3 Orders.

4 CLERK: Intro 1041-A and 1042-A, childcare...
5 (CROSS-TALK)

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

8 CLERK: Intro 1056-A, competency training?

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

11 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use, LU
12 324 to LU 332, various applications?

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 333 and Resolution 1029 and LU 334
17 and Resolution 1030, 347 Flushing Avenue?

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

19 CLERK: LU 335 through LU 341, various
20 applications?

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

24 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Technology,
25 Intro 422-A, City rooftops?

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

4 CLERK: General Order Calendar, LU 324 and Reso
5 1031 through LU 341 and Reso 1041, various
6 applications returned from City Planning.

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

8 CLERK: Resolution appointing various persons
9 Commissioner of Deeds?

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

11 I now ask that the Clerk take a roll call vote
12 on all of the items coupled on today's General Order
13 Calendar.

14 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you. Majority
16 Leader, permission to vote on all items on today's
17 Stated Meeting Agenda?

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

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

20 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.

21 (PAUSE)

22 CLERK: Thank you.

23 Council Member Abreu?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

25 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

1 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

2 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

3 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye.

4 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

10 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes.

12 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

13 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Aye on all.

14 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye on all.

16 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Majority Leader, I request
18 unanimous consent to vote on all Land Use Call-ups?
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20 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Thank you. I will be
22 voting-- first, let me disclose on the record that in
23 the Transparency Resolution we are voting on today,
24 we are funding the Jewish Community Center of Staten
25 Island, and I am associated with that entity.

2 I will be voting no on Preconsidered Resolution
3 1013, as well as Introductions 1056-A and 628-A, and
4 aye on the rest.

5 CLERK: Thank you.

6 Council Member De La Rosa?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

8 CLERK: Thank you.

9 (PAUSE)

10 Council Member Dinowitz?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all

12 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Aye.

14 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

16 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

18 CLERK: Thank you.

19 Council Member Gutiérrez?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: (ABSENT)

21 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

23 CLERK: Thank you.

24 Council Member Hanks?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye.

2 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all except Intros
4 1056-A and 628-A, and Preconsidered Resolution 1013,
5 on which I vote no.

6 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

8 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

10 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

12 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

14 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

16 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye on all
18 with the exception of Intros 1056-A, 628-A, and
19 Preconsidered Resolution 1013; I vote no.

20 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: (ABSENT)

22 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (ABSENT)

24 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

2 CLERK: Council Member Morano?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: I vote aye on all, with
4 the exception of Preconsidered Resolution 1013, 1056-
5 A, 628-A, and 629-A, on those, I vote no.

6 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: (MEDICAL)

8 CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I vote aye.

10 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: (ABSENT)

12 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye on all.

14 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

15 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: I vote aye, except
16 Intro 1056, 628, and Transparency Reso 1013.

17 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I vote aye on all.

19 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I vote aye on all. And
21 I just would like to take a moment to thank Council
22 Member Rivera for being such a wonderful colleague.
23 We will miss you. And we wish you the best.

24 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye. Proudly.
3 Thank you, everyone.

4 CLERK: Thank you.

5 Council Member Salaam?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye on all. And I
7 want to disclose on the record that I have membership
8 with the YMCA, and one of my daughters is a member of
9 Youth Represent.

10 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: (ABSENT)

12 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Proudly, aye.

14 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

16 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye

18 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all except no
20 on Intros 1056-A, 628-A, and no on Preconsidered
21 Resolution 1013. Thank you.

22 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Permission to explain
24 my vote?

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Great.

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3 Hi, everybody. Happy summer. I just wanted to
4 take this very quick moment to give a shoutout to my
5 wonderful interns, Aaliyah, Liana, Alyssa, Abigail,
6 Shamsur, Ahnaf, and Wahi. Thanks for a great summer.
7 And yes, you will be missed, Council Member Rivera.
8 And with that, I vote aye on all. Thank you so much,
9 Majority Leader.

10 CLERK: Thank you.

11 Council Member Hanif for disclosure?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: I would like to disclose
13 on the record that the Atlantic Avenue Merchants
14 Association is in today's Transparency Resolution,
15 and I am associated with that entity.

16 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.

17 Council Member Won?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (ABSENT)

19 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

21 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

22 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I would like to
23 disclose that in the Transparency Resolution, there
24 is funding for the DSNY, and my son has an
25 affiliation with that agency.

2 I vote aye on all, with the exception of Intros
3 156-A, 628-A, and Preconsidered Resolution 1013.

4 Thank you.

5 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Sorry, calling on
7 Council Member Joseph for her disclosure?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you...

9 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you. In this
11 Transparency Resolution, my son is a New York City
12 Public School student, and it is being funded, and he
13 is also affiliated with (INAUDIBLE), which is also
14 being funded in this Transparency Resolution. Thank
15 you.

16 CLERK: Thank you.

17 Council Member Farías?

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.

19 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye.

21 (PAUSE)

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All items on today's
23 General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 44 in
24 the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0
25 abstentions. With the exceptions of:

2 Introduction 628-A, Introduction 1056-A, and
3 Resolution 1013, which were adopted by a vote of 37
4 in the affirmative, 7 in the negative, and 0
5 abstentions.

6 Introduction 629-A, which was adopted by a vote
7 of 43 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, and 0
8 abstentions.

9 And the revised Land Use Call-up vote 43 in the
10 affirmative, 0 in the negative, with no abstentions.

11 With that, we will move into Introduction and
12 Reading of Bills.

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

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. We will now
16 move into the Discussion of Resolutions, and I have
17 no one signed up, so I will scan the room. Council
18 Member Hudson?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you so much.

20 I'd like to discuss my Resolution 986 briefly.
21 Today, this Council is voting to recognize August
22 14th, 2025, as the 90th Anniversary of Social
23 Security and commemorate August 14th annually as
24 Social Security Day in the city of New York.

1 Ninety years ago today, President Franklin D.
2
3 Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law to,
4 quote, "Give some measure of protection to the
5 average citizen and to their family against the loss
6 of a job and against poverty-ridden old age." End
7 Quote.

8 Currently, 1.3 million New Yorkers receive
9 Social Security benefits, more than 40% of whom need
10 their monthly checks to meet basic needs. Despite a
11 26% jump in the number of older Americans by 2035,
12 the Trump administration is actively dismantling the
13 infrastructure in place that supports older adults.
14 In recent months, the federal government has made
15 policy changes that make these benefits harder to
16 access, from closing offices and removing language
17 access services to limiting Direct Deposit
18 Information changes and eliminating the federal
19 office tasked with supporting older adults. (TIMER)

20 I'd like to thank AARP for their leadership and
21 work to highlight this crucial anniversary, and I--
22 Thank you, Majority Leader.

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Council
24 Member.

1 Seeing no one else signed up to speak, we will
2
3 now have a voice vote on today's Resolutions.

4 If you wish to vote against or abstain from
5 today's Resolution, please notify the Legislative
6 Documents Unit by email or by approaching the dais.

7 I will now read today's Resolution into the
8 Record.

9 Resolution 563-B calls upon the New York State
10 to enact S.6225/A.3899A, which would tighten
11 regulations, enhance inspections, and provide
12 training and resources to daycare providers and
13 parents to ensure the safety of children in child
14 daycare homes, programs, and facilities across New
15 York State.

16 Will all those in favor say aye?

17 ALL: Aye.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

19 ALL: (SILENT)

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

21 ALL: (SILENT)

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

23 Resolution 986 recognizes August 14, 2025, as
24 the 90th anniversary of Social Security and
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2 commemorates August 14th annually as Social Security
3 Day in the City of New York.

4 Will all those in favor say aye?

5 ALL: Aye.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

7 ALL: (SILENT)

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

9 ALL: (SILENT)

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

11 We will now move into General Discussion, and I
12 would like first to recognize Council Member Rivera.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Madam Speaker,
14 colleagues, and friends, thank you for the time and,
15 of course, the kind words and anecdotes.

16 Today will be my last Stated Meeting as a
17 Member of the New York City Council. I believe we all
18 ran for office hoping to make lasting positive change
19 for our communities.

20 Working over almost eight years with the
21 members in this body on causes large and small has
22 proven to me that we share the dream that New Yorkers
23 always deserve better. From expanding healthcare
24 access to strengthening public schools, from reducing
25 food insecurity to fighting for more affordable

1 housing, my focus has been to improve the lives of
2 our neighbors.

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4 I have relished the successes and admittedly
5 learned from the missteps along the way, but I'm
6 leaving the Council today with accomplishments that I
7 am proud of — Direct investments in local schools,
8 libraries, parks, and cultural institutions.

9 Victories on health, housing, and transportation
10 policy to strengthen our communities and economy. A
11 landmark Workforce Development Center, affordable
12 housing projects that have been completed, and Road
13 Maps that will create even more:

14 The East Side Coastal Resiliency Project, which
15 will provide flood protection to my communities for
16 generations to come; 44 Local Laws that build on
17 fairness, dignity, and livability for my community
18 and city.

19 And the accomplishment that I'm most proud of
20 outside these walls is becoming a mother (APPLAUSE)
21 to my beautiful children, they are, they really are
22 beautiful. It's a fact. I couldn't have done all of
23 this without my staff. Katie, Sheila, Eddie,
24 Lisander, Isamar (phonetic), Bianni (phonetic), my
25 interns, thank you. Thank you to the many people who,

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2 at some point over the last eight years, chose to be
3 on my team and helped implement a compassionate,
4 forward-thinking agenda—so many wonderful people out
5 there who chose to serve.

6 I want to thank the advocates, my colleagues,
7 and, of course, my amazing family. I know my
8 husband's watching on the live stream. And my
9 friends, for your collaboration, your patience and
10 support.

11 I want to thank you, Madam Speaker, for your
12 support and camaraderie, and all my love to you
13 always. To that, Deputy Speaker. Of course, to the
14 dedicated staff of this great Council.

15 To my colleagues, in the face of unprecedented
16 attacks on the fabric of what makes New York great,
17 continue to stand strong.

18 To my constituents, it's been the honor of my
19 life to represent the Second District. These are the
20 neighborhoods that raised me. I'm deeply grateful for
21 your trust. As my time as your council member comes
22 to an end, I'm reflecting on what we've achieved
23 together to make our neighborhoods and city fairer
24 and more livable for all.

2 Born and raised on the Lower East Side, the
3 proud product of a Puerto Rican family who came to
4 New York from Puerto Rico for opportunity, I have
5 carried that same drive into public service. I'll
6 keep taking that same drive with me, as I hope you
7 will too, as we continue to advocate for the people
8 of the greatest city in the world.

9 Thank you so much, everyone; it's been the
10 absolute honor and privilege of a lifetime. Thank
11 you.

12 CHAMBERS: (THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE/CHEERING)

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Minority
14 Leader Ariola.

15 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Thank you, Majority
16 Leader. Madam Speaker.

17 I, too, would like to thank our intern, Ben
18 Fox. Today is his last day; he returns to school.
19 It's the second year that he has been our intern, and
20 he has really been an asset to our office. And we
21 will miss him greatly, although we do remain friends
22 and continue to keep in touch throughout the year. So
23 good luck to you, Ben, as you return to your
24 educational institution.

1 Two hundred forty-nine years ago, on July 2nd,
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3 1776, in a sweltering chamber in Philadelphia, the
4 members of the Second Continental Congress took a
5 vote that changed the world forever. On that day, not
6 the 4th of July, as so many believe, the Founding
7 Fathers declared that the 13 American colonies were
8 henceforth free and independent states. They would no
9 longer be ruled by the British Empire. John Adams
10 himself wrote that July 2nd would be celebrated for
11 generations as the great anniversary festival of our
12 freedom.

13 Yet over time, that date faded from public
14 memory and was eclipsed in our minds by the day the
15 Declaration's final text was approved, which is July
16 4th. But history matters, and it is important that
17 future generations remember that the day the crucial
18 vote in American history occurred was July 2nd. That
19 is why I'm introducing a resolution to designate July
20 2nd as Freedom Day in New York City. This new day
21 will not replace the 4th of July. But instead, it
22 will deepen its meaning. It will ensure that every
23 New Yorker knows when our independence was truly
24 declared and honor the courage that the voters gave
25 that gave birth to our nation. I ask you all to sign

1 on to Reso 1012 as sponsors and help preserve
2 American history for New Yorkers for the future.
3 Thank you for your time.
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5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Recognizing Minority
6 Whip Paladino (TIMER), followed by Council Member
7 Morano, and Council Member Brewer.

8 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Good afternoon,
9 everybody. The bill I'm introducing today is Intro
10 1362. It seeks to amend the administrative code of
11 the city of New York, in relation to removing
12 benchmarks for bus lanes and bicycle lanes from the
13 streets master plan. It would repeal the formal
14 definitions of protected bicycle lanes and protected
15 bus lanes, and eliminate the quantitative targets for
16 installing those lanes.

17 However, other elements of the master plan,
18 such as improvements to pedestrian infrastructure,
19 transit signal priority, accessible pedestrian
20 signals, and the intersection redesigns, would and
21 should remain in place. I am not opposed to bike
22 lanes where bike lanes are appropriate. But the one-
23 size-fits-all master plan that imposes a specific
24 amount of bike lanes or protected bus lanes is just a
25 recipe for disaster.

1 In many cases, installing these lanes creates
2 more dangerous conditions for cyclists, pedestrians,
3 and drivers. The intent of this legislation is to
4 allow greater flexibility and discretion in how the
5 City approaches street design and transportation
6 planning, rather than being bound by numerically
7 mandated targets.
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9 Now more than ever, we need to ensure that
10 critical projects involving street redesign or
11 infrastructure are tailored to community-specific
12 needs and are balanced with traffic flow,
13 neighborhood character, and overall public safety.
14 That is why I'm asking for the support of each and
15 every one of you for Intro 1362. Thank you very much.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
17 Member Morano, followed by Council Member Brewer,
18 then Council Member Louis.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Thank you, colleagues.

20 Today, I'm proud to introduce legislation
21 alongside my co-sponsor, Council Member Lincoln
22 Restler, that I believe will make our democracy
23 stronger and our elections fairer. Right now, as I
24 think a lot of you know, if you're running for Mayor,
25 Public Advocate, or Comptroller, and you take public

1 matching funds from the Campaign Finance Board,
2 you're required to participate in debates. That makes
3 sense. If taxpayers are footing the bill for your
4 campaign, you should face the public, answer
5 questions, and explain your vision.
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7 But here's the loophole. That rule doesn't
8 apply to City Council or Borough President races,
9 which means someone can take thousands, hundreds of
10 thousands in public funds and never show up for a
11 single debate. And I've seen it happen firsthand. In
12 my special election in April, one of my opponents
13 refused to participate in any in-person debates at
14 all.

15 This bill closes that gap. It says if you take
16 public money in a Council or Borough President race,
17 you must participate in at least one official debate:
18 no ducking, no hiding, no Candidate Protection
19 Program.

20 And I think this is going to make a big
21 difference. And let me say, I couldn't ask for a
22 better partner to bring this forward with than
23 Lincoln Restler. Yes, we may be the City Council's
24 bipartisan bi-borough political odd couple. I'm
25 pretty sure Netflix has already optioned the sitcom

2 rights, but we both agree voters deserve
3 transparency, accessibility, and respect.

4 So, hopefully, this is just the beginning of a
5 new era of a Restler/Morano collaboration. But if a
6 Republican from Staten Island, the most conservative
7 district in the city, no less, and the co-chair of
8 the Progressive Caucus from Brooklyn can work
9 together on good government reform legislation like
10 this, I think that sends a message to the whole
11 Council. And I think maybe there's hope for the whole
12 city, no matter how polarized it may seem we are at
13 times. Thanks very much.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
15 Member Brewer, followed by Council Member Louis, then
16 Majority Whip Brooks-Powers.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much. I
18 do want to thank the interns who are here today:
19 Samantha Serban, who's at Northwestern, Max
20 Borgenicht, who's at American University, Brandon
21 Sosa (phonetic), who's at LaGuardia High School, and,
22 of course, Sam is here. Sam, I can't remember where I
23 wrote you down somewhere, but I will find you.
24 Samantha's also here. And also Elise Kwan (phonetic),
25 who's a member of the staff.

2 I also want to congratulate Council Member
3 Rivera on her new job. I will miss all her gossip.
4 She has a great deal to share (LAUGHTER), and I wish
5 her the best.

6 I want to point out that Council Member
7 (INAUDIBLE) and I bought her flowers. I didn't see
8 flowers from anybody else. Thank you.

9 (LAUGHTER)

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Well, now everyone's
11 gonna run and buy flowers.

12 Recognizing Council Member Louis, followed by
13 Majority Whip Brooks-Powers, and Council Member
14 Schulman.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Madam Majority
16 Leader.

17 Today I'm introducing two resolutions:

18 The first Resolution, 1021, calls on the state
19 to expand coverage for colon cancer screenings to
20 individuals aged 35 and older and to require such
21 coverage in all insurance policies. Currently, the
22 federal government only requires insurance plans to
23 cover these screenings beginning at age 45. However,
24 colon cancer rates in younger adults have risen for
25 decades.

1 The National Cancer Institute reports a steady
2 increase in diagnoses among those under 50, with many
3 cases already advanced by the time they are detected.

4 NYC Health + Hospitals notes that when colon
5 cancer is found early, the five-year survival rate is
6 90%. Waiting to screen can cost lives.

7 The second Resolution, 1022, calls on the state
8 to hold corporations criminally liable when their
9 negligence and recklessness at unmarked work sites
10 result in serious injury or death.

11 Reso 1022 addresses a pressing concern in our
12 housing works sites that are not properly marked or
13 secured, which poses serious dangers to residents,
14 pedestrians, visitors, and children who may not
15 realize they're walking into hazardous areas.

16 I'm proud to advocate for these two resolutions
17 and urge my colleagues to sign on.

18 And lastly, I want to wish our colleague
19 extraordinaire, Council Member Rivera, on her next
20 endeavor (sic). And I want to thank you for your
21 service and your hard work. Thank you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Majority
23 Whip Brooks-Powers, followed by Council Members
24 Schulman, Hudson, and Salaam.
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MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you.

I want to begin by acknowledging two of my outstanding CUNY Career Launch Interns who are with us today in chambers: Sean Munn and Alfonso Alarcon (phonetic). Thank you for all the work you have done on behalf of the 31st Council District, and we will be sad to see you go.

Next, I'm proud to introduce three bills that will strengthen safety, improve communication with our communities, and expand transit options in neighborhoods that need the most. Two of these bills are the result of extensive discussions with our Commuter Van Working Group aimed at supporting the growth of the licensed commuter van industry to serve transit deserts better, while cracking down on the dangerous unlicensed vans that undermine safety and take riders away from public transit.

The first bill, Intro 1346, requires the Department of Transportation to conduct a comprehensive study of the commuter van industry every four years. The study will examine ridership service areas and stop locations, and help us better understand how the commuter vans fit into our broader transit network.

1 The second bill, Intro 1347, directs our
2 enforcement agencies to take a tougher approach to
3 illegal operations by ensuring that every licensed
4 van stopped on our streets is held accountable for
5 all applicable violations and faces the maximum
6 penalties allowed under law.

7 The third bill, Intro 1345, responds to changes
8 we've seen with our bus network redesigns, such as
9 the Queens Bus Network Redesign. It would require DOT
10 and coordination with the MTA to notify nearby
11 homeowners and businesses whenever a bus stop is
12 created or removed within 50 feet of their property.
13 This is especially important for seniors and New
14 Yorkers with disabilities who deserve advanced notice
15 when bus access changes in their neighborhood.

16 These bills reflect our commitment to a
17 transportation system that is safer, more accessible,
18 and more responsive to the needs of every community.
19 I urge my colleagues to join me in advancing them.

20 (TIMER) And I also would like to join the
21 chorus and just say thank you to Council Member
22 Carlina Rivera for just being a tremendous colleague,
23 mentor, and friend throughout this time that you've
24 been here. You've helped me champion a lot of
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1 meaningful legislation, and I'm really thankful for
2 all that you've done for me personally and for this
3 body. So thank you, and good luck in this next
4 chapter.

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6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
7 Member Schulman, followed by Council Member Hudson,
8 and Council Member Salaam.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you, Majority
10 Leader.

11 No New Yorker should have to choose between
12 their health and their paycheck. That's why I'm
13 introducing Intro 1369, which guarantees every worker
14 in our city five hours of paid time each year for
15 preventive medical care, checkups, screenings,
16 particularly cancer screenings, and counseling that
17 can catch illness early and save lives.

18 This is a simple, common-sense step to keep our
19 workforce healthy, reduce healthcare costs, and
20 protect the well-being of every New Yorker. Healthy
21 workers mean a stronger city, and that starts with
22 giving people the time they need to take care of
23 themselves.

24 I also want to join in congratulating Council
25 Member Rivera on her new role and to thank her for

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2 everything that she has done. I will say that I knew
3 Council Member Rivera when she was a staffer for
4 Council Member Rosie Mendez and worked on her first
5 campaign, and was very excited when she helped me on
6 mine. And so congratulations, and we're going to miss
7 you. Thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
9 Member Hudson, followed by Council Member Salaam,
10 then Council Member De La Rosa.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: I wanted to give a thank
12 you to my summer interns, Ilana, Juan, and Levi, and
13 also wanted to say thank you, Council Member Rivera,
14 for all that you've done here in the Council, all of
15 the meaningful legislation that you've passed, the
16 advice, the wisdom, the friendship that you've
17 offered to so many of us. Congratulations on your
18 next steps, and I wish you all the best.

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
20 Member Salaam.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Thank you. As the
22 Council likes to say, I'd like to associate my
23 remarks with all the great remarks before me
24 regarding the lovely Council Member, as she goes on
25 to her next venture.

1 Colleagues, I'm proud to introduce four bills
2 that advance accessibility, security, and cultural
3 pride:
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5 First Resolution 1025, which honors Harlem's
6 own Fatman Scoop, a Grammy Award winner whose voice
7 moved millions, by designating August 6th as Fatman
8 Scoop Day. Just this past Saturday, we got the
9 opportunity, on August 9th, to celebrate the co-
10 naming of 109th Street and 5th Avenue, also known as
11 Museum Mile, as Isaac "Fatman Scoop" Freeman 3rd
12 Place. Thank you to Majority Leader Fariás for being
13 a co-prime sponsor in this Resolution.

14 Secondly, I'm introducing Introduction 1366,
15 with Council Member Julie Won, to require online web
16 forms for all DSS benefit applications. This will
17 make it easier for New Yorkers to apply for services
18 without unnecessary travel or paperwork, ensuring a
19 more accessible and user-friendly process.

20 Third, Introduction 1367, also with Council
21 Member Julie Won, we're requiring "dot gov" domains
22 for all city agency websites. This will ensure
23 residents know when they are interacting with a
24 secure official City website, helping to protect
25 against fraud and phishing attempts.

2 Finally, I'm introducing Introduction 1365 to
3 help property owners by requiring the Department of
4 Buildings to email regular reminders until work
5 permits are signed off, preventing costly delays.
6 This will save owners from unexpected fees, stalled
7 projects, and lost time when they're ready to sell or
8 refinance. These measures are about serving New
9 Yorkers better, and I urge my colleagues to sign on
10 as co-sponsors. And I thank the Speaker for her
11 support in these efforts. (TIMER)

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
13 Member De La Rosa, followed by Council Member
14 Narcisse, then Council Member Dinowitz.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Thank you, Madam
16 Majority Leader.

17 I want to join the chorus of praise for our
18 colleague, Carlina Rivera. Carlina and I met as
19 staffers in the City Council many, many moons ago;
20 from that to becoming elected officials representing
21 the communities that raised us. I have been proud to
22 watch your trajectory, and I wish you the best. Thank
23 you for being a Latina leader who is fierce and
24 stands up for her community at every turn. I wish you
25 all the best.

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2 I also want to join Council Member Sanchez in
3 sending my deepest condolences to the parents of
4 Nicholas Feliz Domenici. (SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE)
5 Our community will stand with you in remembering the
6 legacy of your child. No parent should have to bury
7 their child, and we stand with you.

8 I also want to turn our attention to my
9 resolution, Reso 1015, which supports the Daily News
10 Workers. New York's hometown newspaper has been
11 breaking news and publishing critical coverage for
12 106 years. Since Alden Capital has taken over, which
13 is a predatory hedge fund that acquired the paper in
14 2021, the Daily News has faced severe cuts and its
15 staff has been slashed, its printing plant and
16 offices sold for \$90 million, and its newsroom
17 reduced to just 65 journalists to cover 8.5 million
18 people.

19 If we believe in the Free Press, and we believe
20 that workers in our city should live and work with
21 dignity, then I ask you all to support Resolution
22 1015, which calls on something as radical as a living
23 wage for journalists, paid sick time, and a guarantee
24 of a secure retirement for Daily News workers. Please
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2 sign on and help us get this resolution passed. Thank
3 you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
5 Member Narcisse.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I want to say thank
7 you, Madam Majority, and thank you, Madam Speaker.

8 This evening, I want to talk about Carlina
9 Rivera. Thank you for being who you are. Thank you
10 for being my partner in eating together, which
11 prevents me from eating late at night. So I'm going
12 to miss you greatly. I'm looking for other partners.

13 Now I want to talk about last Saturday, when we
14 celebrated the life of Aland Etienne, one of the
15 folks who got killed at 345 Park: a proud Canarsie
16 resident, a loving father, and a dedicated 32BJ SEIU
17 security officer. Aland died as a hero. In his final
18 moments, he showed the courage, resilience, and
19 dignity that reflect the very best of his Haitian
20 heritage. Those qualities shaped who he was, guided
21 how he lived, and inspired all of us who knew him. He
22 held the elevator, and many said that he prevented
23 more folks from dying. Aland's life was one of
24 service and protecting others — that's what he did
25 — showing kindness and working hard to provide for

2 his loved ones. His loss leaves a void in our
3 community, but a lasting example of bravery,
4 resilience, and selflessness.

5 To Aland's loved ones, we are here for you.
6 We're going to support-- for those, and I have to say
7 thank you to Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, and of
8 course Senator Schumer, who helped me to bring the
9 daughters that was in the Dominican Republic, and the
10 mother who was in Haiti. So I want to say thank you
11 to Catholic Charities for locating and helping me to
12 make sure the families stayed together and went to
13 the good schools that they can be (INAUDIBLE) the
14 children. So I want to say thank you so much to
15 everyone who showed up (TIMER) to show support at a
16 time like this. So, thank you, Madam Majority Leader.
17 I'm done.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
19 Member Dinowitz.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Thank you, Madam
21 Majority Leader.

22 Council Member Rivera, I just want to thank
23 you, Carlina. You know, early on, yes, you, yeah,
24 you're the one. You know, early on, when you're a new
25 legislator, you don't know what you're doing. And

1 since the very beginning, even before I was in
2 office, you were there for me for everything from a
3 phone call to sitting down to bounce ideas off of.
4 And to have such guidance from someone, a serious
5 legislator who dealt with everything from, you know,
6 keeping our kids safe from lead to criminal justice
7 reform, to our bicycle infrastructure, to Foie gras.
8 I just want to thank you for always being a friend
9 and for always being there.

11 This Council will feel a lot different without
12 you here. And I know I'm very happy for you as you
13 move on to the next phase of your life. And I'm sure
14 your family is very happy for you as well. So thank
15 you, Council Member Rivera.

16 I also wanted to shout out my interns who are
17 here, Emma Burke, Joshua Falk, and thank them for
18 their work.

19 And lastly, I am introducing a piece of
20 legislation today, Introduction 1349, with Hospitals
21 Committee Chair Mercedes Narcisse. It's just going to
22 make it a little easier and more affordable for our
23 city's medical and healthcare facilities so they can
24 focus on what's most important, which is caring for
25 patients.

1 Under the City's current Commercial Waste Zone
2 Program, businesses, including medical facilities,
3 are locked into contracts with specific waste haulers
4 who ultimately subcontract the medical waste
5 component to other organizations or other companies.
6 But for healthcare facilities that generate medical
7 waste, our hospital clinics, doctors' offices, this
8 creates unnecessary burdens and costly burdens.
9 Especially for bigger institutions that have
10 facilities across multiple zones, this becomes
11 problematic.
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13 So with this bill, we're attempting to reduce
14 the (TIMER) costs for our hospitals and our
15 healthcare facilities so that they can focus on
16 what's most important, reducing administrative costs
17 to care for patients' health, especially as our
18 federal government seeks to cut our healthcare
19 dollars. This bill is more important now than ever.
20 Thank you, Madam Majority Leader.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Seeing no one else
22 signed up to speak, I would like to take a couple of
23 seconds to thank Council Member Carlina Rivera. From
24 being staffers together, to doing joint fundraising
25 together, to being able to watch you really do the

1 work, and learn from you in the Council, to then
2 joining you and leading with you, I thank you, and I
3 am honored to have that time together.
4 Congratulations on your next endeavor.
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6 And with that, I now call on Speaker Adrienne
7 Adams to close out today's Stated Meeting.

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority Leader.

9 And, of course, Carlina, with this being your
10 last Stated, Carlina, of course, I'm going to take a
11 moment to recognize you for your years of service to
12 the people of your district and to our entire city.

13 We, the three of us, make the triangle from the
14 former session in the New York City Council. We are
15 the last three standing. Learned a lot from our
16 former colleagues right here in these Chambers and in
17 the members' lounge, and in other places. And the
18 triangle is now...

19 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: A duo.

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: A duo. Especially when people
21 still get the two of you confused. Just saying.
22 Carlina has been a voice for the Lower East Side,
23 where she grew up, serving District 2 as a staff
24 member for her predecessor and representing the
25 district since 2018. She's been a leader for

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2 reproductive healthcare, leading efforts to establish
3 the Council's funding for abortion access and
4 increasing our commitment to \$1 million. This is now
5 the nation's largest municipal funding for direct
6 abortion access to help those who cannot afford it.

7 And I have to say that the package was amongst the
8 first for the previous Council and the small but
9 mighty Women's Caucus, of which you co-chaired.

10 Eleven of us in the Women's Caucus, one of the
11 strongest bodies that I've ever been blessed to be a
12 part of, with your leadership, along with former
13 Council Member Margaret Chen. And I will never forget
14 the two of you, Margaret and Carlina, leading us
15 right here in the City Council.

16 Her advocacy for our city's vibrant arts and
17 cultural institutions and libraries as Chair has been
18 pivotal to our success in restoring them. She is a
19 fighter for our cultural organizations and libraries
20 —baselining, increasing funding for these pillars
21 of our neighborhoods. It's under Carlina's leadership
22 that we got that done.

23 Her work on criminal justice issues, including
24 today's bill on supportive housing, will have a
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2 lasting impact on the safety in our jails and the
3 entire city for years to come.

4 As a prized colleague and member of my
5 leadership team in the Council, Council Member Rivera
6 has helped guide the Council's focus and work to
7 improve the lives of our constituents in the entire
8 city of New York, not just your own district.

9 I'm so grateful for your friendship. I'm so
10 grateful for your support. I'm so grateful for our
11 chats together, particularly in this session. I will
12 never forget the "foie gras" bill. Thank you for
13 helping save the little babies.

14 Carlina, I love you. You will be missed, but
15 I'm so proud of you, your achievements here in the
16 Council, and the great work that you will do. Madam
17 CEO and President, we salute you.

18 The Stated Meeting of August 14th, 2025, is
19 hereby adjourned.

20 (APPLAUSE)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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



Date August 30, 2025