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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

STATED MEETING

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Thursday, February 8, 2024

Start: 2:25 p.m.

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker  
Amanda Farías, Majority Leader

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Adrienne E. Adams  
Joann Ariola  
Alexa Avilés  
Diana I. Ayala  
Chris Banks  
Joseph C. Borelli  
Erik D. Bottcher  
Justin L. Brannan  
Gale A. Brewer  
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers  
Tiffany Cabán  
David M. Carr  
Carmen N. De La Rosa  
Eric Dinowitz  
Amanda Farías  
Oswald Feliz  
James F. Gennaro  
Jennifer Gutiérrez

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

## NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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

## INVOCATION:

Bishop Hugh Nelson, Ebenezer Urban Ministry  
Church of God located at 660 Powell Street,  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11212

2 SERGEANT PAYTUVI: This is a microphone check for  
3 the Stated Meeting, located in Chambers, recorded on  
4 February 8, 2024 by Nazly Paytuvi.

5 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentleman, at this  
6 time, please place all electronic devices, all  
7 electronic devices, to vibrate or silent mode.

8 Madam Majority Leader?

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Good afternoon and  
10 welcome to the Stated Meeting of February 8, 2024. I  
11 am Majority Leader Amanda Fariás, and I would like to  
12 thank you for joining us. If you would like to follow  
13 along, the agenda for today's meeting is posted on  
14 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 to  
22 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

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 FARÍAS: Roll call?

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: [NO RESPONSE]

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Here

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Banks?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Here

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Here

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Carr?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: [NO RESPONSE]

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Present

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [NO RESPONSE]

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presenté

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Holden?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Here

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Lee?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Louis?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Here

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Carr?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR:[NO MIC] Here

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marte?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Menin?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Moya?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: [NO RESPONSE]

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Here

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Powers?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Restler?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Riley?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salaam

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ung?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: [NO RESPONSE]

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Williams?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'm here

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Won?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Here

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: [NO RESPONSE]

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Farías?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present

17 CITY CLERK: Speaker Adams?

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, we will now  
20 have today's invocation, which will be delivered by  
21 Bishop Hugh Nelson of Ebenezer Urban Ministry Church  
22 of God, which is located at 660 Powell Street in  
23 Brooklyn.

24 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

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2 BISHOP NELSON: We humble our hearts, O Lord,  
3 acknowledging you as Lord and Savior. We're grateful  
4 for the privilege you have granted to us to be in a  
5 country which recognizes the power of prayer. We  
6 thank you, Lord, and as we gather in these chambers,  
7 as you have chosen each of us, not so much  
8 representing ourselves as representing our  
9 constituents, Father, will you grant wisdom,  
10 knowledge, and understanding? Your words are clear,  
11 unless you build a house, the builders build in vain;  
12 unless you watch over the city, the watchmen watch  
13 in vain. And, so we humbly bow our hearts, and I ask  
14 that you grant grace and wisdom, with all of the  
15 floor deliberations, Lord, we seek for one thing,  
16 that you might be pleased, and that our community,  
17 our city, will be enhanced. Grant your blessings upon  
18 this time we pray in thy name, which is above our  
19 name, we ask in Jesus name, Amen.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. I would now  
21 like to ask Council Member Chris Banks to spread the  
22 Invocation in full upon the Record.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Thank you, Majority Leader.  
24 I would like to thank Bishop Hugh Nelson for being  
25 here today. Bishop Dr. Nelson is a man of God

1 committed to ministry of restoration that reaches  
2 beyond the sanctuary to uplift those most in need.  
3 He was born in the beautiful island of Jamaica, and  
4 Bishop Nelson and his family relocated to Brooklyn,  
5 New York in 2003, where he presently serves as a  
6 senior pastor for the church of God of East Flatbush  
7 in my district - presently known as Ebenezer Urban  
8 Ministry Center.  
9

10 Bishop Nelson is a visionary whose guidance and  
11 focus on leadership development enabled the church of  
12 God of East Flatbush to evolve from a single cell  
13 church model into a vibrant urban ministry center  
14 that is home to more than 1,700 members and ministers  
15 to over 2,500 on a weekly basis.

16 In 2011, Bishop Nelson lead his congregation in  
17 purchasing two city blocks to develop the Ebenezer  
18 Plaza, which will provide a 40,000 square footage  
19 urban ministry center and 530 affordable housing  
20 units. I make a motion for unanimous consent to  
21 spread the Invocation in full upon record.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: We will now have the  
23 Adoption of Minutes by Council Member David Carr.  
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I move that the minutes of  
3 the Stated Meeting of January 18, 2024 be adopted as  
4 printed.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS:  
6 Messages and Papers from the Mayor?

7 CLERK: M 14 through M 19 various budget  
8 documents.

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Finance.

10 CLERK: M 20, Preliminary Mayor's Management  
11 Report?

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

14 CLERK: M 21, City Debt and Reserves?

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

17 CLERK: M 22 and M 23, Conflict of Interest Board  
18 Appointments?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Rules, Privileges and Elections.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Communications from City,  
21 County and Borough Offices?

22 CLERK: M 24, Office of Management and Budget  
23 Withdrawal?

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

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2 CLERK: M 25 and M 26, Budget Appropriations?

3 SPEAKER ADAMS: Finance

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Petitions and

5 Communications?

6 CLERK: M 27, Rule 2.75b Report?

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

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Land Use Call-Ups?

10 CLERK: M 28, Timbale Terrace?

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on Call-Up Vote.

12 I now ask that the clerk take a rollcall vote on  
13 today's Land Use Call-Ups.

14 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

18 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

20 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye

22 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye

2 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

4 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes

6 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye

8 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye

10 CLERK: Thank you

11 Council Member Carr?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [NO RESPONSE]

21 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye

9 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

11 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye

21 CLERK: Thank you

22 Council Member Menin?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye

24 CLERK: Thank you

25 Council Member Moya?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Aye

7 CLERK: Thank you

8 Council Member Ossé?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: [NO RESPONSE]

18 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

20 CLERK: Council Member Salaam

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Aye

22 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye

2 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye

4 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye

6 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye

8 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

12 CLERK: Council Member Won?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

20 CLERK: Thank you

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Riley?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: [NO RESPONSE]

23 Council Member Borelli?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: I vote aye.

3 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Today's Land Use Call-ups  
6 are adopted by a vote 50 in the affirmative and 0 in  
7 the negative.

8 We will now have Communication from Speaker  
9 Adrienne E. Adams.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Madam Majority Leader,  
11 and good afternoon, everyone.

12 I want to begin by acknowledging the loss of  
13 Cecilia Gentili, a trailblazing, passionate and  
14 powerful advocate whose work over decades has made  
15 our city more equitable. Cecilia's relentless pursuit  
16 of dignity and justice for our LGBTQIA+ community,  
17 especially trans New Yorkers, immigrants, women, and  
18 so many others will have a lasting impact on our city  
19 for generations. Thank you for your fearlessness and  
20 courage, Cecilia. My heart is with your loved ones  
21 and community.

22 Our city is also mourning the deaths of two New  
23 Yorkers who were tragically taken from us due to  
24 dangerous fires, including a 67-year-old man at the  
25 Gowanus Houses in Council Member Hanif's district,

1  
2 and an 86-year-old woman from Regal Park in Council  
3 Member Holden's district. Our thoughts are with their  
4 family and friends during this very difficult time.

5 Now I'd like to talk about the public  
6 conversation - that has occurred over the past  
7 several days - that's been lacking in basic facts.  
8 It's been reminiscent of the 1990's when fear  
9 mongering crowded our facts and has sought to  
10 conflate issues that have no connection. I want to  
11 lay out some basic facts and provide some important  
12 clarity and context that have been missing from the  
13 conversation.

14 The alleged assault on NYPD officers in Time  
15 Square that we saw on video, was deeply troubling, in  
16 fact, it was deplorable, as violence against police  
17 officers, city workers, or any New Yorker is wrong  
18 and unacceptable. Those involved in any assault  
19 should be held accountable for their actions. These  
20 should be shared truths that unite every New Yorker  
21 regardless of who may or may not have been  
22 responsible. While it is fair to scrutinize the  
23 criminal legal process and any issues related to it,  
24 the unfounded leap to draw a connection to City laws  
25 that make New Yorkers safer and cast blame on asylum

1           seekers, broadly lacks any foundation in truth. This  
2 past week, some have pointed to this deplorable  
3 incident as a reason to revisit policies advanced by  
4 democratic and republican mayors, from Ed Koch, to  
5 David Dinkins, to Rudy Giuliani, to Michael  
6 Bloomberg, and beyond, who recognized that keeping  
7 city agencies and workers from being used for federal  
8 immigration enforcement is in the best interest of  
9 public safety and the well-being of our city.  
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11           In reality, these bipartisan city policies have  
12 no connection to this incident. This was an issue of  
13 our local law enforcement solving and prosecuting an  
14 alleged crime as governed by the state criminal law  
15 and the United States Constitution. City law does not  
16 interfere in the criminal legal process, nor any  
17 federal immigration law. So-called sanctuary policies  
18 have no bearing on how crime is prosecuted. They  
19 don't conceal or shelter people from detection, nor  
20 do they shield people from deportation or prosecution  
21 for criminal activities. They simply reflect best  
22 practices to safeguard public safety and well-being  
23 for cities with immigrant communities, which have  
24 been a priority of democratic and republican mayors  
25 alike for decades.

1           This started with an executive order by Mayor Ed  
2 Koch, re-issued by Mayors Dinkins and Giuliani,  
3 defended in federal court by Mayor Giuliani, and  
4 restored by Mayor Bloomberg when many of these  
5 policies begin to be codified into Local Law.  
6

7           In a city where one-third of all people are  
8 immigrants from over 200 countries, these diverse  
9 mayors shared an understanding that immigrant New  
10 Yorkers are not to be deterred from seeking help from  
11 or reporting crimes to city agencies due to fear of  
12 deportation. That would make us less safe. These  
13 policies foster trust and cooperation between  
14 immigrant communities and local authorities, which is  
15 critical to public safety. In fact, the evidence  
16 shows that counties with these policies across the  
17 country are safer and have less crime than those  
18 without them.

19           We can hold two truths, we can be united in  
20 denouncing the attacks, *and* we can uphold the proven  
21 public safety policies that have served our city and  
22 our immigrant communities for decades.

23           Our city is better than the public conversation  
24 of the past several days, and we all have a role to  
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1  
2 play in advancing public safety - *not* politics - on  
3 behalf of *all* New Yorkers.

4 I also want to take a moment to share my profound  
5 disappointment and anger on behalf of the City's  
6 hundreds of thousands of public housing residents  
7 regarding yesterday's announced legal actions taken  
8 against current and former NYCHA employees in one of  
9 the largest corruption cases in the history of the  
10 United States Department of Justice. The impact on  
11 nearly 100 NYCHA developments across this city,  
12 including at Baisley Park Houses in my own district,  
13 is far reaching. Violating the public trust of New  
14 Yorkers is already being ill served by unacceptable  
15 living conditions. Our public housing residents  
16 deserve so much better. Residents should be able to  
17 trust and rely on NYCHA management to make timely  
18 repairs that address quality of life issues, and  
19 these allegations represent in immense betrayal. It's  
20 unacceptable, and NYCHA must do better by public  
21 housing residents across our across our city.

22 Happy Black History Month, everyone. As we  
23 celebrate this year, let us do so with great pride  
24 and joy, and take time to share the known and lesser  
25 known stories about the brilliant Black Americans

1  
2 whose contributions have positively shaped our city  
3 and country. This month, and every month, it is  
4 important that we honor our ancestors and those whose  
5 shoulders we stand on today by continuing our  
6 struggles for justice, dignity, and liberation.

7 February is American Heart Month, it's a time  
8 when we raise awareness about the impact of heart  
9 disease, which has been the leading cause of death in  
10 the United States since 1950. And today we're wearing  
11 red ribbons, some of us are wearing red garments, in  
12 honor of National Wear Red Day, which is observed on  
13 the first Friday in February, to bring attention to  
14 women's heart health. It's critical that we work  
15 together to promote greater heart health and work  
16 towards preventing cardiovascular diseases.

17 We also recognized World Hijab Day on February  
18 1st, in honor of all New Yorkers and millions of  
19 people around the world who wear the hijab with  
20 pride.

21 Yesterday was national Black HIV/AIDS Awareness  
22 Day. This day reminds us of the persistent  
23 disparities that continue to impact Black  
24 communities, and of the importance of staying  
25 committed to promoting HIV prevention, testing, and

1 treatment. It will take all of us to confront the  
2 stigma and inequities in our communities.  
3

4 February 7th was also National Girls and Women In  
5 Sports Day in commemoration of the implementation of  
6 Title IX more than five decades ago. Our women  
7 majority council remains committed to the goal of  
8 equitable funding and access for women and girls  
9 across our city.

10 February 7th is also Grenada's Independence Day.  
11 This year marks the 50th anniversary of Grenada's  
12 Independence, so I want to wish all Grenadian New  
13 Yorkers a Happy Golden Jubilee celebration.

14 This Saturday February 10th marks the start of  
15 Lunar New Year, also celebrated as Seollal in our  
16 Korean communities or Tết in our Vietnamese  
17 communities.

18 Yesterday the Council hosted our Annual Lunar New  
19 Year's celebration marking the Year of the Dragon. We  
20 had the opportunity to celebrate together and honor  
21 the great community leaders whose work has uplifted  
22 our diverse AAPI communities across the city. I know  
23 it was a great celebration, and I want to thank  
24 everyone who attended and helped to make it a  
25

1 success. I wish all New Yorkers who were celebrating  
2 a happy, healthy and prosperous Lunar New Year.  
3

4 On February 12th, we will be observing NAACP Day  
5 in celebration of the day that the NAACP was formed  
6 in 1909. We would not be here today without the work  
7 and advocacy of the oldest civil rights organization  
8 in the country.

9 February 14th is National Donor Day, a time to  
10 spread awareness and education about organ, eye, and  
11 tissue donations. These selfless donations make it  
12 possible for another to have a second chance at life,  
13 and we thank all donors for their generosity.

14 February 14th is also Ash Wednesday, it's the  
15 first day of Lent. I wish all those participating a  
16 meaningful and reflective season of prayer and  
17 fasting.

18 February 15th is National Black Girl Magic Day.  
19 Black women are essential to the success and strength  
20 of our communities in our city, and it's important  
21 that we uplift our contributions. The Council is  
22 proud to host a Black Girl Magic Day celebration  
23 right here in the Council Chambers next Thursday at  
24 6:00 P. M. I want to thank all of my colleagues who  
25 are cosponsoring this celebration.

1           On February 17th, we will observe Kosovo  
2  
3 Independence Day. The Council will be hosting a  
4 Kosovo Independence Day celebration next Tuesday, so  
5 I encourage everyone to join us in the People's House  
6 right here beginning at 6:00 P. M.

7           February 16th is Gambian Independence Day. New  
8 York City is home to a diverse Gambian community, and  
9 we thank them for their critical work and  
10 contributions to our city.

11           February 21st is International Mother Language  
12 Day, formally recognized by New York City last year,  
13 to honor the importance of the Bengali Bangla  
14 language to Bangladeshis everywhere. Thank you,  
15 Majority Leader Farias and Council Member Hanif for  
16 your work to promote the acceptance of linguistic and  
17 cultural diversity in our communities.

18           On February 23rd, our Guyanese communities will  
19 be celebrating their Republic Day. I'm proud to  
20 represent a vibrant Guyanese community in my  
21 district, which I call The Great 28. So, I want to  
22 wish everyone a Happy Guyanese Republic Day.

23           Next, I want to encourage all New Yorkers to  
24 apply for your local community board. As the former  
25 Chair of Queens Community Board 12, I understand the

1 importance of civic engagement in local government  
2 when we work together to meet the needs of our  
3 communities. If you're interested in helping to make  
4 your neighborhood a better place to live, work, and  
5 thrive, I hope you will submit your application to  
6 serve your community.  
7

8 Finally, February 5th was Council Member Hanif's  
9 birthday! I hope you had a very happy birthday!

10 [APPLAUSE]

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

12 First, we will vote on the following Finance  
13 items, a transparency resolution approving  
14 designations and changes of certain organizations  
15 receiving funding in the Expense Budget.

16 Next, we will vote on the following Land Use  
17 items, 2226 Third Avenue would amend the Special East  
18 Harlem Corridors District to allow the development a  
19 new 10-story life sciences building in Deputy Speaker  
20 Ayala's district.

21 Whitestone Lanes Rezoning will facilitate a new  
22 9-story residential building with 415 housing units,  
23 including approximately 113 permanently affordable  
24 units, accessible public space, and 200 parking  
25 spaces in Council Member Ung's district. The Council

1 is modifying the application to include the deep  
2 affordability option in addition to MIH options one  
3 and two.  
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5 166-11 91st Avenue Special Permit will provide  
6 relief for height restrictions that uniquely impacts  
7 the development site within the Special Downtown  
8 Jamaica District in Council Member Williams'  
9 district. This special permit will facilitate a new  
10 13-story mixed-use residential and community facility  
11 building. The project will include 28 housing units,  
12 of which nine will be affordable, along with outdoor  
13 recreational areas and several terraces for  
14 residents.

15 Lastly, 962 Pacific Street Rezoning, the Council  
16 will be voting on a resolution to disapprove this  
17 application. In 2022, I released a Planning and Land  
18 Use toolkit with guidelines that underscored the need  
19 to prioritize thoughtful, comprehensive planning. And  
20 this is consistent with today's actions. This vote is  
21 about prioritizing the comprehensive plan for a  
22 neighborhood rezoning that Council Member Hudson is  
23 co-leading with her local community and the  
24 Department of City Planning - all stakeholders  
25 working together to deliver more housing. The

1 Atlantic Avenue mix use plan, which is expected to  
2 enter public review this year, is expected to create  
3 over 4, 200 units including 1,200 affordable homes,  
4 and the private application that is the subject of  
5 today's vote exists within that neighborhood  
6 rezoning, and should be part of that broader plan.  
7 The proposed neighborhood rezoning process is well  
8 underway. Preemptively acting on this single, private  
9 application that may not be consistent with the  
10 larger final neighborhood rezoning in the middle of  
11 the process, risks undermining the comprehensive  
12 planning that builds the sustainable trust necessary  
13 to successfully solve the City's housing crisis.

14 Today we will vote on the following resolutions:

15 Resolution 4-A, sponsored by Deputy Speaker Diana  
16 Ayala, Authorizing the Speaker to commence legal  
17 action on behalf of the Council of the City of New  
18 York to compel the Mayor and his Administration to  
19 implement CityFHEPS reform laws, Local Law 99 of  
20 2023, Local Law 100 of 2023, Local Law 101 of 2023,  
21 and Local Law 102 of 2023. We want to thank our staff  
22 members.  
23

24 We also will vote on the following pieces of  
25 legislation introduction:

1 Introduction 93-A, sponsored by Health Committee  
2 Chair Lynn Schulman, would require the Department of  
3 Health and Mental Hygiene to develop a five year  
4 population Health Agenda with the goal of improving  
5 public health outcomes, addressing health,  
6 disparities, and improving access to quality  
7 healthcare for New Yorkers to increase life  
8 expectancy. The bill would also require DOHMH to  
9 submit the agenda to the Mayor and the Council and to  
10 post the Agenda on the Department's website. Thank  
11 you to our staff members, Chris Pepe, Sarah Sucher  
12 Mahnoor Butt, Florentine Kabore, and Danielle Glants.  
13

14 Introduction 39-A, sponsored by Council Member  
15 Shahana Hanif, would require The Office to End  
16 Domestic and Gender-Based Violence to establish a  
17 trauma informed program that connects eligible  
18 survivors of domestic or gender-based violence to  
19 support services, including, but not limited to, door  
20 and window repair services for the dwellings of  
21 eligible survivors, as well as a personal emergency  
22 response device. No later than one year after  
23 establishing the program, the agency would be  
24 required to submit a report on the program to the  
25 Mayor and the Council and post the report on the

1 office's website. The agency would also be required  
2 to develop and conduct outreach to inform the public  
3 about the program. We thank our staff member Sahar  
4 Moazami.  
5

6 And Introduction 25-A, sponsored by Council Eric  
7 Member Dinowitz, would require the Department of  
8 Housing Preservation and Development - or HPD - to  
9 provide an application form for the Senior Citizen  
10 Increase Exemption or SCRIE Program to eligible  
11 residents in Mitchell-Lama Developments with all  
12 applicable data electronically populated in the  
13 application. After residents submit their annual  
14 income affidavits to HPD, the agency would be  
15 required to digitize the data and use it to populate  
16 SCRIE applications forms for residents who are  
17 eligible. The populated form would then be provided  
18 to potentially eligible residents along with the  
19 letter explaining the features of the SCRIE Program  
20 and information on how to review the application form  
21 and apply for the program. We thank our staff  
22 members, Christopher Pepe, Chloe Rivera, Emre Edev,  
23 Daniel Kroop, Julia Haramis, Jack Story, and Saiyemul  
24 Hamid.  
25

2 Thank you all for your attention. And now I turn  
3 it back over to our Majority Leader.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Speaker Adams.  
5 We will now move into Discussion of General Orders.  
6 And I will call on Council Member Hanif.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you, Majority Leader  
8 Farias.

9 Over a decade ago, as a youth activist, I became  
10 involved with the gender justice movement in our city  
11 to ensure that all survivors of gender-based and  
12 domestic violence were received with care and  
13 compassion. Today, I'm proud to move legislation that  
14 prioritizes their safety. Too often domestic violence  
15 survivors are unable to make essential security  
16 repairs to their homes due to high costs.  
17 Introduction 39-A will address this issue by ensuring  
18 survivors have access to free lock changes, personal  
19 safety alarms, and door and window repairs. These  
20 services are critical to keeping survivors safe in  
21 their homes. The bill also ensures referrals to  
22 services that set survivors up for long-term success  
23 including counseling, safety planning, housing, and  
24 legal services. I urge my colleagues to vote in  
25 support of this bill. I'm grateful to Speaker Adams

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2 and Women and Gender Equity Chair, Lewis; coprime  
3 sponsors, Chair Lewis, and Council Member Cabán,  
4 Council Member Narciss, Council Member Fariás and  
5 Council Member Riley; ENDGBV, Women and Gender Equity  
6 Committee Counsel, Sahar Moazami; my team, including  
7 Alex Liao, Musarrat Lamia, Michael Whitesides, and  
8 Nora Brickner; and a special shoutout goes to  
9 advocates and providers like Acacia Women's Center,  
10 Sakhi for South Asian Women; Jahajee Sisters; Women  
11 In Need; New Destiny Housing, Safe Horizon; and  
12 Womankind whose insights were integral to this bill  
13 and are doing an incredible job supporting survivors  
14 every day. I'm proud to have some of them joining  
15 today's meeting as my guests, thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I will call on Council  
17 Member Hudson, followed by Council Member Dinowitz,  
18 and then Council Member Schulman.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you, Majority  
20 Leader.

21 Good afternoon, today this council is voting on a  
22 resolution of disapproval of a Land Use project in my  
23 district located at 962 Pacific Street. I'll be  
24 voting aye on this resolution of disapproval, and I'd  
25 like to briefly explain why.

1           This is an unusual project, because the applicant  
2 seeks to rezone property located within an area that  
3 is part of a community-lead neighborhood planning  
4 process. City Planning announced the Atlantic Avenue  
5 Mixed Use Plan, known as Aim Up, in April 2022. And  
6 the public engagement process, which included a dozen  
7 public meetings and workshops, started in January  
8 2023. This is not a new initiative, but an effort  
9 that is well underway, and about which the private  
10 applicant is well aware of and was a participant in.  
11 Aim Up will enter ULURP later this spring and will  
12 come before the Council by the end of this year. In  
13 total, it will result in approximately 4,200  
14 apartments, including at least 1,200 affordable  
15 homes. Fundamentally, I do not believe that a private  
16 application should be allowed to bypass an ongoing  
17 comprehensive process that is in the process of being  
18 finalized. Neighborhood plans provide the framework  
19 and resources to ensure local residents can afford  
20 new housing, to protect long-standing residents from  
21 displacement, and to secure necessary public realm  
22 improvements and upgrades to accommodate greater  
23 residential density. This area has already had eight  
24 individual development rezonings since 2018 that have  
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2       created more than 2,000 units without any  
3       corresponding planning or neighborhood wide upgrade.  
4       Without a comprehensive plan in place, this area's  
5       infrastructure will become strained and congested and  
6       unlivable for all residents. To be clear, a vote to  
7       pass this resolution of disapproval is not a vote  
8       against building housing. As mentioned, this  
9       community-led rezoning will result in thousands of  
10      new apartments in this area. Yet by waiting a few  
11      months until the ongoing neighborhood planning  
12      process is finished, we will have the community  
13      support as well as the City's commitment to provide  
14      supporting resources from streetscape improvements to  
15      small business support in this area.

16           I look forward to rezoning this site in a few  
17      short months as part of the ongoing comprehensive  
18      plan, thank you.

19           MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Council  
20      Member.

21           I would now like to call on Council Member  
22      Dinowitz, followed by Council Member Schulman.

23           COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Thank you, Madam  
24      Majority Leader.

1           Housing stability is critical to the well-being  
2           of New Yorkers, and one of the great programs we have  
3           for affordable housing in our city is the Mitchell-  
4           Lama Program. It's a program that helped uplift me  
5           and my family years ago. This program helps tens of  
6           thousands of New Yorkers build and maintain roots in  
7           a community and allows those residents to live  
8           comfortably in our communities. But, even the  
9           affordability of our Mitchell-Lama Units is under  
10          attack. All over the city, Mitchell-Lama's are seeing  
11          skyrocketing monthly costs. In my district, Tracy  
12          Towers is seeing a rent increase of 22%; Kennon  
13          Heights is seeing their maintenance increased by 44%.  
14          And while these increases are unconscionable, our  
15          seniors are under particular threat, often on a fixed  
16          income, and facing rising cost in every other facet  
17          of their life, there is one program that can help  
18          protect them - that's The Senior Citizen Rent  
19          Increase Exemption Program. Residents of the  
20          Mitchell-Lama Program right now, provide HPD with  
21          much of the required information on the SCRIE  
22          Application through their income affidavit, which  
23          they fill out every year. My bill, Introduction 25-A,  
24          simply requires HPD to take that information and use  
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1 it to fill out SCRIE applications for our older  
2 adults. This makes life easier for our older adults,  
3 and allows more of them to access our rent freeze  
4 program. As the percentage of older adults, both  
5 seeking shelter, and facing financial insecurity  
6 increases, it is imperative that we do everything in  
7 our power to keep them in their homes, so they can  
8 age in place with dignity. Keeping seniors in their  
9 home is the right thing to do, and requiring our  
10 government to work efficiently is the smart thing to  
11 do. I wish to thank Chair Hudson for hearing the  
12 bill, Speaker Adams for bringing it to vote, uh,  
13 Jenna Klaus and Adam Staropoli from my staff, and  
14 Christopher Pepe from the Legislation Division, Teri  
15 Colon, uh, and all 45 of my colleagues who signed on  
16 to this bill, for your unbroken commitment to making  
17 our city a more equitable place for our older adults,  
18 thank you.

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20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member Schulman?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you Majority  
22 Leader.

23 Good afternoon, today the Council will be voting  
24 on Introduction 93-A codifying the City's Healthy NYC  
25 Initiative to increase New Yorkers' life expectancy

1 to age 83 by 2030. This legislation mandates the  
2 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to craft a  
3 population health agenda every five years involving  
4 input from stakeholders throughout the City. It aims  
5 to enhance well-being, tackle health disparities, and  
6 elevate quality of life, with the first agenda  
7 already accessible in the Healthy NYC website.  
8 Notably, this codification ensures health goals  
9 transcend government and elected administrations  
10 underscoring long-term commitment to equitable  
11 healthcare access. As chair of the Health Committee,  
12 I'm proud to collaborate with Speaker Adams, Mayor  
13 Adams, and DOHMH Commissioner Vasan on this  
14 transformative plan to establish New York as the  
15 nation's healthiest city. This is a game changer to  
16 build a healthier New York, and I want to extend my  
17 deepest appreciation to Speaker Adams and my  
18 colleagues for your steadfast support in achieving  
19 the milestone reflecting our collective dedication to  
20 the health and well-being of all New Yorkers. I want  
21 to thank the Health Committee staff; I want to thank  
22 my Chief of Staff, Jonathan Boucher; my Legislative  
23 Director, Kevin McAleer, and everyone here for your  
24 devotion to healthcare, thank you.  
25

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Seeing no one else in  
3 line to speak, we will move along with the Agenda.  
4 Report of Special Committees?

5 CLERK: None

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Reports of Standing  
7 Committees?

8 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Aging,  
9 Preconsidered Introduction 25-A, SCRIE Program  
10 Applications?

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

13 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance,  
14 Preconsidered Resolution 6, Transparency Resolution?

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

16 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Health,  
17 Proposed Introduction 93-A, Citywide Population  
18 Health Agenda?

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

21 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use, LUs 1  
22 and 2, Whitestone Lanes Rezoning?

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

2 CLERK: LU 3 and Resolution 28 through LU 5 and  
3 Resolution 30, 2226 Third Avenue?

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

5 CLERK: LU 6 and Resolution 31 through LU 8 and  
6 Resolution 33, 962 Pacific Street Rezoning?

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Motion to disapprove.

8 CLERK: LU 9 and Resolution 34 and LU 10 and  
9 Resolution 35, 166-11 91st Avenue Special Permit?

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

11 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Women and  
12 Gender Equity, Preconsidered Introduction 39-A,  
13 Trauma Informed Support Program?

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

16 CLERK: General Orders Calendar, LU 1 and  
17 Resolution 36 and LU 2 and Resolution 37, Whitestone  
18 Lanes Rezoning?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

20 I now ask the that the clerk take a roll call  
21 vote on items coupled on today's General Order  
22 Calendar.

23 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

3 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

9 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: [NO RESPONSE]

11 UNKNOWN: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes

16 CLERK: Excuse me, Council Member Bottcher? I'm  
17 sorry, can I get your vote Council Member Bottcher?  
18 My apologies.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Aye

20 CLERK: Thank you, I'm sorry. Thank you  
21 Council Member Brooks-Powers?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

5 CLERK: Thank you

6 Council Member Dinowitz?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye

8 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye

18 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye

20 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye

22 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

2 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye

4 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye

6 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye

8 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye

16 CLERK: Thank you

17 Council Member Narcisse?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

21 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye.

23 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Majority Leader, I seek  
7 permission to vote on today's Land Use Call-ups and  
8 General Orders?

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Permission granted.

10 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

14 CLERK: Council Member Salaam

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

16 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye

18 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye

20 CLERK: Thank you

21 Council Member Schulman?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye

3 CLERK: Thank you

4 Council Member Vernikov?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye

6 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

8 CLERK: Council Member Won?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.

18 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All items on today's

21 General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 51

22 affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

23 And the revised Land Use Call-ups vote is 51 in

24 the affirmative, and 0 in the negative.

25 Introduction and Reading of Bills?

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been referred to  
3 committees as indicated on today's Agenda.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Thank you. We will now  
5 move into the Discussion of Resolutions. And I would  
6 like to call Council Member Sanchez up, one minute on  
7 the clock.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you so much. I  
9 would like to speak in support of the resolution that  
10 we are voting on today that would provide the  
11 Administration... would allow the City Council to sue  
12 the Administration for not... sorry I wasn't looking  
13 at my talking points when you called on me... uh,  
14 would allow us to sue the Administration, so that  
15 they would implement FHEPS... City package. Access to  
16 housing vouchers can help longtime New Yorkers avoid  
17 evictions that push them into the shelter system,  
18 and those already residing in the system transition  
19 into permanent housing. Last summer, this council  
20 overruled the Mayor's veto of our CityFHEPS Housing  
21 Voucher bills to remove these barriers, and because  
22 we recognize the need to confront the intersecting  
23 crisis of rising evictions, record homelessness, and  
24 housing affordability. And in spite of these  
25 realities, the Administration signaled its intentions

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2 to violate City enacted laws by this New York City  
3 Council, and thereby blocked newly eligible New  
4 Yorkers experiencing homelessness, or being at risk  
5 of becoming homeless, from accessing those vouchers.

6 So, I just want to [TIMER CHIMES] thank the  
7 Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, Council Member Cabán,  
8 and colleagues in the Council for your support of  
9 these efforts to house the most vulnerable New  
10 Yorkers.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member Abreu?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you Majority Leader.

13 Last May, when this council first passed  
14 legislation to keep more of our families housed, and  
15 eliminate the bureaucratic practices that immiserate  
16 and humiliate New Yorkers for the crime of being  
17 poor, I spoke about my own experience. I talked about  
18 what it feels like to be evicted from your home as a  
19 child. I spoke about the people I represented in my  
20 career as a Tenant Rights attorney. And I promised  
21 New Yorkers that we were going to do something  
22 revolutionary; we were going to start helping people  
23 before their lives fall apart.

24 Nearly a year later that promise has not been  
25 realized. So, today I am casting a vote to make clear

2 that my word means something, that this council's  
3 word means something. In this chamber we follow  
4 through on our promises, and for that reason, I  
5 encourage my colleagues to vote aye. Thank you,  
6 Majority Leader.

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council Member  
8 Abreu.

9 Would anyone else like to speak? Seeing no one,  
10 we will now have a voice vote on today's resolution.  
11 If you wish to vote against or abstain from today's  
12 resolution, please notify the Legislative Documents  
13 Unit by email or by approaching the dais.

14 I will now read today's resolution into the  
15 record.

16 Preconsidered Resolution 4, authorizes the  
17 Speaker to commence legal action on behalf of the  
18 Council of the City of New York to compel the Mayor  
19 and his Administration to implement Local Law 99 of  
20 2023, Local Law 100 of 2023, Local Law 101 of 2023,  
21 and Local Law 102 of 2023, the CityFHEPS Expansion  
22 Laws.

23 Will all those in favor say aye?

24 ALL: Aye.

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say nay.

2 ALL: [SILENT]

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

5 We will now move in to General Discussion.

6 I would first like to call up Council Member  
7 Hanif.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you.

9 Today is the fourth Annual Muslim Day [BACKGROUND  
10 NOISE] at City Hall. Thank you to Emgage for leading  
11 a coalition of 25 Muslim-led organizations. We are so  
12 proud to welcome you to the Peoples Chambers. I was  
13 proud to join my brother, Council Member Salaam, in  
14 sponsoring Muslim Day alongside Majority Leader  
15 Fariás, Council Member Ossé, Council Member Krishnan,  
16 Council Member Joseph, Council Member Restler,  
17 Council Member Stevens, and Council Member Avilés.

18 I want to lift up the demand that our community  
19 organizations brought forward today for a permanent  
20 ceasefire in Gaza. I also want to emphasize the need  
21 to increase funding for these groups, so that they  
22 can further strengthen their capacity serving asylum  
23 seekers and combating the rise in Islamophobia.

24 I also want to use this moment to thank two  
25 incredible outgoing members of my team: Chief of

2 Staff, Nora Brickner, and Communications Director,  
3 Michael Whitesides.

4 Nora, you've been with me since day one. You set  
5 up our office and kept it firing on all cylinders,  
6 hired and managed our amazing staff, and have been an  
7 invaluable political operator and advisor to me.

8 Michael, you have been critical to our office's  
9 success, you ensured our work was reaching our  
10 constituents, kept me on track and on message, and  
11 established our office as a loud and proud advocate  
12 for vulnerable New Yorkers, especially asylum  
13 seekers. I couldn't be more grateful for both of you.  
14 The Office, the District, and the City are better off  
15 because of your work. Thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I would now like to call  
17 Council Member Ariola, followed by Council Member  
18 Joseph, and Council Member Ossé.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Thank you.

20 I'm extremely proud to introduce Resolution 5  
21 today. Resolution 5 calls upon the city of New York  
22 to rehire all municipal workers who were unjustly  
23 removed from their posts due to COVID-19 vaccine  
24 noncompliance without requiring them to first sign a  
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2 waiver forfeiting their civil rights or their rights  
3 for backpay.

4 For two long years hundreds of New Yorkers have  
5 been denied the ability to work due to their strong  
6 personal convictions regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.  
7 Some had religious motivations, others health related  
8 ones, but all had deep personal reasons for declining  
9 to take that vaccine. [BACKGROUND NOISE] It is now  
10 time that these men and women return to the jobs they  
11 love, and we as a city move forward finally ending  
12 this long, painful chapter in our history once and  
13 for all.

14 These men and women who were stripped of their  
15 positions, many of whom are here with us today, are  
16 all dedicated civil servants with long careers in  
17 serving the people of New York City. They would like  
18 nothing more than return to their careers and  
19 continue their work in the city that they serve - and  
20 to collect the backpay that they are rightfully  
21 entitled to.

22 This is why I am introducing this resolution, so  
23 that all of these real life heroes can get back to  
24 work, continue to do the jobs they love, and keep on  
25 serving the people of this city to the best of their

1 abilities. I'd like to thank Teachers for Choice,  
2 [INAUDIBLE] for Choice, Cops for Freedom, and any  
3 other group that has been disenfranchise from getting  
4 back to work. You inspire us every single day to  
5 fight for you.  
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7 And I'd also like to thank my staff, especially  
8 my Chief of Staff, who I call our force of nature,  
9 Phyllis Inzerillo, for her dedication to helping them  
10 get back to work every single day. Thank you for the  
11 time.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council  
13 Member.

14 Council Member Joseph, followed by Council Member  
15 Ossé, and then Council Member Riley.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you, Madame Speaker,  
17 Majority Leader, and colleagues. I'm honored today to  
18 propose two pieces of legislation, one being a Local  
19 Law Amending the New York City Charter and  
20 Administrative Code to require the New York City  
21 Department of Education to report actual class sizes  
22 and expand reports on the number of students in  
23 special programs in New York City Public schools.

24 This is a re-introduction from our last  
25 legislative session. Your support on this bill is

1  
2 greatly appreciated. The other one is Resolution 13,  
3 which Council Member Lee is a coprime sponsor, will  
4 designate the second Friday in March annually as  
5 Social Emotional Learning Day in New York City,  
6 recognizing the importance of ensuring that pre-  
7 Kindergarten through 12th grade public school  
8 students, acquire the social emotional competency  
9 needed to succeed in life.

10 Both pieces of legislation are crucial for the  
11 well-being of our New York City school students. As  
12 a forever educator, and the Chair of Committee On  
13 Education, I know firsthand the importance of non-  
14 crowded classrooms and [INAUDIBLE] students learn.  
15 Additionally, it is imperative that we prioritize  
16 social emotional learning to equip our students with  
17 the necessary skills to succeed within the community  
18 and beyond. Thank you for your support and passing  
19 both legislations soon. Special thanks to the  
20 legislative team and my staff for their work in this  
21 process, thank you, Majority Leader.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member Ossé,  
23 followed by Council Member Riley, and then Council  
24 Member Schulman.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Thank you, Madame President.

2 I am proud to be a sponsor of Muslim Day at City  
3 Hall, hosted by Emgage and Council Members Salaam  
4 and Hanif.

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6 Numbering more than 1 million, Muslims represent  
7 a large and growing part of our beautiful city. I  
8 recognize the obligation to elevate and include them  
9 in our great democracy. My district includes  
10 Brooklyn's largest mosque and New York boasts  
11 America's largest Muslim community. They have our  
12 attention and respect. One primary demand of the  
13 American Muslim community, as well as people across  
14 the ideological spectrum, is for a cease-fire in  
15 Gaza. This is indisputably necessary to prevent more  
16 civilian deaths, as well as to free all hostages and  
17 bring them home safely. The violence must end;  
18 America must exercise our influence to end it. Thank  
19 you very much.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council Member  
21 Riley, followed by Council Member Schulman, and  
22 Council Member Brooks-Powers.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority Leader.  
24 Highlighting the significance of staying connected  
25 and culturally attuned to effectively addressing the

1 needs of the most marginalized communities is  
2 crucial. Often music, art, and culture serve as a  
3 direct echo of voices and experiences on our streets,  
4 providing innovative approaches to tackle present  
5 issues within our communities. From the great J.  
6 Cole, "Everybody mentions suicide prevention; Man,  
7 they even made a hotline; To call up when there's  
8 tension; But I got a question; What about a...  
9 homicide? Need a number for my [people] to call;  
10 Whenever there's a urge to get triggers involved..."

12 With inspiration from hip-hop I am proud to  
13 introduce my bill Introduction 82 From Lyrics to  
14 Legislation, an Initiative that I'm trying out now,  
15 an approach aiming to strengthen our city's  
16 preventative plan against gun violence in our  
17 communities.

18 This bill calls on the creation of a three-digit  
19 gun violence intervention hotline operated by trained  
20 mental health professionals, to connect callers to  
21 the New York City Crisis Management System.

22 I'm proud to be introducing this piece of  
23 legislation today with the #TheHoodCaucus's member,  
24 Council Member Williams and Stevens, that focuses on  
25 protecting our most vulnerable communities and the

1 deescalating potential gun violence incidents before  
2 tragedy strikes. A caller will receive information on  
3 the nearest community based organization if they  
4 inquired about conflict de-escalation techniques for  
5 themselves, their families or their neighbors. With a  
6 comprehensive plan for 24/7 operation, a public  
7 awareness campaign, and yearly report reporting the  
8 Gun Violence Intervention Hotline through The Office  
9 of Neighborhood Safety and Prevention of Gun  
10 Violence, expands pathways to improve our current CMS  
11 system to mitigate the effects of trauma and  
12 violence. With gun violence disproportionately  
13 affecting our Black and brown communities, this  
14 legislation strengthens the Council's investments  
15 into public safety with wraparound services. Thank  
16 you to the essential workers and leadership of the  
17 CMS groups and all anti-violence gun violence  
18 advocates. I urge [TIMER CHIMES] my colleague to  
19 support this bill today. Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member Schulman,  
22 followed by Council Member Brooks-Powers, and Council  
23 Member Won.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you.  
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2 Today I am introducing Resolution 27 that is  
3 coprime sponsored by Council Member Ariola, and also  
4 sponsored by Council Members Powers, Lee, and  
5 Gennaro.

6 This resolution supports the New York State's  
7 SMOKEOUT Act, sponsored by Assemblymember Jenifer  
8 Rajkumar, and State Senator Leroy Comrie. The state  
9 legislation is critical to combating the unchecked  
10 growth of illegal marijuana dispensaries in our city.  
11 The SMOKEOUT Act ensures the effective regulation of  
12 the cannabis industry, and most importantly, would  
13 expand enforcement authority to local governments by  
14 giving municipal officials direct power to order the  
15 immediate closure of any business found to be  
16 illegally selling unlicensed cannabis. This will  
17 protect consumers from unsafe products and our  
18 communities from illicit activities. By supporting  
19 this bill, we will be promoting responsible business  
20 practices and advancing social equity. I urge my  
21 colleagues to sign onto this resolution in support  
22 the SMOKEOUT Act, sending a clear message of  
23 commitment to the public safety and healthy well-  
24 being of all New Yorkers, thank you.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. I will now  
3 call on Council Member Brooks-Powers, followed by  
4 Council Member Won and Council Member Brewer.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Today I'm proud to  
6 introduce Introduction 23, which would require that  
7 the Comptroller conduct annual audits focused solely  
8 on MWBE procurement.

9 This issue is of crucial importance to  
10 communities throughout the city. Businesses across  
11 the City owned by New Yorkers of color deserve the  
12 opportunity to obtain major contracts with the City,  
13 ensuring that diverse businesses have equitable  
14 access to contracting strengthens communities and  
15 extends economic opportunity across our  
16 neighborhoods.

17 Alongside Council Member Won, I will be hosting  
18 an oversight hearing next week examining our city's  
19 infrastructure projects through the lens of equity.

20 I look forward to working alongside all of my  
21 colleagues this term to increase MWBE utilization  
22 throughout the city, and I encourage others to sign  
23 on. Thank you

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MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I will now call on Council Member Won, followed by Council Member Brewer and Council Member Zhuang.

COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Losar Tashi Delek! It is such an honor for me. Today, I am introducing Introduction 100, which would suspend alternate side parking on the Losar holiday. This is a crucial Tibetan and Himalayan holiday for New Yorkers who are able to stay home with their families during the important religious and cultural holiday, without being disrupted or worried about getting a ticket or being towed. So suspending alternative side parking on Losar is a practical and symbolic way that we can honor our neighbors and religious practices with the time with their families.

For those who are not familiar, Losar or Tibetan Lunar New Year begins this Saturday. It's celebrated by an estimate of 61,000 Buddhist and Himalayan New Yorkers from Bhutan, India, Nepal, Tibet, other countries, and these New Yorkers are in some of the fastest growing communities in my district.

Every year, I have the honor of celebrating Losar at the Tibetan Community Center in Woodside, where

2 families share traditional food, pray, dance, and  
3 enjoy other celebrations.

4 While this year Losar coincides with Lunar New  
5 Year, it can take place one or two months before or  
6 after Lunar New Year is celebrated by other Asian  
7 countries.

8 So, the City already suspends alternate side  
9 parking for Lunar New Year celebrated in my home  
10 country, likes (SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE) for Korea  
11 or Vietnam or China, but along with Council Member  
12 Krishnan, Council Member Joseph, Council Member  
13 Cabán, Council Member Holden, Council Member Hanif,  
14 Council Member Nurse, and Council Member Avilés, who  
15 have substantial number of Himalayan constituents who  
16 celebrate Losar, I am so happy to be able to  
17 introduce this today. And I ask all of my colleagues  
18 to join us as a cosponsor of Introduction 100. Happy  
19 and Losar Tashi Delek to all those who celebrate!

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member Brewer?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you.

22 I just want to mention two topics, one, smoke  
23 shops, and one NYCHA.

24 [BACKGROUND NOISE] Just in terms of smoke shops,  
25 I've been trying to close one in my area which is

1 right next to a school. And I just want to give you a  
2 sense of the challenges; although, you may already  
3 know about them.  
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5 There are two state agencies working on this,  
6 there are one, two, three, four, five, six, seven,  
7 eight, nine city agencies working on this topic. P.  
8 D., Health, Corporation Counsel, Consumer and Worker  
9 Protection, the District Attorney, the Sheriff,  
10 [INAUDIBLE], and I would say also the Department of  
11 Education, because that's where the students are  
12 unfortunately taken advantage of it.

13 I want to say that the Administration should put  
14 everybody in one room in order to get these smoke  
15 shops closed.

16 Number two, on NYCHA, I want to thank the DOI  
17 Investigation and the US Attorney. I will say that,  
18 as we speak, whistleblowers are calling my office to  
19 ask what they should do, because they know of other  
20 corruption. And I hope that our Whistleblower Law is  
21 held up, and the individuals who come forth are not  
22 ostracized or penalized by anybody, because it's very  
23 challenging to be a whistleblower. [BACKGROUND NOISE]

24 But, I want to thank those two agencies for  
25 bringing this to our attention. Thank you very much.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. We will now  
3 hear from Council Member Zhuang, followed by Council  
4 Member Narcisse, and Council Member Restler.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Thanks, Majority Leader,  
6 and I also thank Speaker Adams.

7 Tomorrow is Lunar New Year's Eve. It's the Year  
8 of the Dragon. The dragon is the symbol of strength,  
9 of people, good fortune, and power. As the Chinese  
10 tradition, we pray and make a lot of food on New  
11 Year's Eve here. Here I want to pray to our ancestors  
12 to bless our friends in the City Council,  
13 constituency in my district, and the people in New  
14 York City. Have a happy, healthy, and prosperous  
15 year. And I wish everyone all the best of year of  
16 Dragon, and the gods bless us. God bless New York  
17 City, and God bless America. Thank you [APPLAUSE]

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council Member  
19 Narcisse... Oop, yay... [APPLAUSE], followed by  
20 Council Member Restler.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you, Madam  
22 Majority Leader. Thank you for the opportunity to  
23 speak on Introduction 53, a crucial bill aimed at  
24 addressing the pressing issue of pediatric obesity in  
25 our city.

1           Many times we said how our children are... our  
2 youth are so big, but it is a [INAUDIBLE] issue and  
3 health concern that requires proactive measure to  
4 combat and its detrimental, of course, effects on our  
5 youth. When I talk about preventive care, that's one  
6 of the places that we can do that.  
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8           This bill proposes a comprehensive approach  
9 through public educational outreach efforts lead by  
10 the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.  
11 Introduction 53 mandates the Department of Health to  
12 conduct public educational outreach programs. These  
13 programs are vital in increasing awareness among our  
14 communities about the serious health risks associated  
15 with our children.

16           Obesity is something that you actually... some  
17 folks say that it cannot be prevented. Of course it  
18 can be prevented by educating the parents,  
19 caregivers, and children themselves about the  
20 importance of healthy lifestyle choices they have to  
21 make. We cannot tell the folks, especially in  
22 underserved communities, to eat properly yet they  
23 don't have access. We can empower folks, we can make  
24 things easier by making... creating access and  
25 educational material available to let folks knows the

1 choices that they can make. It is to make an  
2 informed decision that promote well-being of our  
3 children. Introduction 53 [INAUDIBLE] proactive, and  
4 we can do it, we can tackle obesity in our city by  
5 prioritizing public education, targeting outreach and  
6 access to resources. We can work towards ensuring a  
7 healthier future for our babies. I urge my fellow  
8 council members to support this bill. And I have to  
9 say thank you to the prime cosponsors [TIMER CHIMES]  
10 Council Member Schulman and Council Member Riley,  
11 thank you, Madam Chair... Madam Majority Leader.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member Restler?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Thank you so much, Madam  
15 Majority Leader.

16 I am re-introducing a whole bunch of great bills  
17 today that I am really excited about, and I hope my  
18 colleagues will consider signing onto them again.

19 But, I'm not going to bother you about any of those.

20 I've got a new bill that I do want to share. You  
21 know, we... I will tell you, I go out at night in my  
22 district on commercial corridors, and I walk down the  
23 sidewalk, and it is dark. And it makes it makes for a  
24 serious public safety risk. We track care... and we  
25 reach out to the Department of Transportation, and we

1 say we need more lighting, and maybe we will get a  
2 survey of the lighting, and may be in three years'  
3 time they'll add some lights. But, most often they  
4 don't, and the streets remain dark. It's bad for our  
5 local economy. It's bad for public safety. We track,  
6 with really thoughtful metrics, the number of bike  
7 lanes that are getting installed, the number of bus  
8 lanes getting installed and we should. We should also  
9 be tracking how many blocks the Department of  
10 Transportation is lighting up sufficiently for  
11 pedestrians.  
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13 So, we have a new bill that would require DOT to  
14 install sidewalk lighting to illuminate pedestrian  
15 areas on 50 commercial corridors every year,  
16 approximately 500 blocks. Over time, we can make sure  
17 that every commercial corridor, across the five  
18 boroughs, is properly lit for our safety to support  
19 our small businesses, and really strengthen our  
20 communities. This is an area that is not working well  
21 in city government today. We need to actually bring  
22 more oversight, and we need to bring real metrics to  
23 force the Department of Transportation to do better.  
24 And I hope that folks will cosponsor whatever bill  
25 number... Intro number it is, I don't know,

1 [LAUGHTER] maybe 80? No... I got that wrong. It's  
2 something, but I appreciate y'all considering it, it  
3 a good bill - pedestrian sidewalk lighting. Thank you  
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5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Thank you, Council Member  
6 Restler.

7 Council Member Sanchez?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you, Majority  
9 Leader.

10 Today I'm asking my colleague to support three  
11 bills that I'm introducing to improve fire safety in  
12 the city of New York. After two years in my district  
13 of seemingly weekly fires, and, of course, as we  
14 commemorate the tragic two your anniversary of the  
15 Twin Parks Northwest fire, Council Member Feliz's  
16 district, that took 17 Bronxites.

17 Introduction 88 relates to the qualifications and  
18 requirements for individuals who are responsible for  
19 inspecting, testing, and maintaining smoke control  
20 systems and fire and smoke dampers - which y'all  
21 might be like, what's that? Dampers facilitate the  
22 escape from the building, they suck the smoke out of  
23 a building and can ease access for firefighters  
24 during emergencies - that's Intro 88.

1           Second, the volume of fires in my in my district  
2 and throughout, many in the Bronx, and in low income  
3 areas, from deadly one and two alarm fires, to the  
4 big ones - five alarm fires - has made it  
5 resoundingly clear that on the ground knowledge is  
6 key to supporting fire victims in real time.

7 Introduction 89 would require the FDNY to broaden its  
8 fire notifications to local officials and others.

9           Lastly, Introduction 90 would expand fire hazard  
10 trading to inspectors, from HPD and DOB, who together  
11 with fire department inspectors are frequently in New  
12 York City buildings, and who, of course, are  
13 responsible for keeping us all safe.

14           The tragic impact of fires and tragic events like  
15 Twin Parks Northwest, weighs heavily on all of us,  
16 and, you know, it's a responsibility to act, thank  
17 you.

18           MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. Seeing no one  
19 else up to speak, I will now call on Speaker Adrienne  
20 Adams to close today's Stated Meeting.

21           SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority Leader. The  
22 Stated Meeting of February 8, 2024 is hereby  
23 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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